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February GA Quiz 2

Direction: Read the following questions carefully and choose the right answer.

1. According to date released by National Statistical Office, Indian economy contracted by _____ in 2020-21 on account of outbreak of COVID-19 and subsequent nationwide lockdown to contain the pandemic.

A. 6.1 per cent B. 6.2 per cent C. 6.5 per cent
D. 6.6 per cent E. None of these
2. NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC has acquired what percent stake in Power Exchange of India (PXIL)?

A. 4 percent B. 3 percent C. 5 percent
D. 6 percent E. None of these
3. Which bank and Patanjali Ayurved Ltd have launched co-branded contactless credit cards in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

A. State Bank of India B. Punjab National Bank C. Syndicate Bank
D. Union Bank of India E. None of these
4. Which of the following banks has recently entered into an agreement with Tata Power Solar Systems for financing of solar projects?

A. HDFC Bank B. Bank of India C. ICICI Bank
D. State Bank of India E. None of these
5. The government of India has recently set up the National Land Monetisation Corporation with an initial authorized share capital of _____ and subscribed share capital of _____.

A. Rs. 4500 crore, Rs. 250 crore
B. Rs. 5000 crore, Rs. 150 crore
C. Rs. 6000 crore, Rs. 350 crore
D. Rs. 5500 crore, Rs. 100 crore
E. None of these

6. Which city has recently replaced Bengaluru as the startup capital of India?

- A. Mumbai
D. Chennai
- B. New Delhi
E. None of these
- C. Jaipur

7. Name the person who is Kargil War Hero Lieutenant General, has retired as the Northern Command Chief recently.

- A. Yogesh Kumar Joshi
D. Manoj Kumar Pandey
- B. Chandi Prasad Mohanty
E. None of these
- C. Ranbir Singh

8. Who among the following has superannuated as Vice Army Chief on 31 January 2022?

- A. Yogesh Kumar Joshi
D. Manoj Kumar Pandey
- B. Chandi Prasad Mohanty
E. None of these
- C. Ranbir Singh

9. Indian Coast Guard has recently celebrated which Raising Day on 1 February 2022?

- A. 46th
D. 48th
- B. 47th
E. None of these
- C. 45th

10. H. E. Antonio Costa was recently re-elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Spain
D. Morocco
- B. Portugal
E. None of these
- C. Germany

11. India has recently joined a global movement to illuminate how many landmarks across the world to raise awareness on Neglected Tropical Diseases, NTDs?

- A. 100
D. 250
- B. 150
E. None of these
- C. 200

12. Home delivery of medicines has been started from 1st February under "SeHAT". What doe "T" stand for in "SeHAT"?

- A. Telecommunication
D. Teleprocessing
- B. Teleconsultation
E. None of these
- C. Tele-performing

13. World Aspergillosis Day was recently observed on which date?

- A. Feb-01
D. Jan-30
- B. Jan-31
E. None of these
- C. Feb-02

14. Which of the following countries is going to introduce a federal corporate tax on business profits starting from June 1, 2023 for the first time?

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

15. The bilateral consultations on United Nations Security Council-related issues were held between India and which country in New Delhi on 31st January 2022?

- A. China
D. USA
- B. UAE
E. None of these
- C. Russia

16. Who among the following has recently the prestigious World Games Athlete of the Year for his 2021 performances?

- A. PR Sreejesh
D. Rupinder Pal Singh
- B. Manpreet Singh
E. None of these
- C. Harmanpreet Singh

17. Who among the following is/are author/s of book titled as "Operation Khatma"?

- A. R C Ganjoo
D. A and B Only
- B. Ashwini Bhatnagar
E. All A, B and C
- C. Rupinder Pal Singh

18. Who among the following have registered contrastic victories to clinch the women's and men's singles title respectively in the Odisha Open Super 100 badminton tournament in Bhubaneshwar?

- A. Unnati Hooda and Kiran George
B. Ameeta Singh and Siril Verma
C. Aparna Popat and Chirag Sen
D. Gayathri Gopichand and Subhankar Dey
E. None of these

19. Who among the following has beat Fabiano Caruana to claim his eighth tournament title in Wijk aan Zee with a round to spare?

A. Garry Kasparov
D. Magnus Carlsen

B. Hikaru Nakamura
E. None of these

C. Ian Nepomniachtchi

20. Which of the following teams has recently become the country's first sports Unicorn with its market cap having touched a high of Rs 7,600 crores?

