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February GA Quiz 27

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

1. Who among the following has recently authored her latest and 2nd Novel titled 'Bride of the Forest: The Untold Story of Yayati's Daughter'?

- A. Madhavi S Mahadevan B. Devdutt Pattanaik C. Chitra Banerjee Divakarun
D. Ashwin Sanghi E. None of these

2. Who among the following has authored a New Book Titled 'India: A Scamster Born Every Minute'?

- A. Amish Tripathi B. Chetan Bhagat C. Snigdha Poonam
D. Kiran Desai E. None of these

3. Dickinsonia, one of the world's rarest fossils, has been discovered in which of the following states?

- A. Tamil Nadu B. Madhya Pradesh C. Gujarat
D. Jharkhand E. None of these

4. On 25th February 2021, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has approved the acquisition of up to what percent of stake in Max Life Insurance Company by Axis Bank and its subsidiaries (together Axis Entities)?

- A. 15 percent B. 20 percent C. 12 percent
D. 22 percent E. None of these

5. Dushyant Chautala was re-elected as President of Table Tennis Federation of India for a four-year term. He is the Deputy Chief Minister which state?

- A. Punjab B. Rajasthan C. Haryana
D. Gujarat E. None of these



6. Insurance sector regulator Irdai has formed a committee to review its information and security guidelines due to exponential increase in cyber-attacks across the globe in the wake of COVID-19. How many members are there in the Committee?

- A. 15 B. 14 C. 13
D. 12 E. None of these

7. Levi's announced the appointment of which actress as its global brand ambassador?

- A. Deepika Padukone B. Priyanka Chopra C. Alia Bhatt
D. Anushka Sharma E. None of these

8. Who among the following has recently become a United Nations goodwill ambassador, pledging to promote the sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls and tackle stigmas surrounding their bodies?

- A. Justin Portman B. Natasha Poly C. Irina Shayk
D. Natalia Vodianova E. None of these

9. Who among the following has won Niger's presidential election, which has been hailed as a first democratic transition for the coup-prone West African state?

- A. Mahamane Ousmane B. Mahamadou Issoufou C. Mohamed Bazoum
D. Hama Amadou E. None of these

10. Who among the following presented 10th National Awards for Technology Innovation in Petrochemicals and Downstream Plastics Processing Industry?

- A. Karthik Gowda B. Datty Sadananda C. D. V. Sadananda Gowda
D. Jagadish Shettar E. None of these

11. Social Alpha, a multistage innovation curation and venture development platform has partnered with which agency to set up the Swavalamban Divyangjan Assistive Tech Market Access (ATMA) fund, a Social Impact fund?

- A. NTPC B. ONGC C. SIDBI
D. RBI E. None of these



12. Which of the following banks has recently partnered with the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) and Chennai Smart City Limited (CSCL) for the launch of the Namma Chennai Smart Card?

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. Yes Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. IDFC Bank
- E. None of these

13. In order to strengthen the risk management framework, which firm will introduce pre-expiry margins on cash settled contracts with effect from April 1, 2021?

- A. RBI
- B. SIDBI
- C. SEBI
- D. IRDAI
- E. None of these

14. Which country has re-joined the Paris Agreement – a global treaty which was adopted by 195 countries in December, 2015 as an international response to the climate crisis?

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

15. Which of the following ministries has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) for exchanging data such as import-export transactions and financial statements of companies registered in the country?

- A. Ministry of External Affairs
- B. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Finance
- E. None of these

16. Which of the following countries has hosted First Meeting of BRICS Finance and Central Bank Deputies under its 2021 Chairship?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. India
- E. None of these



17. Which of the following states has recently launched 5T Initiatives Of WCD Dept & Mission Shakti?

- A. Jharkhand B. Madhya Pradesh C. Odisha
D. Chhattisgarh E. None of these

18. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of _____ to develop the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) ecosystem in state.

- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Andhra Pradesh C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Himachal Pradesh E. None of these

19. Which of the following UTs has recently become the first Union Territory in India to launch Carbon Watch?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir B. Delhi C. Ladakh
D. Chandigarh E. None of these

20. Michael Somare passed away at 84 recently, was the former PM of which country?

- A. Papua New Guinea B. New Zealand C. Mali
D. Fiji 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	C	B	C	C	B	A	D	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	D	C	B	D	A

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Madhavi Mahadevan's new book

What: focuses on Mahabharata character, Yayati's daughter

When: published on 24th February 2021

Madhavi S Mahadevan's latest #novel 'Bride of the Forest: the Untold Story of Yayati's Daughter' traces feminist lineage by telling the lesser known story of a delicately poised figure in Mahabharata, Yayati's daughter.

Much like her previous book, a retelling of the Mahabharata from Kunti's perspective, Madhavi S Mahadevan's latest novel "Bride of the Forest: the Untold Story of Yayati's Daughter" plucks as its heroine a little known character from mythology.

