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April GA Quiz 3

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

1. Virat Kohli has become the third captain to lead India in 200 international matches. Who among the following was first to do the same?

- A. Mohammad Azharuddin B. Sunil Gavaskar C. Ravi Shastri
D. Sourav Ganguly E. None of these

2. Who among the following has been sworn in as US Surgeon General?

- A. Jerome Adams B. Vivek Murthy C. Atul Gawande
D. Rick Bright E. None of these

3. Which organization has been conferred the prestigious 'Role Model' Award at the most coveted and prestigious 11th CII National HR Excellence Award 2020-21?

- A. NTPC Limited
B. Power Grid Corporation of India
C. NHPC Limited
D. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
E. None of these

4. Edelweiss Infrastructure Yield Plus (EIYP), an alternative investment fund from the Edelweiss Group, snapped up a controlling _____ stake in French utility Engie Group's solar assets in India for a reported USD 550 million.

- A. 71 per cent B. 72 per cent C. 73 per cent
D. 74 per cent E. None of these

5. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of _____ on Fedbank Financial Services Ltd (Fedfina), Mumbai, for non-compliance with certain provisions of the central bank's directions on monitoring of frauds.

- A. Rs 10 lakh B. Rs 15 lakh C. Rs 20 lakh
D. Rs 25 lakh E. None of these



6. Which firm and IFSCA have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a framework for collaboration and co-operation for the development of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) IFSC as a world-class FinTech hub?

- A. ASSOCHAM
- B. NASSCOM
- C. FICCI
- D. Confederation of Indian Industry
- E. None of these

7. Which of the following banks has launched “UNI – CARBON CARD”, an HPCL co-branded credit card on the Rupay platform of NPCI?

- A. United Bank of India
- B. Union Bank of India
- C. Bank of India
- D. Bank of Baroda
- E. None of these

8. Restrictions on PMC Bank has been extended till which date by RBI?

- A. 30 May 2021
- B. 30 June 2021
- C. 30 July 2021
- D. 30 April 2021
- E. None of these

9. Which state government has organised ‘banana festival’?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra
- E. None of these

10. Which one of the following has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Trade Promotion Corporation of India (TPCI) for the Agro & Food Processing sector and Film Tourism sector?

- A. Delhi Trade Promotion Organization
- B. Haryana Trade Promotion Organization
- C. Punjab Trade Promotion Organization
- D. Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization
- E. None of these



11. Which board has announced a competency-based assessment framework for classes 6-10 based on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020?

- A. CBSE B. CISCE C. MP Board
D. UP Board E. None of these

12. Who among the following has addressed the 7th annual summit of NATHEALTH focusing on 'Indian Health system expansion in post-COVID era'?

- A. Prakash Javadekar B. J. P. Nadda C. Piyush Goyal
D. Harsh Vardhan E. None of these

13. Suh Wook is the Defence Minister of which country who has visited India recently?

- A. North Korea B. South Korea C. Malaysia
D. Indonesia E. None of these

14. India has initiated 3rd phase of Indian Beamline Project in which country?

- A. Malaysia B. Vietnam C. Japan
D. Canada E. None of these

15. Indian and US navies conducted 'PASSEX' in _____ .

- A. Bay of Bengal B. Indian Ocean C. Arabian Sea
D. Laccadive Sea E. None of these

16. Who among the following is the author of the book "Indians: A Brief History of A Civilization"?

- A. Mohit Saraswat B. Namit Arora C. Aniket Balram
D. Piyush Verma E. None of these

17. ISRO has partnered with _____ to Advance Space Research similar to NASA-JPL-Caltech Model?

- A. IIM B. IIT C. IIST
D. NIIT E. None of these



18. Which publication is to publish Vinod Kapri's true account of the migrant exodus- 1232 km: The Long Journey Home?

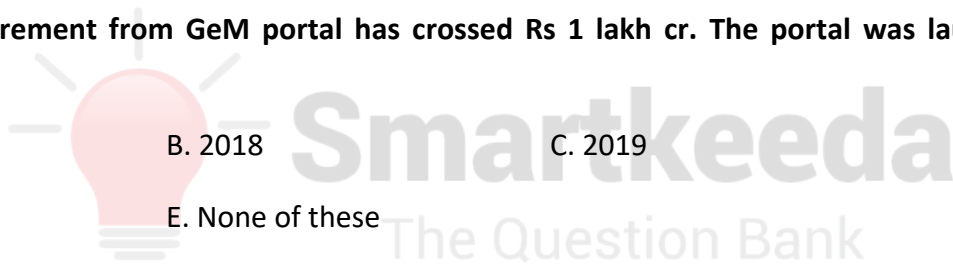
- A. Hachette India
- B. HarperCollins Publishers India
- C. Penguin Random House India Private Limited
- D. Rupa Publications
- E. None of these

