

NAT II Arts & Humanities Verbal

Sr	Questions	Answers Choice
1	SLURP : SIP::	A. Watch : minute B. Snipe : skirmish C. Guffaw ; giggle D. Tiptoe : stumble
2	REDUNDANT	A. Insufficient B. Expanded C. Profound D. Numerous E. Verbose
3	VOLUBLE	A. Fat B. Loud C. Talkative D. Rambling E. Adore
4	SLIPHOD : ORGANIZATION:	A. Clever : Shroud B. Cringing : Obsequious C. Prodigal : Generosity D. Phelgmatic : Emotion
5	ELEVATED	A. Suspended B. Moody C. Subterranean D. Grounded E. Excited
6	Turbid: Muddy	A. River: Lake B. Tree: Darkness C. Bell: Ring D. Huge: Colossal E. Deep: Shallow

The public distribution system, which provides food at low prices, is a subject of vital concern. There is a growing realization that though Pakistan has enough food to feed its masses three square meals a day, the monster of starvation and food insecurity continues to haunt the poor in our country.

Increasing the purchasing power of the poor through providing productive employment, leading to rising income, and thus good standard of living is the ultimate objective of public policy. However, till then, there is a need to provide assured supply of food through a restructured, more efficient and decentralized public distribution system (PDS).

Although the PDS is extensive – it is one of the largest such systems in the world – it has yet to reach the rural poor and the far off places. It remains an urban phenomenon, with the majority of the rural poor still out of its reach due to lack of economic and physical access. The poorest in the cities and the migrants are left out, for they generally do not possess ration cards. The allocation of PDS supplies in big cities is large than in rural areas. In view of such deficiencies in the system, the PDS urgently needs to be streamlined. In addition, considering the large food grains production combined with food subsidy on one hand and the continuing slow starvation and dismal poverty of the rural population on the other, there is a strong case for making PDS target group oriented.

7 The growing salaried class is provided job security, regular income, and percent insulation against inflation. These gains of development have not percolated down to the vast majority of our working population. If one compares only dearness allowance to the employees in public and private sector and looks at its growth in the past few years, the rising food subsidy is insignificant to the point of inequity. The food subsidy is a kind of D.A. to the poor, the self-employed and those in the unorganized sector of the economy. However, what is most unfortunate is that out of the large budget of the so-called food subsidy, the major part of it is administrative cost and wastages. A small portion of the above budget goes to real consumer and an even lesser portion to the poor who are in real need.

It is true that subsidies should not become a permanent feature, except for the

- A. It has been able to develop confidence in the people at large.
- B. It has bot been able to utilize the entire food grains stock available.
- C. It has effectively channelized the food grains to all sectors.
- D. It has not been able to provide sufficient food to the poorer section of the society.

destitute, disabled, widows and the old. It is also true that subsidies often create a psychology of dependence and hence are habit-forming and killing the general initiative of the people. By making PDS target group oriented, not only the poorest and neediest would be reached without additional cost, but it will actually cut overall costs incurred on large cities and for better off localities. When the food and food subsidy are limited, the rural and urban poor should have the priority in the PDS supplies. The PDS should be closely linked with programs of employment generation and nutrition improvement.

Q: What, according to the passage, is the main concern about the PDS?

8	RIDDLE : SPHINX:	A. Luxury : Limousine B. Love : loathe C. Fire : Prometheus D. Scylla : ore
9	A legislation was passed to punish brokers who _____ their clients funds	A. Defalcate B. Devastate C. Devour D. Embezzle
10	BEHOLD	A. To hold B. To heat C. To see D. To speak E. Sigh
11	The passage indicates that it is difficult to return orangutans to the wild for which of the following reason? A. The threat posed by new comers to other orangutans territory B. The conflict between males over available females C. The scarcity of available food in the orangutan environment	A. A only B. A and B only C. A and C only D. B and C only E. A , B and C only
12	The ----- workshop had not been used in years	A. Orphan B. Advanced C. Decorated D. Renovated E. Derelict
13	BLUNT	A. Euphemistic B. Direct C. Dull D. Insensitive E. Recuperate

The Romans – for centuries is the masters of war and politics across Europe, Northern Africa and Asia Minor – have often been criticized for producing few original thinkers outside the realm of positive. This criticism, while in many ways true, is not without its problems. It was, after all the conquest of Greece that provided Rome with its greatest influx of educated subjects. Two of the great disasters intellectual history – the murder of Archimedes and the burning the Alexandria’s library – both occurred under Rome’s watch. Nevertheless, a city that was able to conquer so much of the known world could not have been devoid of the creativity that characterizes so many other ancient empires.

