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April GA Quiz 26

Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answers the questions given below:

1. World Veterinary Day 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. April 23 B. April 24 C. April 25
D. April 26 E. None of these

2. Mohan M Shantanagoudar passed away recently, was a/an _____ .

- A. SC Judge B. Actor C. Musician
D. Author E. None of these

3. The RBI has extended the existing interim Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit of Rs 51,560 crore for all states and Union Territories till which month, as the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic is still prevalent?

- A. October B. September C. November
D. December E. None of these

4. As per the recent report, Insurance industry has reported a tepid _____ growth in FY21.

- A. 4 percent B. 5 percent C. 3 percent
D. 2 percent E. None of these

5. In a relief to shareholders, including the government, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed commercial banks to pay dividends of up to what percent of what they could do in pre-Covid years?

- A. 30 percent B. 20 percent C. 40 percent
D. 50 percent E. None of these

6. Govt of Indi has extended deadline for making payment under Vivad Se Vishwas scheme till _____ .

- A. June 30 B. July 31 C. May 31
D. August 31 E. None of these



7. Naval exercise “VARUNA-2021” was started between India and which country?

- A. France B. USA C. Germany
D. Russia E. None of these

8. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has recently launched the distribution of e-property cards under the _____ scheme on National Panchayati Raj Day through video conferencing.

- A. SWADESHI B. SWAMITVA C. SHIRISHA
D. SHATISHATHA E. None of these

9. Which company has signed its first Solar power purchase pact with GUVNL for the sale of 100 Mw solar power?

- A. Coal India B. Central Coalfields C. Western Coalfields
D. NTPC Limited E. None of these

10. Which of the following states has recently signed a first of its Kind MoU with Microsoft to Provide Skill Development Training to Students & Unemployed Youths?

- A. Maharashtra B. Kerala C. Tamil Nadu
D. Andhra Pradesh E. None of these

11. Who among the following is the author of the Book:“The Living Mountain”?

- A. Vikram Seth B. Amitav Ghosh C. Anita Desai
D. Deborah Baker E. None of these

12. Which city is to Host the 2021 World Table Tennis Championships?

- A. Austin B. Chicago C. San Antonio
D. Houston E. None of these

13. A recently discovered insect has been named after coronavirus with lockdown rules helping a biologist complete his work. It was found in which of the following countries?

- A. Kosovo B. Yugoslavia C. Albania
D. Serbia E. None of these



14. Which space agency and Elon Musk's commercial rocket company SpaceX have recently launched a new four-astronaut team on a flight to the International Space Station, the first crew ever propelled into orbit by a rocket booster recycled from a previous spaceflight?

- A. ISRO
- B. NASA
- C. JAXA
- D. CNSR
- E. None of these

15. PFRDA has made a plan to raise the NPS' Entry Age Limit to _____ .

- A. 72 years
- B. 70 years
- C. 75 years
- D. 68 years
- E. None of these

16. RBI has restricted which company from Enrolling New customers from May 1, 2021?

- A. American Express
- B. Diners Club
- C. Capital One
- D. A and B
- E. B and C

17. Which firm has launched 'Mission on Net Zero' to facilitate 'India achieve net zero carbon emission status by 2050'?

- A. Indian Green Building Council
- B. World Green Building Council
- C. Jordan Green Building Council
- D. Green Building Initiative
- E. None of these

18. Which country has partnered IIT-Kanpur to promote Tech-Startups?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Singapore
- C. Malaysia
- D. Vietnam
- E. None of these

19. Which country is to ship 80 metric tonnes of oxygen to India in cooperation with Adani group and Linde company?

- A. Oman
- B. Yemen
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Qatar
- E. None of these



20. World Malaria Day 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

A. 23 April

B. 24 April

C. 25 April

D. 26 April

E. None of these



Correct answer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
B	A	B	B	D	A	A	B	A	D	B	D	A	B	B	D	A	B	C	C

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: World Veterinary Day 2021

What: published on 24th April

World Veterinary Day is widely observed annually on the last Saturday of April, every year across the world. This year, it falls on April 24. With the objective, 'to provide global leadership for the veterinary profession and promote animal health and welfare and public health, through advocacy, education, and partnership', World Veterinary Association (WVA) set out with its endeavour.

In 1863, in Hamburg (Germany), Veterinary College Professor John Gamgee from Edinburgh led the first International Veterinary Congress meeting. The agenda of the meeting involved epizootic diseases, their preventive measures and lay out standard rules for cattle trade in Europe. This congress came to be addressed as the World Veterinary Congress. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Supreme Court judge Justice Shantanagoudar

What: dies; CJI says 'lost valued colleague'

When: published on 26th April 2021

"Robust, committed to his roots, forthright." That is how Supreme Court judges and senior members of the Bar remember Justice Mohan M Shantanagoudar, who passed away Sunday morning at a private hospital in Gurugram. He was 62.