19. Which of the following countries has topped the medals tally with 15 gold, 9 silver & 6 bronze in ISSF Shooting World Cup?

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Malaysia
- E. None of these

20. Public procurement from GeM portal has crossed Rs 1 lakh cr. The portal was launched in which year?

- A. 2017
- B. 2018
- C. 2019
- D. 2016
- 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
A	B	A	D	B	C	B	B	C	D	A	D	B	C	A	B	C	B	E	D

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Virat Kohli

What: becomes third captain to lead India in 200 international matches

When: published on 29th March 2021

Virat Kohli has become the third captain to lead India in 200 international matches.

Kohli, who became India's captain in all formats of the game in January 2017, led India for the 200th time on Sunday in the third ODI against England. He thus joins his predecessor MS Dhoni and Mohammad Azharuddin as the only players to have led India in 200 international matches.

While Azharuddin had led India in 221 matches, Dhoni led India in 332 matches. Dhoni retired from Test cricket in December 2014 after which Kohli became India's captain in the longest format of the game.

Dhoni then resigned from limited overs captaincy in January 2017, thus handing over the reins to Kohli in all formats, before eventually from international cricket in August 2020. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian-American Dr Vivek Murthy

What: sworn in as US Surgeon General

When: published on 26th March 2021

Indian-American physician Vivek Murthy has been sworn in as the 21st Surgeon General of the US, a role in which his top priority would be to end the coronavirus pandemic that has severely hit the country and be a voice for science.

“Honoured to be sworn in as your Surgeon General. I owe this day to my family who has guided & supported me every step of the way,” Dr Murthy, 43, said on Thursday soon after being sworn in as the top doctor of the country by Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra. ([Read more](#))



3. Hints to Remember

Who: NTPC

What: Gets 'Role Model' Award at 11th CII National HR Excellence Award 2020-21

When: published on 19th March 2021

India's largest integrated power generation company, NTPC Ltd has been conferred the prestigious 'Role Model' Award at the most coveted and prestigious 11th CII National HR Excellence Award 2020-21.

CII National Committee Chairman on Leadership and HR, Mr. Sanjay Behl presented the award, along with Ms. Indrani Kar, Head of CII's Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership to Shri D.K. Patel, Director (HR) in the virtual conference "Learn from the Achievers" held today amidst senior leaders from the industry and HR assessors.

This award is the highest level of recognition in the field of Human Resources by Confederation of Indian Industry. Since the institutionalization of CII National HR Excellence Award, this is the only the second time when the award of Role Model has been conferred to any organization. Further, this award has been to any organization given after a period of 10 years. Importantly, NTPC is the only PSU to have received this prestigious award. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Edelweiss Infra Fund

What: snaps up 74% stake in Engie Group's India solar assets

When: published on 26th March 2021

Edelweiss Infrastructure Yield Plus (EIYP), an alternative investment fund from the Edelweiss Group, on Thursday snapped up a controlling 74 per cent stake in French utility Engie Group's solar assets in India for a reported USD 550 million. The Engie Group has 813 MW of operational solar assets in the country, and it plans to add up to 2 GW more over next couple of years, which once commissioned will be acquired by the EIYP, the fund said.

Though EIYP, managed by Edelweiss Alternative Asset Advisors (EAAA), did not disclose the value of the deal, a source in the know of the deal told that EIYP has paid USD 550 million for the 74 per cent stake in the assets, making it one of the largest deals in the domestic renewables space in the past one year. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: imposes ₹15-lakh penalty on Fedfina



When: published on 22nd March 2021

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹15 lakh on Fedbank Financial Services Ltd (Fedfina), Mumbai, for non-compliance with certain provisions of the central bank's directions on monitoring of frauds.