A. Royal Challengers Bangalore
B. Mumbai Indians
C. Kolkata Knight Riders
D. Chennai Super Kings
E. None of these



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CORRECT ANSWER:

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



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Explanations:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian economy

What: contracted by 6.6% in 2020-21

When: published on 31st January 2022

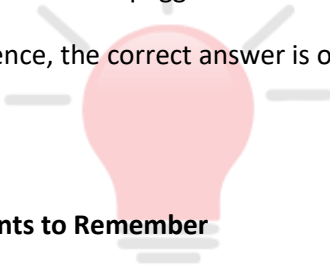
Indian economy contracted by 6.6 per cent in 2020-21 on account of outbreak of COVID-19 and subsequent nationwide lockdown to contain the pandemic, according to the government data released on Monday.

As per the provisional estimates released in May 2021, the GDP had contracted by 7.3 per cent in 2020-21.

"Real GDP or GDP at constant (2011-12) prices for the years 2020-21 and 2019-20 stands at Rs 135.58 lakh crore and Rs 145.16 lakh crore, respectively, showing a contraction of 6.6 per cent during 2020-21 as compared to growth of 3.7 per cent during 2019-20," National Statistical Office said in the revised national account data.

Under the first revision released in January 2021, real GDP or GDP at constant (2011-12) prices for the years 2019-20 was pegged at Rs 145.69 lakh crore, showing growth of 4 per cent during 2019-20.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))



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2. Hints to Remember

Who: NTPC subsidiary

What: acquires 5% stake in Power Exchange of India

When: published on 1st February 2022

NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC has acquired 5% stake in Power Exchange of India (PXIL).

NVVN has purchased the shares of PXIL from NSE Investment, a co-promoter shareholder of PXIL, on 31 January 2022. NVVN is one of the top power traders in India and the acquisition of an equity stake in PXIL would enable a strategic opportunity for NVVN to achieve and maintain a good position in the power trading market.

NVVN was formed by NTPC, a power generating firm and a Maharatna company, in the year 2002, as its wholly owned subsidiary to tap the potential of power trading in the country. NVVN holds a highest category 'I' power trading license in terms of latest CERC regulations.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

3. Hints to Remember

Who: PNB

What: launches co-branded credit cards with Patanjali

When: published on 1st February 2022

Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Patanjali Ayurved Ltd have launched co-branded contactless credit cards in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The cards are offered on NPCI's RuPay Platform and are available in two variants — PNB RuPay Platinum and PNB RuPay Select.

To reward the deserving young entrepreneurs belonging to the SC category, Venture Capital Fund (VCF) for Scheduled Castes has brought an opportunity of extending equity support of up to Rs30 lakh to selected entrepreneurs. For this, the national-level competition is being held till February 15.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

4. State Bank of India (SBI) said it has entered into an agreement with Tata Power Solar Systems for financing of solar projects. The lender has also set up a dedicated centralized processing cell - 'Surya Shakti Cell', at the Ballard Estate in Mumbai, a press release said.

The cell will process all the loan applications for solar projects (capacity up to 1 MW) sourced from across the country, for installation by business entities as well as households.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Government

What: sets up National Land Monetisation Corporation

When: published on 31st January 2022

The government is setting up the National Land Monetisation Corporation with an initial authorized share capital of ₹5000 crores and subscribed share capital of ₹150 crores, to carry out the monetization of the land and other non-core assets, the Economic Survey said.

It added that central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) have referred nearly 3400 acres of land and other non-core assets to the government for monetization.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Delhi

What: overtakes Bangalore as startup capital of India

When: published on 1st February 2022

Delhi has replaced Bengaluru as the startup capital of India, according to the Economic Survey 2021-22 tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Parliament on Monday. The survey says that over 5,000 recognised start-ups were added in Delhi while 4,514 start-ups were added in Bengaluru between April 2019 to December 2021.

With a total of 11,308 start-ups, Maharashtra has the highest number of recognised startups. India had a record number of start-ups (44) reach unicorn status in 2021. It overtook the UK to emerge as the third highest country in number of unicorns after the US and China which added 487 and 301 unicorns respectively in 2021. As of January 14, 2022, India has 83 unicorns with a total valuation of \$ 277.77 billion.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Kargil War hero Lt Gen. Joshi

What: retires after 40 years of service

When: published on 31st January 2022

Kargil War hero Lieutenant General Y K Joshi handed his boots as the Northern Command chief on Monday after serving at various strategic postings in the Indian Army during his distinguished career spanning 40 years. The Army said Lt Gen. Joshi will continue to inspire the future generations of officers to emulate his sterling qualities, firm resolve to follow the righteous path under all circumstances, sense of justice and strategic thinking as a general and a statesman.