The untold stories of women in the epics, who suffered in silence many a systemic atrocities of those times, have provided fodder for re-tellings that engage modern readers, probably because these myths continue to shape present realities. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Upcoming book by Snigdha Poonam

What: to expose subculture of scams in India

When: published on 24th February 2021

Penguin Random House India on Wednesday announced the acquisition of a new book by award-winning journalist and author Snigdha Poonam that gives an insight into the subculture of scams, cons and frauds in the country.

The book, titled "India: A Scamster Born Every Minute", will be released under Penguin's Viking imprint in 2022, the publishing house said in a statement.

It proposes to navigate the sociocultural landscape of India and maps the evolution of corruption in the country.

"Having reported on scams of various kinds for some years now, I find that few stories capture the realities of today's India better than those revolving around fraud. A book following the trail of scams across India seemed like a natural next step. [\(Read more\)](#)



3. Hints to Remember

Who: MP: India's lone fossil of world's oldest animal

What: discovered in Bhimbetka

When: published on 15th February 2021

Dickinsonia, one of the world's rarest fossils, has been discovered in Madhya Pradesh. As per the latest reports, the fossil has been discovered in Bhimbetka rock shelters, which is around 40 km away from the city of Bhopal.

Reportedly, Dickinsonia is an extinct genus of a basal animal, which as per the records, lived during the late Ediacaran period. These fossils are known only in the form of casts and imprints in sandstone beds.

Referring to this discovery, researchers are of the opinion that have traced Dickinsonia on the roof of Auditorium Cave at Bhimbetka, which dates back 570 million years.

As per the reports, the one that has been found in Bhimbetka is around 17 in long, where the ones that have been found in other parts of the world exceeded 4 ft in length. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to remember

Who: IRDAI

What: approves Axis Entities' stake acquisition in Max Life Insurance

When: published on 25th February 2021

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has approved the acquisition of up to 12 per cent stake in Max Life Insurance Company by Axis Bank and its subsidiaries (together Axis Entities), the companies said in separate stock exchange filings.

As per the proposed transaction, Axis Entities have the right to acquire up to 19 per cent stake in Max Life, of which Axis Bank proposes to acquire up to 9 per cent, and Axis Capital Limited and Axis Securities Limited together propose to acquire up to 3 per cent of the share capital of Max Life in the first leg of the transaction.

"In addition, Axis Entities have the right to acquire an additional stake of up to 7 per cent in Max Life, in one or more tranches, which they intend to acquire over the course of the next few years," Max Financial Services said.

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Haryana Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala

What: re-elected TTFI president



When: published on 24th February 2021

Haryana's Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala was on Wednesday re-elected as President of Table Tennis Federation of India for a four-year term.

Chautala was elected unanimously during the 84th annual meeting of the TTFI here, a press release issued by his party Jannayak Janta Party said.

Chautala said his endeavour would be to provide opportunities to maximum number of youngsters to represent the country and their respective states in international and national events. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Irdai

What: forms panel to review security guidelines to deal with cyber-attacks

When: published on 24th February 2021

Insurance sector regulator Irdai on Wednesday said it has formed a committee to review its information and security guidelines due to exponential increase in cyber-attacks across the globe in the wake of COVID-19.

The economic situation owing to the pandemic has seen an exponential increase in cyber-attacks across the globe and in particular, the financial sector. This situation has necessitated regulators to re-look into their Cyber Security Guidelines applicable to all regulated entities in an effort to protect the financial systems, Irdai said in an order.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) had issued guidelines on cyber security in April 2017 as a part of its governance mechanism.

An Information Security Commission (ISC), board-approved information and cyber security policy, appointment of chief information security officer and cyber crisis management plan are part of its mandate.

The guidelines also mandate that the insurers' risk management committee should be responsible for an annual comprehensive assurance audit including conducting of Vulnerability Assessment & Penetration Test (VA&PT) and should report the findings to the Authority. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Levi's

What: appoints Deepika Padukone as global brand ambassador

When: published on 24th February 2021



Levi's on Wednesday announced the appointment of actor Deepika Padukone as its global brand ambassador. The denim brand said the association will help attract new generation of women consumers as it looks to expand the women's wear category.

Padukone is the first female celebrity to become the face of the brand in India. She will be seen spearheading the new campaign focused on a new range of fashion fits from Levi's. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Russian supermodel 'Supernova' Natalia Vodianova

What: is new UN goodwill ambassador

When: published on 25th February 2021

Russian supermodel, entrepreneur, public speaker and philanthropist Natalia Mikhailovna Vodianova, popularly known as Supernova, has become a United Nations goodwill ambassador, pledging to promote the sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls and tackle stigmas surrounding their bodies.