“This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of ...the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

“This action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance, and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the company with its customers,” said the RBI in a statement. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: FICCI-IFSCA

What: Sign MoU For Development Of GIFT City In Gujarat As World-Class FinTech Hub

When: published on 23rd March 2021

FICCI-IFSCA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a framework for collaboration and co-operation for the development of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) IFSC as a world-class FinTech hub.

This MoU will pave the way for future collaborations and cooperation between IFSCA and FICCI for the development of a world-class FinTech Hub in GIFT IFSC.

FICCI will also assist IFSCA in the development of FinTech Accelerator programmes in GIFT IFSC amongst other cooperation areas.

The MoU was signed by Injeti Srinivas, Chairman, IFSCA, and Dilip Chenoy, Secretary-General, FICCI. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Bank of India

What: launches Uni Carbon Card

When: published on 26th March 2021

Union Bank of India launched “UNI – CARBON CARD”, an HPCL co-branded credit card on the Rupay platform of NPCI on March 26, 2021. Speaking on the occasion Shri Rajkiran Rai G, Managing Director & CEO Union Bank of India, said “It is a unique card designed with association one of the largest Public Sector Bank, Union Bank of India and HPCL, a leader in fuel retail and Rupay – India’s largest card payment network. It will create an opportunity to create value for the customers.”



“Union Bank of India is committed to customer-centric products and processes that enhance ease of living. As a Bank, it is our desire to understand the needs of our customers and provide them with solutions that cater to their needs. The Union Bank HPCL Co-branded credit card takes us another step closer to making India a less-cash economy, realizing the ‘Digital India’ vision of our Honorable Prime Minister.” he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Dinesh Kumar Garg, Executive Director Union Bank of India said “The present co-branded card is first of its kind with HPCL, a major player in the fuel retail, and the cardholder certainly be benefited.”

The Bank is having a total network of 9590+ branches and 13280+ ATMs across India, this co-branded credit card is a Bank’s maiden joint venture. While using this card at HPCL retail outlets, the cardholder gets Cashback/Rewards in addition to the waiver of fuel surcharge provided by the Bank. Cardholders will be able to enjoy many freebies and offer brought out by NPCI such as Entertainment, Lifestyle, Travel, Shopping, Food delivery, etc., This card is a contactless – “Tap & Go” and an NCMC card in line with Govt. of India’s directives. The card is offered to salaried and others. The card limit offered is 20% of gross Annual income with minimum of Rs 50,000/- with no upper limit.

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Restrictions on PMC Bank

What: was Extended till 30 June 2021 by RBI

When: published on 28th March 2021

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday announced that the restrictions on withdrawals and deposits in the scam-hit Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank have been extended till June 30, 2021. The restrictions on the bank’s activity were first placed in September 2019, after the central bank took cognisance of a major financial irregularity. The restrictions were consecutively extended, and were set to expire on March 31, 2021.

The RBI, however, has decided to maintain the status quo for at least three more months. In this period, it would continue to engage with prospective investors for the bank’s reconstruction. PMC Bank had received binding offers from certain investors for its reconstruction, in response to the expression of interest (EOI) floated by the bank on November 3 last year. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: UP govt

What: to organise 'banana festival' in Kushinagar

When: published on 23rd March 2021



Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government is organising a 'Banana Festival' in Kushinagar from March 22 to 25, which has witnessed the participation of at least 35 farmers and entrepreneurs.

According to a release, the state government had in 2018 organised the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme to promote traditional enterprise. Noting the good cultivation of bananas in Kushinagar, products in the district made from banana fibre were selected in the ODOP scheme.

At least 4,000 farmers are linked to banana cultivation and after inclusion in the ODOP scheme, around 500 people are employed in its processing. There are three banana fibre processing units in the district and the construction of a Common Facility Centre (CFC) is also planned. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: JKTPO, TPCI

What: Sign MoU For Agro & Food Processing, Film Tourism Sectors

When: published on 21st March 2021

Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) today signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Trade Promotion Corporation of India (TPCI) for the Agro & Food Processing sector and Film Tourism sector.