According to sources close to the family, he was undergoing treatment for certain medical complications for some time.

Hailing from Dharwad, Karnataka, Justice Shantanagoudar was appointed Additional Judge of the Karnataka High Court in May 2003. He went on to be Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court before being elevated to the Supreme Court in February 17, 2017, where he had an eventful tenure. [\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to Remember



Who: RBI

What: Extends Temporary Advances Limit Of Rs 51,560 Cr For States, UTs Till Sep

When: published on 24th April 2021

The RBI on Friday said the existing interim Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit of Rs 51,560 crore for all states and Union Territories will continue up to September 30, 2021, as the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic is still prevalent.

WMAs are temporary advances given by the RBI to the government to tide over any mismatch in receipts and payments.

The RBI said it has revised the WMA Scheme of States and Union Territories (UTs) based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on WMA to state governments. The WMA limit arrived at by the Committee based on total expenditure of States/ UTs, works out to Rs 47,010 crore.

'As the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic is still prevalent, the existing interim WMA limit of Rs 51,560 crore for all States/ UTs shall continue for six months i.e., up to September 30, 2021,' it said in a statement.

The Reserve Bank will review the WMA limit thereafter, depending on the course of the pandemic and its impact on the economy, the central bank said. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Insurance industry

What: reports a tepid 5% growth in FY21

When: published on 23rd April 2021

Healthcare and fire protection helped the Indian general insurance industry report a tepid 5% growth for the last fiscal even as the dominant motor and crop insurance segment shrank due to lockdowns.

Standalone health insurers like Star Health, Aditya Birla Health Insurance, Max Bupa reported robust growth in their gross direct premium income (GDPI) in FY21. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: allows commercial banks to pay up to 50 pc of pre-Covid dividends

When: published on 24th April 2021



In a relief to shareholders, including the government, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed commercial banks to pay dividends of up to 50 per cent of what they could do in pre-Covid years.

In December last year, in view of the pandemic, the central bank had said that lenders should continue to conserve capital to support the economy and absorb losses. It had then said that banks should not make any dividend payment on equity shares from the profits pertaining to the financial year ended March 31, 2020.

Last week, HDFC Bank did not pay any dividend to its shareholders. The country's largest private sector bank said this was due to the second wave of the pandemic.

However, the bank said its board will re-assess the position based on any further guidelines from the RBI in this regard. [\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: extends time till June 30 for making payment under Vivad Se Vishwas scheme

When: published on 25th April 2021

The government has extended the deadline for making payments under the Direct Tax Vivaad Se Vishwas dispute resolution scheme and some compliances under the Income Tax Act by two months till June 30, in light of the second wave of Covid-19 raging across India.

According to the previous time frame, those who had applied to settle their tax disputes under the Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Act were required to pay the settled tax amount by April 30. Prior to this, the government had extended the deadline for availing the tax dispute settlement scheme five times till March 31.

The government also extended various other tax compliance deadlines by two months from April 30. [\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian and French Navies

What: start 3-day VARUNA-2021 in Arabian Sea

When: published on 26th April 2021

The Indian and French navies on Sunday kicked off a three-day mega wargame in the Arabian Sea in the backdrop of rising concern over China's growing maritime presence in the Indian Ocean region.

The French Navy has deployed its nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle, and its entire carrier strike group in the exercise, reflecting the seriousness of the drill.



The French Embassy said the 19th edition of the Varuna exercise underscores the shared interests and commitment of both nations in promoting maritime security in the Indo-Pacific and bears testimony to the vitality of the bilateral strategic partnership.

"The joint exercise comprises various drills across the spectrum of maritime operations, with the goal of fostering interoperability and mutual learning between the two navies and reinforcing their capability for joint action in a strategic area," it said in a statement. [\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: PM

What: launches distribution of e-property cards under SWAMITVA scheme

When: published on 24th April 2021

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched the distribution of e-property cards under the SWAMITVA scheme today on National Panchayati Raj Day through video conferencing. 4.09 lakh property owners were given their e-property cards on this occasion, which also marked the rolling out of the SVAMITVA scheme for implementation across the country. Union Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar attended the event. Chief Ministers and Panchayati Raj Ministers of the concerned states were also present.

