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According to India's National Policy on Biofuels, which of the following can be used as raw materials for the production of biofuels? 1. Cassava 2. Damaged wheat grains 3. Groundnut seeds 4. Horse grams 5. Rotten potatoes 6. Sugar beet Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1, 2, 5 and 6 only (b) 1, 3, 4 and 6 only (c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

1, 2, 5 and 6 only. Cassava, damaged wheat, rotten potatoes, sugar beet - National Policy on Biofuels wastes/starch list. Groundnut and horse gram as generic oilseeds/pulses are not in that keyed set.

(b)

1, 3, 4 and 6 only. Keeps groundnut and horse gram; drops damaged grain and rotten potato.

(c)

2, 3, 4 and 5 only. Mixes misses.

(d)

All six. 3 and 4 are not counted.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1, 2, 5 and 6 only. The 2018 biofuel policy allows molasses, damaged foodgrains, cassava, rotten potatoes, sugar beet and similar wastes/starches. Groundnut seed and horse gram are not in the official four.

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National Policy on Biofuels, 2018

B1G / 2G; used cooking oil; damaged grain.

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The later ethanol-blending target.

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