The supermodel has also appeared in several big screen movies including Belle du Seigneur (2012), Clash of the Titans (2010), CQ (2001), The Legend of Shalimar (2013) and Probka (2009). She will be a campaigner for the UN Population Fund, which now calls itself the UN's sexual and reproductive health agency, known as UNFPA. Natalia said in a statement, "For too long, society's approach to menstruation and women's health has been defined by taboo and stigma", adding that the situation "has undermined the most basic needs and rights of women." ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to remember

Who: Niger election: Mohamed Bazoum

What: wins landmark vote amid protests

When: published on 23rd February 2021

A former interior minister, Mohamed Bazoum, has won Niger's presidential election, which has been hailed as a first democratic transition for the coup-prone West African state.

He took 55.75% of the vote, said the electoral commission, with opposition candidate Mahamane Ousmane on 44.25%.

Supporters of Mr Ousmane, a former president, have protested in the streets, alleging fraud.

Niger struggles with frequent droughts, insurgency and widespread poverty.

The world's poorest nation according to the UN's development rankings for 189 countries, it outlawed slavery as late as 2003. ([Read more](#))



10. Hints to remember

Who: DV Sadananda Gowda

What: to present 10th National Awards for Technology Innovation in Petrochemicals and Downstream Plastics Processing Industry

When: published on 23rd February 2021

Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister DV Sadananda Gowda will present the 10th National Awards for Technology Innovation in Petrochemicals and Downstream Plastics Processing Industry in New Delhi today.

The award is aimed at felicitating and recognizing the innovative efforts of renowned scientists, researchers and industrialists in the broad areas of Polymer Science and Technologies. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Social Alpha And SIDBI

What: Join Hands To Set Up Swavalamban Divyangjan Assistive Tech Market Access Fund

When: published on 25th February 2021

Social Alpha and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have joined hands to set up the Swavalamban Divyangjan Assistive Tech Market Access (ATMA) fund, a first of its kind inclusion fund offering financial grant to Social Alpha-incubated startups working in the Assistive Technology sector. Each start-up will have access to implementation support of up to Rs 20 lakh. The fund will finance upto 50% of product price for the initial users improving the access and reducing the out of pocket expenditure for procuring new technologies.

Assistive Technologies is an emerging market opportunity in India. Social Alpha has been playing a pioneering role in market creation through its technology incubation, venture acceleration and seed capital programmes. In addition to providing access to risk capital, Social Alpha has been building a network of clinical partners and NGOs to support the innovative startups in their lab to market journey. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: ICICI Bank

What: launches 'Namma Chennai Smart Card': All you need to know

When: published on 24th February 2021

ICICI Bank partnered with the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) and Chennai Smart City Limited (CSCL) for the launch of the Namma Chennai Smart Card. The prepaid card also facilitates retail payments within Chennai as well as in retail stores and e-commerce websites across the country. This



will offer a common payment card platform to residents for making payments for various services within the city.

The Namma Chennai Smart Card has various features, which residents can manage seamlessly online on a dedicated customer portal*. These include features like card block/unblock, activation, pin-reset, etc. Additionally, in the coming days, residents will also be able to reload the card digitally through UPI on the customer portal or the iSmart City app. Customers will also get exciting discount offers on the card around the year, which will be promoted in the coming days on the Bank's website. Users also have the option to manage the card online through a dedicated customer portal or the iSmart City app.[\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to remember

Who: SEBI

What: to introduce Pre-Expiry Margins to Curb Negative Price Scenarios

When: published on 23rd February 2021

Seeking to strengthen the risk management framework, Sebi will put in place pre-expiry margins on cash settled contracts wherein the underlying commodities are deemed to be susceptible to possible near zero or negative prices.

The latest decision -- to be effective from April 1, 2021 -- is aimed at encouraging significant reduction of open interest as the contract approaches the expiry date.

The pre-expiry margin will be applicable on certain commodities under the Alternate Risk Management Framework (ARMF).

Against the backdrop of the unprecedented event of negative final settlement price in the crude oil futures markets last year, Sebi had prescribed an ARMF that would be applicable in case of near zero and/ or negative prices for any underlying commodities/futures.[\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: US officially

What: rejoins Paris climate accord, all eyes on its next move ahead of COP26

When: published on 19th February 2021

The United States on Friday re-joined the Paris Agreement – a global treaty which was adopted by 195 countries in December, 2015 as an international response to the climate crisis.

Though technically the US remained outside the Agreement only for over three months after its formal exit from the deal in November last year, the country under Donald Trump administration kept itself



away from the international accord in terms of federal climate action for four years even as sub-national players were doing their bit for a cleaner future. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to remember

Who: MCA

What: signs pact with CBIC for data exchange to boost regulatory enforcement

When: published on 26th February 2021

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) for exchanging data such as import-export transactions and financial statements of companies registered in the country.