The MoU was signed during the inauguration of J&K Pavilion at South Asia's largest Integrated FB Trade Show – Indus-food 2021, being held at India Exposition Mart, New Delhi.

It was signed between MD JKTPO, Ankita Kar and Chairman TPCI, Mohit Singla.

According to the MoU, both JKTPO and TPCI will work together to enhance the outreach to the International Community in India.

The Jammu and Kashmir delegation was led by Ankita Kar under the aegis of Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: CBSE

What: launches new assessment framework for Classes 6 to 10

When: published on 25th March 2021

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) today announced a competency-based assessment framework for classes 6-10 based on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. As per the board, the framework will replace the "existing rote learning model and will focus on assessing students based on their competencies needed to solve day-to-day problems."



Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Union Minister of Education, launched the framework and said the assessment aims to improve the overall learning outcomes of students mainly covering three subjects — English (reading), Science, and Maths. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Dr. Harsh Vardhan

What: addresses 7th annual summit of NATHEALTH focusing on 'Indian Health system expansion in post-COVID era'

When: published on 26th March 2021

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare addressed the 7th annual summit of NATHEALTH focusing on 'Indian Health system expansion in post-COVID era' through a video conference today.

Reiterating the commitments of the government towards fulfilling the goal of Health for all, the Union Minister noted, "It is a top priority for the Government led by Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. To institutionalize the approach towards our goal, we launched the National Health Policy in 2017. The vision behind the policy-framework has been to attain the highest possible level of health and well-being for all, across all age groups by emphasizing on preventive and promotive aspects of health and providing universal access to good quality healthcare services without any one having to face financial hardship as a consequence. Ayushman Bharat is yet another ambitious program of the Government with the objective of providing Universal Free Access to comprehensive primary health care, promoting health and wellbeing."

"Health has also been identified in Budget 2021-22 as one of the six main pillars to drive growth. A holistic approach towards health and wellbeing has been adopted with an enormous financial allocation of Rs 2,23,846 crore in 2021-22 which is a mammoth 137% increase over the previous year. In order to meet our objectives under the policy, we are striving to increase health expenditure as a percentage of GDP to 2.5 % by 2025. We are also encouraging State Governments to increase State sector health spending to more than 8% of State's GDP." ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: South Korean Defence Minister

What: to visit India to enhance military ties

When: published on 24th March 2021

South Korea's Defence Minister Suh Wook will be on a three-day visit to India from March 25 to March 27 to enhance bilateral military ties.

During the visit, Suh will meet his Indian counterpart Rajnath Singh on March 26.



He will visit Agra on March 27, accompanied by Indian Army chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane, where Army paratroopers will give a demonstration of air insertion.

The Indian Air Force will also be out for the para drop of the entire battalion involving 700-800 soldiers, sources said. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: Initiates 3rd phase of Indian Beamline Project in Japan

When: published on 23rd March 2021

The third phase of the Indian beamline project, a facility for materials research set up under India-Japan Scientific and Technological Cooperation, was initiated on March 23, 2021, with special focus on industrial application research.

The initiation of the third phase took place with the signing of MoU between Ambassador of India in Japan Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma with Director, Institute of Material Structure Science, Dr. KOSUGI Nobuhiro.

The phase would increase the number of young researchers from India to be trained in advanced X-ray techniques of material research. Besides, steps will be taken to allocate more beamtime so that more researchers can get access to it. At present, only 50 % of Indian researchers who apply receive beamtime. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Two-day Indo-US naval exercise PASSEX

What: in Bay of Bengal concludes today

When: published on 29th March 2021

India and the US kicked off a two-day naval exercise in the Bay of Bengal, reflecting the growing congruence in their defence and military partnership. The exercise, which began yesterday, will conclude today.

Indian Navy deployed its warship Shivalik and long-range maritime patrol aircraft P8I in the 'PASSEX' exercise while the US Navy was represented by the USS Theodore Roosevelt carrier strike group.

