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October GA Quiz 23

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

1. The 5th joint working group meeting on coal between India and which country is going to be held recently?

- A. Israel
B. Japan
C. Hong Kong
D. Indonesia
E. None of these

2. Which of the following countries has recorded the highest burden of infant deaths due to air pollution in 2019 according to the 3rd State of Global Air 2020 (SOGA 2020) report?

- A. Nepal
B. Nigeria
C. India
D. Pakistan
E. None of these

3. What is India's rank in most powerful country in Asia list according to Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2020 Edition?

- A. 3rd
B. 2nd
C. 4th
D. 5th
E. None of these

4. Which of the following companies has signed a contract to build & run Rs.753 Crore worth MiG-29 Simulator Centre for IAF?

- A. Agnikul Cosmos
B. Larsen & Tubro
C. Bharat Dynamics Ltd
D. Alpha Design Technologies Ltd.
E. None of these

5. Which of the following Institutes has developed Sustainable Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Processing Facility to solve the issue of 'Sustainable Processing of Municipal Solid Waste'?

- A. CMERI
B. AMPRI
C. CECRI
D. CBRI
E. None of these

6. Which edition of India International Science Festival to be held in Virtual format from 22nd to 25th December, 2020?

- A. 6th
B. 9th
C. 5th
D. 4th
E. None of these

7. The 2020 Police Commemoration Day was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. October 18
B. October 19
C. October 20
D. October 21
E. None of these

8. The 2020 World Iodine Deficiency Day observed on which of the following dates?

- A. October 21
B. October 19
C. October 20
D. October 22
E. None of these



- 9. Which website was launched by CSIR for providing information on repurposed drugs for COVID-19?**
A. CaRED B. CuRED C. CRED
D. CSIREd E. None of these
- 10. How many states have recently reported reduction in prevalence of parasitic intestinal worm infection 'Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis'?**
A. 13 B. 12 C. 14
D. 16 E. None of these
- 11. The Third Phase of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) will be commenced from which month?**
A. January 2021 B. May 2021 C. April 2021
D. December 2020 E. None of these
- 12. Agar International Trade Centre, a first-of-its-kind in India was inaugurated in which state?**
A. Sikkim B. Assam C. Tripura
D. Meghalaya E. None of these
- 13. How many districts of Odisha has participated in the annual mock drill for Tsunami preparedness in the Indian Ocean region?**
A. Seven B. Eight C. Nine
D. Ten E. None of these
- 14. Which Airport secured second place in the Safest Aerodrome Globally for effective implementation of Coronavirus-related health and safety protocols?**
A. Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport, Delhi B. London Heathrow Airport
C. Dubai International Airport D. Shanghai Pudong International Airport
E. None of these
- 15. What amount will be provided as an immediate financial aid by Andhra Pradesh government under "YSR Bima" scheme for families of accident victims?**
A. Rs 15,000 B. Rs 20,000 C. Rs 10,000
D. Rs 5,000 E. None of these
- 16. Which of the following states has inaugurated Integrated Model Agricultural Village scheme (Ekikrit Adarsh Krishi Gram Yojana) in the state in partnership with NABARD?**
A. Jharkhand B. Kerala C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Uttarakhand E. None of these
- 17. India has recently signed an MoU with which Country on Cooperation in the Exploration and uses of outer space?**
A. Nigeria B. Papua New Guinea C. Malaysia
D. Netherlands E. None of these



18. Name the Anti-Submarine Warfare stealth corvette which was commissioned recently at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.

- A. INS Kavaratti B. ICGS Vighraha C. INS Chennai
D. ICGS Viraj E. None of these

19. India successfully carried out the 10th and final user trial of which Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)?

- A. Agniban B. Nag C. Brahmos
D. SANT E. None of these

20. Which of the following IITs has developed "COVIRAP", low cost portable COVID-19 test kit?

- A. IIT Kanpur B. IIT Madras C. IIT Bombay
D. IIT Delhi 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
D	C	C	D	A	A	D	A	B	C	A	B	E	A	C	D	A	A	B	E

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: 5th Joint Working Group

What: on coal between India, Indonesia on Nov 5

When: published on 20th October 2020

The 5th Joint Working Group (JWG) on coal between India and Indonesia will be held on November 5, 2020, an official statement said on Tuesday.

The one-day meeting will be held through video conference from New Delhi due to travel restrictions on account of the coronavirus pandemic.