The Prime Minister said that Panchayati Raj Day is an occasion to rededicate ourselves to the pledge of redevelopment of rural India. This is a day to acknowledge and appreciate the extraordinary work of our Gram Panchayats, he said. [\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Coal India

What: Signs its First Solar PPA, 100 MW Deal With GUVNL

When: published on 26th April 2021

Coal India Limited (CIL) has announced that it has signed its very first Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the sale of 100 MW of solar power to the Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd (GUVNL). The state-backed coal mining and refining entity has signed a 25-year agreement with the Gujarat utility.

The firm also stated that with a capital investment of Rs 442 crores, it will execute the 100 MW project which it had won in March in the tender auctions conducted by GUVNL, through a solar EPC contractor. [\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: AP



What: signed a 1st of its Kind MoU with Microsoft to Provide Skill Development Training to Students & Unemployed Youths

When: published on 23rd April 2021

In a major initiative, state government has roped in Microsoft to take up skill development training for the college students and unemployed youth in the state. Microsoft has agreed to provide training to about 1.62 lakh students in the coming one year. An Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed at a virtual conference held on Friday.

This is considered to be biggest and first of its kind initiative by any government to cover entire graduated youth of the state. The move is aimed at accelerating digital skilling of the youth to enable to employable in the industry. "This first-of-its-kind partnership aims to provide a holistic skilling solution, empowering the youth of the state with next generation digital skills. Microsoft will collaborate with higher education department to create a scalable skilling experience that includes access to learning content on Microsoft's learning resource center, Microsoft Learn, educational webinars, experiential learning through hands-on lab exercises and industry certifications courses from Microsoft and LinkedIn," announced Anant Maheshwari, President, Microsoft India. He said that every learner will receive a free \$100 Azure credit for practical experiential learning, test preparation and certification to become a Microsoft Certified Professional. "Over 40 courses and certifications will be made available to students on Microsoft Learn, covering a broad range of emerging technologies such as cloud computing, AI, data sciences, IOT and M365, among others. To enhance their employability, students and youth will also get access to over 8600 courses on LinkedIn Learning to develop not just their technical skills but also their business knowledge and soft skills," said Maheshwari. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: HarperCollins India

What: is proud to announce the acquisition and forthcoming publication of The Living Mountain: A Fable for Our Times by Amitav Ghosh

When: published on 23rd April 2021

The Living Mountain is a new story by Jnanpith winner and internationally renowned author Amitav Ghosh, written during the course of the pandemic. It is a fable for the current times: a cautionary tale of how humans have systematically exploited nature, leading to an environmental collapse.

HarperCollins Publishers India will publish The Living Mountain as a special standalone edition in January 2022 under its prestigious Fourth Estate imprint. The book will also be published simultaneously in Hindi, and as an ebook and an audiobook.

The Living Mountain is a beautifully told story within the structure of a fable. It is a tale about Mahaparbat, the Living Mountain; the indigenous valley dwellers who live and prosper in its shelter; the assault on the mountain for commercial benefit by the Anthropoi, humans whose sole aim is to reap the benefits of nature; and the disaster that unfolds as a result. ([Read more](#))



12. Hints to Remember

Who: Houston

What: to Host the 2021 World Table Tennis Championships

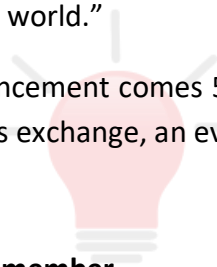
When: published on 22nd April 2021

The International Table Tennis Federation has selected Houston to host the 2021 World Table Tennis Championships, marking the first time the event will be held in the United States. The announcement was made at the 2019 ITTF annual general meeting and World Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Additionally, the Chinese Table Tennis Federation was awarded the 2022 World Table Tennis Championships, which will be held in Chengdu. Houston and China collaborated in the joint-support bid.

“We’re thrilled not only to be hosting the 2021 World Table Tennis Championships, but also to have the chance to help commemorate that historic moment,” said Janis Burke, CEO of the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority. “In 1971, China and the United States came together and helped change the world.”

The announcement comes 50 years after the USA Table Tennis Team arrived in China for a friendly table tennis exchange, an event dubbed Ping Pong Diplomacy. ([Read more](#))



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13. Hints to Remember

Who: New species of insect

What: discovered in Kosovo is named after coronavirus

When: published on 20th April 2021

A recently discovered insect has been named after coronavirus with lockdown rules helping a biologist complete his work.

Professor Halil Ibrahimimi had spent years working on a research report on a caddisfly species found in Kosovo's western Bjeshket e Nemuna (Accursed Mountains) national park.