Engineering is one endeavor in which the Romans showed themselves capable. Their aqueducts carried water hundreds of miles along the tops of vast arcades. Roman roads built for the rapid deployment of troops, criss-cross Europe and still form the basis of numerous modern highways that provide quick access prominence to Rome’s economic and political influence.

14 Many of these major cities lie far beyond Rome’s original province, and Latin-derived languages are spoken in most Southern European nations. Again a result of military influence the popularity of Latin and its off spring is difficult to overestimate. During the centuries of ignorance and violence that followed Rome’s decline, the Latin language was the glue that held together the identity of an entire continent. While seldom spoken today, it is still studied widely, if only so that such master or rhetoric as Cicero can be read in the original.

It is Cicero and his like who are perhaps the most overlooked legacy of Rome. While far from being a democracy, Rome did leave behind useful political tools that serve the American republic today. “Republic” itself is Latin for “the people’s business,” a notion cherished in democracies worldwide. Senators owe their name to Rome’s class of elders; Representatives owe theirs to the Tribunes who seized popular prerogatives from the Senatorial class. The veto was a Roman notion adopted by the historically aware framers of the Constitution, who often assumed pen names from the lexicon of Latin life. These accomplishments, as monumental as any highway or coliseum, remain prominent features of the Western landscape.

- A. Establish a point directly related to the main argument
- B. Show that certain historical claims are inaccurate
- C. Demonstrate the importance of certain historical data
- D. Disprove the claims made by other with a different views
- E. Concede the partial accuracy of an opposing view

The author describes "two of the great disasters in intellectual history" in order to

15	VIABLE	A. Feasible B. Motionless C. Corrective D. Unworkable E. Nomadic
16	EBULLIENT	A. Feminine B. Dull C. Oily D. Salient E. Bulwark
17	BOTANY : PLANTS::	A. Land : Shrubs B. Astronomy : Stars C. Anthropology : Thorn D. Philosophy : Encyclopedia
18	BULK	A. Cheat B. Smallness C. Stalk D. Magnetize E. Eyewitness
19	SECULAR	A. Safe B. Worldly C. Religious state D. Powerful personality

Through the U.S. prides itself on being a leader in the world community, a recent report shows that it lags far behind other industrialized countries in meeting the needs of its youngest and most vulnerable citizens. The U.S. has a higher infant mortality rate, a higher proportion of low birth weight babies, a smaller proportion of babies immunized against childhood diseases and a much higher rate adolescent pregnancies. These findings, described as a quiet crisis requiring immediate and far-reaching action, appeared in a report prepared by a task force of educators, doctors, politicians and business people. According to the report, a fourth of the nation's 12 infants and toddlers live in poverty. As many as half confront risk factors that could harm their ability to develop intellectually, physically and socially. Child immunizations are too low, more children are born into poverty, more are in substandard care while their parents work and more are being raised by single parents. When taken together, these and other risk factor can lead to educational and health problems that are much harder and more costly to reverse.

20	<p>The crisis begins in the womb with unplanned parenthood. Women with unplanned pregnancies are less likely to seek pre-natal care. In the U.S. 80% of teenage pregnancies and 56% of all pregnancies are unplanned. The problems continue after birth where unplanned pregnancies and unstable partnerships often go hand in hand. Since 1950, the number of single parent families had nearly tripled. More than 25 percent of all births today are to unmarried mothers. As the number of single parent families grows and more women enter the work force, infants and toddlers are increasingly in the care of people other than their parents.</p> <p>Most disturbingly, recent statistics show that American parents are increasingly neglecting or abusing their children. In only four years from 1987-1991, the number of children in foster care increased by over 50 percent. Babies under the age of one are the fastest growing category of children entering foster care. The crisis affects children under the age of three most severely the report says. Yet, it is this period- from infancy through preschool years- that sets the stage for a child's future.</p> <p>Children falling in which age group are most severely affected by the quiet crisis?</p>	A. Between 2 & 3 years B. Between 1 & 3 years C. Below 1 year D. Below 3 years E. None of these
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