The meeting will deliberate on the Indian coal policy reforms -- recent updates, coking coal exploration and commercial coal mining. It will also focus on the potential of Indonesia-India business cooperation in coal post COVID-19, the coal ministry said. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: recorded highest infant deaths due to air pollution in 2019, shows study

When: published on 21st October 2020

More than 1,16,000 infants in India did not survive their first month due to air pollution in 2019, according to the State of Global Air 2020 report published on Wednesday. This was the highest among the 116 countries that were surveyed.

The report released by the Health Effects Institute said long-term exposure to outdoor and household air pollution – which led to strokes, heart attacks, diabetes, lung cancers, chronic lung diseases and neonatal diseases – contributed to a total of 16,67,000 deaths in India in 2019. [\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: is 4th most powerful country in Asia Power Index 2020



When: published on 20th October 2020

India has been ranked at 4th position, with a score of 39.7 out of 100, in the Asia Power Index 2020, released by the Sydney-based Lowy Institute. The Asia Power Index 2020 ranks 26 countries and territories to assess the relative power of states in Asia.

The United States has retained its position as the most powerful country influencing the Asia-Pacific with a score of 81.6. It is followed by China (76.1) and Japan (41) at second and third spot respectively. The annual Asia Power Index is an analytical tool that ranks countries in terms of what they have, and what they do with what they have (resources and influence) to have dominant power in Asia.

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Alpha Design Technologies Ltd.

What: signed a contract to build & run Rs.753 Crore worth MiG-29 Simulator Centre for IAF

When: published on 16th October 2020

Alpha Design Technologies Ltd. (ADTL) said it has signed the first of two-phase defence contracts, together worth ₹753 crore, with the Ministry of Defence and Russia's RAC MiG.

The Bengaluru-based company, that is involved in military aircraft, electronic devices for the military and satellite assemblies for ISRO, said it has been chosen by the two to build, own and maintain two types of simulators for fighter aircraft.

Pilots of the Indian Air Force will train on these simulators before flying the upgraded Russian-origin MiG-29 fighters.

Under the first contract worth ₹53 crore, Alpha Design would set up and run the MiG-29 simulator centre at the Adampur airfield near Jalandhar initially for two years. The second 18-year contract would be signed after two years, said ADTL CMD Col. (retd.) H.S.Shankar. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: CSIR-CMERI

What: develops sustainable Municipal Solid Waste Processing Facility

When: published on 19th October 2020

The Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI) under Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed a Municipal Solid Waste Processing Facility that has helped in achieving decentralised decimation of solid wastes.



CSIR developed facility has not only helped achieving decentralised Decimation of Solid Wastes, but has also helped create value-added end-products from abundantly available redundant stuffs such as Dry Leaves, Dry Grass etc.

It is estimated that about 62 million tonnes of waste are generated annually in the country. Only about 75- 80% of the municipal waste gets collected and out of this only 22-28 % is processed and treated and rest is dumped in landfill sites.

It is projected that by 2031 MSW generation shall increase to 165 million tones.

Issues associated with MSW management include limited utilization of recycling activities, inadequate management of non-industrial hazardous waste, inadequate landfill disposal, inadequate service coverage etc.

Poor MSW results in pollution of surface and groundwater (leakages from landfills), health, environmental and economic threats on nearby population and properties etc.

Government had notified the new Solid Waste Management Rules (SWM), 2016 which are applicable beyond Municipal areas and extend to urban agglomerations, census towns, notified industrial townships etc.

6. Hints to Remember

Who: 6th India International Science Festival

What: to be held in Virtual format from 22nd to 25th December, 2020

When: published on 20th October 2020

The 6th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2020 will be held from 22nd to 25th December, 2020. The Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan announced this at a review meeting in New Delhi today.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said "IISF 2020 will be organized at virtual platform even at a much upscaled level than the earlier ones, this being the new normal. Dr. Harsh Vardhan also said that this year, CSIR will spearhead the IISF 2020 with support of all other concerned ministries and departments. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Police Commemoration Day

What: observed on October 21 every year

When: published on 21st October 2020

Police Commemoration Day is observed on October 21 every year to remember and honour the brave policemen who have laid down their lives in the line of duty.



The day traces its history back to 21 October 1959, when twenty Indian soldiers were attacked by Chinese troops in Ladakh. Due to the altercation between the troops, ten Indian policemen lost their lives and seven were imprisoned.