As an associate professor of the Natural Sciences Faculty at Pristina University, Prof Ibrahimimi collected the species, which turned out to be endemic to the national park, 75 miles (120km) west of the capital Pristina, and found it was quite different from the other species in the Balkans. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: SpaceX rocketship

What: launches 4 astronauts on NASA mission to space station



When: published on 24th April 2021

NASA and Elon Musk's commercial rocket company SpaceX launched a new four-astronaut team on a flight to the International Space Station on Friday, the first crew ever propelled into orbit by a rocket booster recycled from a previous spaceflight.

The company's Crew Dragon capsule Endeavour, also making its second flight, streaked into the darkened pre-dawn sky atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket as its nine Merlin engines roared to life at 5:49 a.m. (0949 GMT) from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The blast-off from Cape Canaveral was aired live on NASA TV. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: PFRDA

What: to raise max age for admission under NPS to 70

When: published on 16th April 2021

The National Pension System (NPS) is set to admit new subscribers as old as 70, introduce a guaranteed pension scheme, and allow full withdrawals up to ₹5 lakh on maturity, India's pension regulator said.

Around 15,000 people above 60 joined NPS since the entry age limit was raised from 60 to 65 three years ago, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) chairman Supratim Bandyopadhyay said at a virtual press conference on Thursday.

PFRDA has also proposed to allow subscribers who join after 60 to continue their NPS accounts till 75. For others, the maturity age will remain 70. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: Restricted American Express, Diners Club from Enrolling New customers from May 1, 2021

When: published on 24th April 2021

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday imposed restrictions on American Express Banking Corp (Amex) and Diners Club International from on-boarding new domestic customers on to their card networks from May 1, 2021. These entities have been found non-compliant with the central bank's directions on storage of payment system data.

In a statement on its website, RBI said the order will not impact existing customers. "The supervisory action has been taken in exercise of powers vested in RBI under Section 17 of the PSS (Payment and Settlement Systems) Act," the regulator said. ([Read more](#))



17. Hints to Remember

Who: CII IGBC

What: launches 'Mission on Net Zero'

When: published on 23rd April 2021

Coinciding with Earth Day, the CII Indian Green Building Council has launched 'IGBC Mission on Net Zero' to facilitate 'India achieve net zero carbon emission status by 2050'.

More than 250 leading organisations in building sector have committed to achieve Net Zero status for their new and existing buildings.

Jamshyd Godrej, Chairman CII-GBC said "Climate change poses an existential crisis for humanity. With rising global temperatures, melting ice caps, rising sea levels and man-induced natural calamities, the effects of climate change are now more evident than ever before. Hence, on the cusp of Earth Day it is important that we rededicate ourselves to the mission on combating climate change. We are witnessing a global movement that emphasises the need to be net-zero by 2050 and developing countries such as India will have a key role to play in this mission." ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: India-Singapore

What: tie-up looking to promote tech startups

When: published on 23rd April 2021

The Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) and Start-up Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of IIT-Kanpur have come together to provide a gateway of opportunities to tech-based startups to usher a circular economy and an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The SICCI-SIIC conducted the first in a series of cross-border collaborations on Friday under a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed on March 10, 2021.

The purpose of the launchpad is to encourage startups to take advantage of the Singapore-India trade and technology corridor. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Saudi Arabia

What: to ship 80 metric tonnes of oxygen to India in cooperation with Adani group and Linde company



When: published on 26th April 2021

Saudi Arabia is shipping 80 metric tonnes of liquid oxygen to India as the country is running low on supplies due to an unprecedented spike in coronavirus cases.

India logged a record of 3,49,691 new coronavirus infections in a day on Sunday, taking its total tally of COVID-19 cases to 1,69,60,172. The death toll increased to 1,92,311 with a record 2,767 daily new fatalities, according to the Union Health Ministry data.

The supply shipment is being undertaken in cooperation with the Adani group and Linde company. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: World Malaria Day

What: was observed on 25th April 2021

This year, WHO and partners will mark World Malaria Day by celebrating the achievements of countries that are approaching – and achieving – malaria elimination. They provide inspiration for all nations that are working to stamp out this deadly disease and improve the health and livelihoods of their populations.

On 21 April, WHO will publish a new report highlighting successes and lessons learned among the “E-2020” group of malaria-eliminating countries. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of these countries reported zero indigenous malaria cases in 2020, while others made impressive progress in their journey to becoming malaria-free.

In the face of a dual threat of antimalarial drug resistance and COVID-19, countries of the Greater Mekong subregion have also made major strides towards their shared goal of elimination by 2030. In the 6 countries of the subregion, the reported number of malaria cases fell by 97% between 2000 and 2020. Malaria deaths were reduced by more than 99% in the same period of time. [\(Read more\)](#)





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