A carrier battle group or carrier strike group is a mega naval fleet comprising an aircraft carrier, accompanied by a large number of destroyers, frigates and other ships. In a first, enhancing jointmanship, Indian Air Force fighters have also been included in the exercise affording the IAF an opportunity to practice air interception and air defence with the US Navy. ([Read more](#))



16. Hints to Remember

Who: “Indians: A Brief History of A Civilization”

What: book by Namit Arora

When: published on 20th March 2021

Namit Arora explores how Indians lived, ate, loved, built, fought and made sense of the material, rational and spiritual world down the ages

Indians: A Brief History of A Civilization — mind you, Indians, not India — appears at first to be a fool’s errand, but that is only till you jump on, dig in and take the full ride. Namit Arora started thinking about a large canvas of a book like this 17 years ago while ruminating about how cities just disappear — Machu Pichhu, Memphis, Mohenjo-daro among others. His bid to reflect on all that is lost but also that which remains, waiting to be rediscovered and unpacked, led to this book. The author’s skills and the choice of technique allow such a mega-ambitious project to take shape and flow. ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: ISRO

What: partners with IIST to Advance Space Research similar to NASA-JPL-Caltech Model

When: published on 30th March 2021

ISRO is embarking on a mission of a different kind by taking the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) to a much higher, futuristic research orbit. The Bengaluru-headquartered space agency is striking a partnership with the IIST – something similar to the JPL- Caltech model in the United States. JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) is federally funded by US space agency NASA and managed by Caltech (California Institute of Technology). To coordinate joint research activities between ISRO centres and IIST, akin to the Caltech-JPL model, a dedicated framework has now been put into place, with a capacity building programme office (CBPO) located at ISRO headquarters here as a focal point.

An advanced space research group has been created to identify application-oriented research projects of importance to ISRO centres and matching with the interests of IIST faculty. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: HarperCollins India

What: to publish Vinod Kapri’s true account of the migrant exodus- 1232 km: The Long Journey Home

When: published on 25th March 2021

As the nation marks the first anniversary of the Covid-19 pandemic-induced lockdown, HarperCollins India is proud to announce the upcoming publication of journalist turned filmmaker, Vinod Kapri’s



compelling book, 1232 km: A Long Journey Home, a true account of human grief, grit, and gumption, which will release in May 2021.

The 2020 nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19 left millions of migrant labourers without job, food and home. Desperate and helpless, most took to the road, embarking on a long, often fatal journey home.

1232 km is about one such journey that seven migrants from Bihar-Ritesh, Ashish, Ram Babu, Sonu, Krishna, Sandeep and Mukesh-undertook on their bicycles that lasted for seven days and seven nights. Accompanying them was National Award-winning filmmaker Vinod Kapri.

This book is the account of their journey on road from Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh to Saharsa in Bihar, spanning 1232 kilometres. It is a story of courage as well as the desperation of the seven men braving police's lathis and insults, battling hunger and exhaustion to reach their destination-their home. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: tops the medals tally with 15 gold, 9 silver & 6 bronze in ISSF Shooting World Cup

When: published on 28th March 2021

In Shooting, the Indian contingent brought the curtains down on a highly successful ISSF World Cup with the women and men's teams clinching gold medals in the Trap events today. The Indian trio of Shreyasi Singh, Manisha Keer and Rajeshwari Kumari won the gold medal in the women's Trap Team event. India outgunned the Kazakhstan trio 6-0 in the final to give the hosts their 14th gold medal.

In the men's Trap Team event, Kynan Chenai, Prithviraj Tondaiman and Lakshay beat the Slovakian team in the gold medal match to make it 30 medals for India in the shooting World Cup. India topped the medals tally with a whopping 30 medals in total - 15 gold, 9 silver and 6 bronze.

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Public procurement from GeM portal

What: crosses Rs 1 lakh cr: CEO Talleen Kumar

When: published on 28th March 2021

Public procurement of goods and services has crossed Rs 1 lakh crore from government buying portal GeM since the platform was launched in August 2016, on account of a sharp increase in buying activities by different ministries, a senior official said. The Government e-Market (GeM) portal was launched on August 9, 2016, for online purchases of goods and services by all the central government ministries and departments.



GeM CEO Talleen Kumar said that since its launch, remarkable progress has been made in expanding the platform's reach and scale through a technology-driven and user-focused strategy.

"The cumulative transaction value of goods and services procured from GeM by state and central government organisations grew from Rs 51,154 crore a year ago to Rs 1,00,610.3 crore as on March 25 this year," he said. ([Read more](#))





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