More than a month later, on 28 November 1959, Chinese troops handed over the dead bodies of the martyred policemen. [\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: 2020 World Iodine Deficiency Day

What: was observed on 21st October 2020

World Iodine Deficiency Day, also known as Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) Prevention Day, is observed on 21 October every year to spread awareness about that essential micronutrient everyone needs for proper thyroid function, brain development and overall growth - iodine. The World Health Organisation (WHO) states that IDD is the world's most prevalent cause of brain damage, even though it is highly preventable.

IDD can start before birth and jeopardise a child's survival since iodine deficiency in a pregnant woman can cause stillbirth, not to mention the developmental issues, intellectual deficiency, congenital abnormalities and mental health problems it can lead to. The WHO, based on its Global Database on Iodine Deficiency, reports that while many nations have been able to overcome iodine deficiency with the widespread use of iodized salt, 54 countries are still iodine deficient. Universal salt iodisation is a global primary strategy for IDD control that was started in 1993 and it has helped most nations make strides in overcoming this endemic health problem. [\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Dr Harsh Vardhan

What: launches CuRED, CSIR website on COVID-19 clinical trials

When: published on 21st October 2020

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science & Technology, Health and Family Welfare and Earth Sciences, launched a website that gives comprehensive information about the numerous COVID-19 clinical trials that CSIR is engaged in partnership with industry, other government departments and ministries.

Called CuRED or CSIR Ushered Repurposed Drugs, the website provides information about the drugs, diagnostics and devices including the current stage of the trials, partnering institutions and their role in the trials and other details. The site can be accessed at <https://www.iiim.res.in/cured/> or <http://db.iiim.res.in/ct/index.php>.



The Minister lauded the efforts of CSIR for being at the forefront of the ongoing fight against COVID-19 and prioritising clinical trials, generating data for their regulatory approval and helping launch drugs and diagnostics in the market. He commended the approach of using repurposed drugs and also, synthesising COVID-19 drugs through new processes and transferring to Industry. [\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: 14 States

What: report reduction in prevalence of parasitic intestinal worm infection 'Soil-Transmitted Helminthiases'

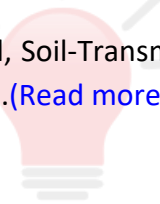
When: published on 20th October 2020

Health Ministry has said that 14 States have reported reduction in prevalence of parasitic intestinal worm infection also known as Soil-Transmitted Helminthiases (STH).

The Ministry said, while 9 States have shown substantial reduction in worm prevalence in the STH follow up prevalence survey.

These States are Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Telangana, Tripura, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar.

The Ministry said, Soil-Transmitted Helminthiases is a significant public health concern mostly in low resource settings. [\(Read more\)](#)



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11. Hints to Remember

Who: Third phase of National Supercomputing Mission

What: to start in January 2021

When: published on 21st October 2020

The third phase of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) will kickstart in January, taking computing speed to around 45 petaflops, the Department of Science and Technology said on Wednesday.

The NSM is rapidly boosting high power computing in the country through its various phases to meet the increasing computational demands of academia, researchers, medium, small and micro enterprises and start-ups in areas like oil exploration, flood prediction as also genomics, and drug discovery.

The Rs 4,500 crore-National Supercomputers Mission (NSM) envisages nearly 50 supercomputers across the country in three phases. [\(Read more\)](#)



12. Hints to Remember

Who: Sarbananda Sonowal

What: lays foundation stone for Assam Agar International Trade Centre

When: published on 21st October 2020

Assam to come up with Agar International Trade Centre, which is the first-of-its-kind in the country at Dabidubi in Golaghat district.

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of Assam Agar International Trade Centre. Sonowal expressed his sense of gratitude to the people of the State for their cooperation that they have extended to the government and said that the Assam Agar International Trade Centre would be a step towards making a self-reliant Assam. Reiterating the government's commitment to double the farmer's income in the State by 2022, Sonowal said that establishment of Agar International Trade Centre is one of the initiatives, which the state government promised since coming to power in 2016. ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Six Odisha districts

What: participate in Tsunami preparedness mock drill

When: published on 14th October 2020

Half-a-dozen of Odisha districts on Tuesday participated in the annual mock drill for Tsunami preparedness in the Indian Ocean region, a top official said.

