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August GA Quiz 18

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

1. Which AIIMS hospital has recently become the first hospital of India to house a fire station inside the hospital premises, to meet any emergency?

- A. AIIMS Patna B. AIIMS Jaipur C. AIIMS Delhi
D. AIIMS Bhopal E. None of these

2. How many new Vande Bharat trains are going to connect all parts of India, as per the announcement made by Prime Minister of India?

- A. 100 B. 80 C. 75
D. 90 E. None of these

3. On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day of India on August 15, 2021, how many gallantry awards have been conferred on armed forces, police and paramilitary personnel by the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind?

- A. 149 B. 151 C. 155
D. 144 E. None of these

4. Which bank has recently launched a “green and sustainable” deposits programme for retail clients, funds from which will be used to finance sustainable housing credit solutions and services?

- A. State Bank of India B. HDFC Bank C. Bank of Baroda
D. ICICI Bank E. None of these

5. Who among the following has inaugurated the world's second-largest refurbished state-of-the-art National Gene Bank at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), Pusa, New Delhi?

- A. Piyush Goyal B. Narendra Singh Tomar C. Ravi Shankar Prasad
D. Thawar Chand Gehlot E. None of these

6. Who among the following has been named as brand ambassador of Adventure Tourism in Kerala?

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

7. Which UT has introduced "Karkhandar Scheme" to uplift traditional handicrafts of the UT?

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

8. Which state has signed an agreement with North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) Ltd. for two hydropower projects in Tawang and West Kameng districts?

- A. Assam B. Tripura C. Sikkim
D. Arunachal Pradesh E. None of these

9. Who among the following is the author of the book titled as "Discordant Notes: The Voice of Dissent in the Last Court of Resort"?

- A. Rohinton Fali Nariman B. Mukul Rohatgi C. Fali Sam Nariman
D. Sharad Arvind Bobde E. None of these

10. Who among the following is the author of the book titled as "Lahore: Book 1 of the Partition Trilogy"?

- A. Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
B. Githa Hariharan
C. Manreet Sodhi Someshwar
D. Megha Majumdar
E. None of these

11. Which country has hosted the World Archery Youth Championships 2021?

- A. Ireland B. Poland C. Greenland
D. Germany E. None of these

12. Which group of companies is set to acquire a 49% stake in Maharashtra Border Check Post Network Limited (MBCPNL)?

- A. Adani Group B. Tata Group C. Aditya Birla Group
D. Adani Wilmar Limited E. None of these

13. Which company has appointed Olympian Saikhom Mirabai Chanu as the brand ambassador for its Nutrilite range of products?

- A. Amway India B. Oriflame India C. Atomy India
D. Modicare India E. None of these

14. Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), in association with which state government, has launched 'Farmer Registration and Unified Beneficiary Information System' (FRUITS) portal?

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

15. Which company has partnered with Visa and RBL Bank to launch SoftPoS and mPoS for its over 1.5 million retail network?

- A. Paytm B. PhonePe C. PayNearby
D. PayPal E. None of these

16. Which city was adjudged the second most polluted city out of the 50 'most polluted cities' in the world in 2020 by a report prepared by British company HouseFresh?

- A. New Delhi B. Faridabad C. Noida
D. Ghaziabad E. None of these

17. Who among the following has launched the nationwide Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 programme as part of the Independence Day celebrations - Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav?

- A. Kiren Rijiju B. Anurag Thakur C. Jyotiraditya Scindia
D. Dharmendra Pradhan E. None of these

18. 'Exercise Konkan 2021' was held between India and which country?

- A. United Kingdom B. United States C. Russia
D. Canada E. None of these

19. Sudoku creator Maki Kaji passed away recently at 69. He was from which of the following countries?

- A. China B. Japan C. South Korea
D. North Korea E. None of these

20. The Reserve Bank of India has recently cancelled the license of which bank in Maharashtra?

- A. Karnala Nagari Sahakari Bank
B. Fino India Bank
C. Dan lakshmi Bank
D. AU Small Finance Bank
E. None of these



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Correct answer:

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Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: AIIMS Delhi

What: becomes first Indian hospital to house fire station inside premises

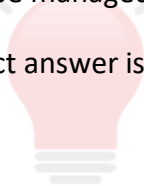
When: published on 16th August 2021

The All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), Delhi, has become the first hospital in India to house a fire station inside the hospital premises, its Director Dr Randeep Guleria said..

Delhi Fire Services Director Atul Garg said that AIIMS has collaborated with DFS to open a fire station inside the hospital to meet any emergency.

He further informed that while the infrastructure of the fire station shall be provided by AIIMS, the manpower shall be managed by DFS.

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



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2. Hints to Remember

Who: 75 new Vande Bharat trains

What: to connect all parts of India

When: published on 16th August 2021

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday announced that 75 new Vande Bharat Express trains will be launched to connect different parts of the country in 75 weeks to mark the ongoing 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.'

"...The country has resolved that 75 Vande Bharat trains will be connecting every corner of the country in 75 weeks of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence," he told the crowd during his Independence Day speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort.

The Indian Railways had floated a revised tender in September last year for procuring 44 semi-high speed Vande Bharat trains from companies registered only in India. The government had earlier scrapped three global tenders for the ambitious project.