Lt Gen. Joshi was appointed as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C) of the Northern Command at Udhampur in Jammu and Kashmir on February 1, 2020.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))



8. Hints to Remember

Who: Vice Army Chief Lieutenant General C P Mohanty

What: has retired

When: published on 1st February 2022

Lieutenant General C P Mohanty superannuated as Vice Army Chief on Monday, an official statement said.

Mr Mohanty took charge as Vice Army Chief on February 1 last year.

He was heading the Army's Southern Command when he was appointed as Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS).

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Coast Guard 46th Raising Day

What: celebrated in Chennai

When: published on 1st February 2022

A sail past by four ships and demonstration of search and rescue by two Chetak helicopters off Marina Beach and Elliot's Beach marked 46th Raising Day of the Indian Coast Guard in Chennai on Tuesday.

Inspector general AP Badola, commander, Coast Guard Region, East, presented citations to the four units that participated in Operation Sagar Aaraksha-2 conducted to put out fire on a chemical-laden ship MV X-Press Pearl off Sri Lanka coast. Four personnel were awarded bravery awards at a function that was held at the headquarters.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))



10. Hints to Remember

Who: Portugal PM Antonio Costa

What: Re-elected With Absolute Majority After Snap Polls

When: published on 31st January 2022

Portugal on Monday voted for the ruling Socialists' as they secured a majority by winning 117 seats in the 230-seat parliament. The win gives ruling Portuguese prime minister Antonio Costa an absolute majority to govern solo. His government called a snap election on Sunday where many expected that Costa's party could gain an absolute majority.

According to Portuguese news agency Corrieo De Manha, Costa's party received 42% of the votes out of the 99.13% of the votes counted. "An absolute majority doesn't mean absolute power. It doesn't mean to govern alone. It's an increased responsibility and it means to govern with and for all Portuguese," Costa was quoted as saying by news agency Deutsche Welle.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: joins global movement to illuminate 100 landmarks across world

When: published on 31st January 2022

Observing the 3rd World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) Day yesterday, as a key moment to highlight the global community's commitment to ending NTDs, India joined close to 40 other nations to illuminate the iconic New Delhi Railway Station in purple and orange hues, which is one of the busiest railway stations in the country in terms of train frequency and passenger movement.

At the virtual event organized by National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC) to observe World NTD Day, Dr Harmeet Singh Grewal, Joint Secretary, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare highlighted that the aim of illuminating the iconic New Delhi Railway Station was to generate awareness about NTDs in the visiting public and showcase progress and achievements towards their elimination. He also emphasized on creating a people's movement to eliminate the NTDs. "There is a need for a behavioral change. We must fight it together and engage school children, social workers, activists etc. to create a mass movement to elimination NTDs."

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))



12. Hints to Remember

Who: Home delivery of medicines

What: will begin from Feb 1 under SeHAT: Defence Ministry

When: published on 31st January 2022

Defence Ministry has said that home delivery of medicines will begin from tomorrow under Services e-Health Assistance and Teleconsultation, SeHAT. As part of the Government's commitment to Digital India and e-Governance, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had launched SeHAT in May last year.

SeHAT is the tri-services teleconsultation service of the Ministry of Defence designed for all entitled personnel and their families. The Ministry said, Home Delivery will be started with Base Hospital Delhi Cantt from tomorrow and it will be extended to more and more stations in coming times. It said, it has been a great example of innovation, especially at a time when the nation is fighting the COVID-19.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: World Aspergillosis Day

What: was observed on February 1st, 2022

When: published on 1st February 2022

This year will mark the fifth World Aspergillosis Day (WAD 2022).

The aim of World Aspergillosis Day is to raise awareness of a fungal infection that is often under-diagnosed like many other fungal infections worldwide. Diagnosis of aspergillosis is complex and requires specialist expertise (e.g. UK National Aspergillosis Centre, a European Confederation of Medical Mycology Centre of Excellence), but it also frequently occurs alongside much more common illnesses such as asthma, tuberculosis, COPD. A typical patient experience is the mistaken diagnosis of lung cancer, when in fact, they have fungal nodules in their lungs.