The mock drill, also referred as the Indian Ocean wide Tsunami Mock Exercise (IOWave20), was this time limited due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation, to test communication channels instead of full exercise, said P.K. Jena, Additional Chief Secretary and Managing Director, Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA). ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Delhi airport

What: emerges second safest globally on COVID-19-related safety protocols: DIAL

When: published on 21st October 2020

Delhi airport operator DIAL on Wednesday said it has been certified as the second safest aerodrome globally for effective implementation of coronavirus-related health and safety protocols. The safe travel score is an initiative by Safe Travel Barometer, which assessed more than 200 airports on their implementation of health and safety protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Safe Travel Barometer is among the world's largest and most comprehensive tools to monitor traveller health and safety protocols, a release issued by DIAL said.

"Close on the heels of Singapore Changi Airport, which scored 4.7 out of 5, Delhi's IGI Airport has bagged the second position in the Safe Travel Barometer's list by scoring 4.6. "Besides, Frankfurt Airport and Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport have also secured the second position, each tied at 4.6 out of 5," the release said. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Andhra Pradesh: Poor families of accident victims

What: will now get Rs 10,000 aid under YSR BIMA scheme

When: published on 22nd October 2020

Benefitting 1.14 crore primary bread earners in the unorganised sector, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the 'YSR BIMA' scheme at the camp office.

In this scheme, the beneficiary will receive an insurance amount in their family member's untimely death or permanent disability. During his Padayatra, the Chief Minister came across scores of citizens facing such issues due to the lack of insurance coverage. The scheme aimed at providing security to the families of poor and unorganised workers in the state. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Rawat

What: Launches Integrated Model Agricultural Village Scheme

When: published on 22nd October 2020

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Wednesday inaugurated Integrated Model Agricultural Village scheme (Ekikrit Adarsh Krishi Gram Yojana) in the state in partnership with NABARD.

"Integrated Model Agricultural Village scheme is a concept which will prove to be a milestone in strengthening the economy of farmers and doubling their income," Rawat said while launching the scheme at Doiwala near here. [\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Nigeria

What: Sign Pact On Cooperation In Exploration Of Outer Space



When: published on 21st October 2020

The Union Cabinet was on Wednesday apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Nigeria on cooperation in the exploration and uses of outer space for peaceful purposes.

The MoU has been signed between Indian Space Research Organisation (at Bengaluru in June 2020) and the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) of Nigeria at Abuja (in August 2020)

An official release said that the MoU will lead to setting up a joint working group, drawing members from Department of Space (DOS)/ISRO and National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) of Nigeria, which will further work out the plan of action including the time-frame and the means of implementation. [\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: INS Kavaratti, the anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette

What: commissioned into Indian Navy

When: published on 22nd October 2020

Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette "INS Kavaratti" was commissioned into Indian Navy by Indian Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam on Thursday.

Kavaratti has state-of-the-art weapons and sensor suite capable of detecting and prosecuting submarines. In addition to its anti-submarine warfare capability, the ship also has a credible self-defence capability and good endurance for long-range deployments. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: successfully carries out final trial of anti-tank guided missile with a warhead in Pokhran

When: published on 22nd October 2020

India on Thursday successfully carried out the final trial of the Defence Research and Development Organisation-developed Nag anti-tank guided missile with a warhead. The test was carried out at 6.45 am at the Pokhran field firing ranges in Rajasthan.

The missile system is now ready for induction into the Indian Army. The Nag trial comes after the DRDO tested the helicopter launched Stand-Off Anti-Tank Missile (SANT) with beyond 10 km range from Balasore testing range in Odisha on October 19.



"India today successfully carried out the final trial of the DRDO-developed Nag anti-tank guided missile with a warhead. The test was carried out at 6:45 am at the Pokhran field firing ranges in Rajasthan," Defence Research and Development Organisation officials said today. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: IIT Kharagpur

What: develops low-cost, portable COVID-19 testing device 'COVIRAP'

When: published on 21st October 2020

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur has developed a low-cost portable COVID-19 testing device that can deliver results within an hour and it has also received certification from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

According to IIT-Kharagpur officials, 'COVIRAP' is a cuboid-shaped portable testing device that can deliver results in an hour, making it an effective tool to scale up coronavirus screening in peripheral and rural areas.

"This innovation has made high-quality and accurate COVID testing affordable for the common people with a testing cost of around Rs 500 which can further be reduced through government intervention. This machine can be developed at a cost of less than Rs 10,000 with minimal infrastructural requirement making the technology affordable to common people. The testing process in this new machine is completed within one hour," Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' said. [\(Read more\)](#)





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