The move, expected to enhance ease of doing business, will use data analytics and artificial intelligence to improve regulatory enforcement. The MoU will enable sharing of specific information such as details of Bill of Entry (Imports), Shipping Bill (Exports) summary from CBIC and financial statements filed with the Registrar by firms, and returns of allotment of shares for regulatory purposes.

“In addition to regular exchange of data, the MCA and CBIC will also exchange with each other, on request, any information available in their respective databases, for the purpose of carrying out scrutiny, inspection, investigation and prosecution,” the MCA said. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: hosts First Meeting of BRICS Finance and Central Bank Deputies under its 2021 Chairship

When: published on 24th February 2021

India on Wednesday hosted a meeting of BRICS finance and central bank deputies and shared priorities under financial cooperation agenda with the grouping of developing countries, an official statement said. This was the first meeting on the BRICS Financial Cooperation under India Chairship in 2021. It was co-chaired by Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj and RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra. Other participants included BRICS finance and central bank deputies of Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa. [\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Odisha CM

What: Launches 5T Initiatives Of WCD Dept & Mission Shakti



When: published on 26th February 2021

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday launched a slew of 5T Initiatives of the Department of Women & Child Development (WCD) and Mission Shakti (MS).

The initiatives launched today are 'Mo-Chhatua App' for streamlining supply chain management of Take Home Ration (Chhatua); e-Kalika, an application for monitoring crèches for children under three; 'Mo Sishu portal', comprehensive web-based information management and monitoring system exclusively for child protection services; 'MAMATA App & MIS', making the flagship conditional cash transfer benefit scheme for pregnant women hassle-free, paperless and citizen-centric. Also launched on the occasion was 'e-manadeya' portal, for seamless, paperless transfer of honorarium to 1, 34,758 AWWs, mini Anganwadi workers and helpers.

On this occasion, WCD Department also entered into a technical collaboration with CFTRI (Central Food Technological Research Institute) for improving the quality of THR (Take Home Ration) including testing of samples of THR and hot cooked meals, mentoring THR producing women self-help groups and capacity building of ICDS functionaries and women SHG. [\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: SIDBI

What: Signed MoU with Government of AP to Develop MSME Ecosystem in AP

When: published on 25th February 2021

The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), the financial institution engaged in the promotion, financing, and development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), on Thursday announced that it has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Andhra Pradesh government to develop the MSME ecosystem in the state.

The MoU was signed by JVN Subramanyam, director of industries, commerce and export promotion, Andhra Pradesh and Sanjay Jain, general manager, regional head, SIDBI, Hyderabad, in the presence of AP industries minister Mekapati Goutham Reddy. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Chandigarh

What: became the first Union Territory in India to launch Carbon Watch

When: published on 26th February 2021

Chandigarh became the first state or Union Territory in India to launch Carbon Watch, a mobile application to assess the carbon footprint of an individual. Although the app can be accessed by everyone, it has specific options for the residents of Chandigarh to compile a detailed study. The application can be downloaded through a QR code in Android supported smart cell phones.



Carbon footprint is the amount of greenhouse gases-especially carbon dioxide-released into the atmosphere by particular human activity.

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Papua New Guinea's first prime minister Michael Somare

What: passes away at 84

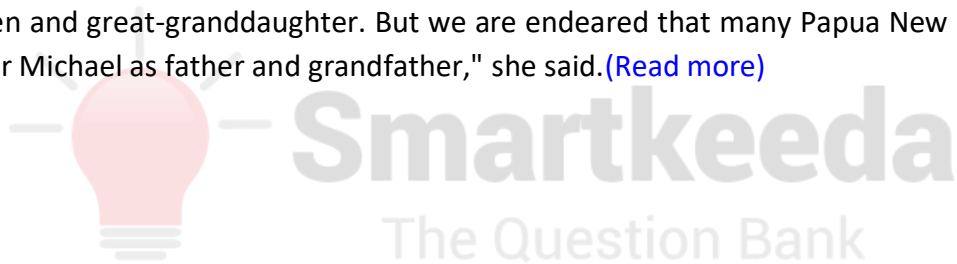
When: published on 26th February 2021

Michael Somare, a pivotal figure in Papua New Guinea's independence and the South Pacific island nation's first prime minister, has died. He was 84.

Somare was Papua New Guinea's longest-serving leader after it became independent of Australia in 1975. He was prime minister for 17 years during four separate periods.

He died Friday after being diagnosed with a late-stage pancreatic cancer and admitted to a hospital on Feb. 19, his daughter Betha Somare said.

"Sir Michael was a loyal husband to our mother and great father first to her children, then grandchildren and great-granddaughter. But we are endeared that many Papua New Guineans equally embraced Sir Michael as father and grandfather," she said. ([Read more](#))





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