This year, we will be highlighting the experiences of those living with aspergillosis and looking at the impact of the disease.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))



14. Hints to Remember

Who: UAE

What: to introduce federal corporate tax on business profits from June 1, 2023

When: published on 31st January 2022

The United Arab Emirates will introduce a federal corporate tax on business profits starting from June 1, 2023 for the first time, the Finance Ministry announced on Monday, but kept a low base to maintain its attractiveness for businesses.

A ministry statement carried by state news agency WAM said the tax will be levied on all corporations and commercial activities in the country, except for the "extraction of natural resources" which will remain subject to taxation at the emirate level.

The move comes as the oil producer continues to diversify sources of revenue away from oil revenue.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Russia

What: hold consultations on UNSC issues in New Delhi

When: published on 31st January 2022

Ahead of Russia's presidency of the UN Security Council (UNSC) next month, the country's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Vershinin on Monday met Reenat Sandhu, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in New Delhi for India-Russia UN consultations.

Secretary Sandhu congratulated Russia on its upcoming presidency of the UNSC in February. Both sides held wide-ranging discussions on issues on the UN Security Council agenda and related developments.

"Bilateral consultations on United Nations-related issues were held between India and Russia in New Delhi on 31 January 2022. The Indian delegation was led by Reenat Sandhu, Secretary (West) in MEA, while the Russian delegation was led by Ambassador Sergey Vasilyevich Vershinin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation," the MEA said in a release.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))



16. Hints to Remember

Who: PR Sreejesh

What: wins World Games Athlete of the Year 2021 Award

When: published on 31st January 2022

Veteran Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who was part of the men's team that claimed a bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics, won the prestigious World Games Athlete of the Year for his 2021 performances, becoming only the second Indian to receive the accolade.

Sreejesh became the first man and second hockey player to win the award, following in the footsteps of compatriot and India women's captain Rani, who took the 2019 prize, the FIH said in a release on Monday.

In a global fan vote conducted on TheWorldGames.org, Sreejesh finished well clear at the top of the 24-strong nomination list, with his tally of 1,27,647 votes being almost twice as many as the second-placed athlete, Spain's Sport Climbing ace Albert Ginés Lopez, who garnered 67,428 votes.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: A book titled 'Operation Khatma'

What: is authored by R C Ganjoo & Ashwini Bhatnagar

When: published on 16th January 2022

Everyone is aware of the Indian Army's Surgical Strike across the Line of Control (LoC) in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in September 2016.

But about a decade prior to that, there was a similar strike, although on a lesser scale, to target terrorists within the Kashmir Valley.

Narrating the story about this strike is a new book 'Operation Khatma'.

The book is an eyewitness account by two journalists -- R C Ganjoo and Ashwini Bhatnagar -- of an operation to clear the historic and much-revered Hazratbal Mosque in Srinagar of terrorists who laid a siege there in March 1996.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))



18. Hints to Remember

Who: Unnati Hooda and Kiran George

What: wins 2022 Odisha Open

When: published on 30th January 2022

Unnati Hooda and Kiran George registered contrastic victories to clinch the women's and men's singles title respectively in the Odisha Open Super 100 badminton tournament in Bhubaneshwar.

Giant killer Hooda defeated Smit Toshniwal 21-18, 21-11 in just 35 minutes in the women's singles final while Kiran got the better of Priyanshu Rajawat 21-15, 14-21, 21-18 in 58 minutes in the men's category to end the three-event Indian leg in style.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Magnus Carlsen

What: grabs eighth title in Wijk aan Zee

When: published on 30th January 2022

Magnus Carlsen beat Fabiano Caruana to claim his eighth tournament title in Wijk aan Zee with a round to spare. The world champion will not even need to show up for Sunday's final round, as the organizers of the tournament confirmed that Daniil Dubov will not be playing despite testing negative to a second Covid-19 PCR test. Meanwhile, Arjun Erigaisi clinched the title in the Challengers, thus getting an invitation to next year's main event.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))



20. Hints to Remember

Who: Chennai Super Kings

What: becomes India's First Unicorn Sports Enterprise

When: published on 30th January 2022

Ahead of the 15th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL), one of its most successful franchises, Chennai Super Kings (CSK), has become the country's first sports Unicorn with its market cap having touched a high of Rs 7,600 crores and its share in the grey market trading in the Rs 210-225 price band.

The Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led CSK, which won its fourth IPL title in Dubai last year, now has a market cap more than its parent entity, India Cements. On Friday, India Cements' market cap stood at Rs 6,869 crores.

Two key reasons which have led CSK's market cap to go past its parent entity are the team winning its fourth IPL title in Dubai, and two new franchises being added to the upcoming season at record prices.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))



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