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

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Gallantry awards

What: conferred on 144 armed forces, police and paramilitary personnel

When: published on 15th August 2021

On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day of India on August 15, 2021, 144 Gallantry awards have been conferred on armed forces, police and paramilitary personnel, as approved by the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, President Ram Nath Kovind.

The recipients include one Ashok Chakra and Kirti Chakra each, 15 Shaurya Chakras, 4 Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 116 Sena Medals (Gallantry), 5 Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) and 2 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).

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

4. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC

What: launches 'green and sustainable' deposits programme for retail clients

When: published on 16th August 2021

The country's largest mortgage lender, HDFC Ltd, on Monday launched a "green and sustainable" deposits programme for retail clients, funds from which will be used to finance sustainable housing credit solutions and services.

In a statement, HDFC Ltd said individuals can earn interest at 6.55 per cent on their deposits, whose period can range from 3-10 years. Also, senior citizens will be eligible for an additional 0.25 per cent per annum on their deposits of up to Rs 2 crore. Further, an additional interest rate of 0.1 per cent per annum will be applicable on these deposits up to Rs 50 lakh if the deposits are made through the company's online platform.

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

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Agri Minister

What: inaugurates world's second-largest refurbished gene bank

When: published on 17th August 2021

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the world's second-largest refurbished state-of-the-art National Gene Bank at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), Pusa, New Delhi.

Appreciating the services of visionary experts like Prof BP Pal, Prof MS Swaminathan and Prof Harbhajan Singh, Tomar said that they had laid a strong foundation for the conservation of the diversity of indigenous crops in the country.

The National Gene Bank established in the year 1996 to preserve the seeds of Plant Genetic Resources (PGR) for future generations can preserve about one million germplasm in the form of seeds. Presently it is protecting 4.52 lakh accessions, of which 2.7 lakh are Indian germplasm and the rest have been imported from other countries. National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources is meeting the need of in-situ and ex-situ germplasm conservation through Delhi Headquarters and 10 regional stations in the country.

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

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Olympian P R Sreejesh

What: to be Named Brand Ambassador of Adventure Tourism in Kerala

When: published on 12th August 2021

India's star hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh thanked the Kerala government on Tuesday for announcing Rs 2 crore cash reward and promotion after he returned home with a bronze medal from the Tokyo Olympics. Sreejesh, who has been an influential figure in the Indian hockey circuit, said the recognition for Olympians will certainly help millions of young kids pick up hockey sticks in the future.

Kerala government announced a Rs crore cash reward for PR Sreejesh, who was part of the India men's hockey team which ended a 41-year-long wait for an Olympic medal. CM Pinarayi Vijayan also said all Olympians who represented India at the Tokyo 2020 from the state will be awarded Rs 5 lakh.

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

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt of J&K

What: introduced Karkhandar Scheme to uplift traditional handicrafts of J&K

When: published on 16th August 2021

In a significant development, the Union Territory (UT) Government on Monday issued orders for giving a fresh impetus to the training in the handicraft sector in the J&K by unveiling the 'Karkhandar' scheme which is a unique concept as far the upliftment of artisans and weavers through training is concerned.

The scheme will be implemented throughout the UT by the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the development, Director Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah, termed this a landmark decision that will give a fresh lease of life to the craft scene of the UT and especially to the languishing crafts.

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

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Arunachal Pradesh

What: signs pact with NEEPCO for two hydel power projects

When: published on 14th August 2021

Arunachal Pradesh government on Saturday signed an agreement with North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) Ltd. for two hydropower projects in Tawang and West Kameng districts.

This comes after the state government scrapped at least 40 such agreements signed with private companies for non-completion of the hydropower projects.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed by PS Lokhande, Commissioner (Hydro) and VK Singh, CMD NEEPCO at Itanagar for the development of the 90MW New Melling project in Tawang district and 120MW Nafra project in West Kameng district.

With Saturday's agreement, the total project allotted to NEEPCO reached six with total installed Capacity of 1325 MW. Out of the six projects, the NEEPCO has commissioned three projects: 600MW Kameng hydro electric project (HEP), 405MW Ranganadi HEP and 110 MW Pare HEP.

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

9. Hints to Remember

Who: "Discordant Notes: The Voice of Dissent in the Last Court of Resort"

What: is a Book by Former SC Judge Rohinton Fali Nariman

When: published on 16th August 2021

Tracing, exploring and analysing all dissenting judgments in the history of the Supreme Court of India, a new book will bring into light the cases that created a deep impact in India's legal history.

Presented in two volumes, "Discordant Notes: The Voice of Dissent in the Last Court of Resort" is written by retired Supreme Court judge Rohinton Fali Nariman. It will hit the stands on August 27, announced publishing house Penguin Random House India (PRHI) on Monday.

A dissenting judgment, as ordinarily understood, is a judgment or an opinion of a judge, sitting as part of a larger bench, who "dissents" with the opinion or judgment of the majority. Dissenting judgments or opinions appear in different ways.

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

10. Hints to Remember

Who: HarperCollins

What: is proud to announce 'Lahore: Book 1 of the Partition Trilogy' by Manreet Sodhi Someshwar

When: published on 16th August 2021

HarperCollins is proud to announce a literary thriller that takes one back to the turbulent year of Independence 'LAHORE: BOOK 1 OF THE PARTITION TRILOGY' by Manreet Sodhi Someshwar.

"As the men fought over religion and maps, the Partition heaped unspeakable atrocities on women. Manreet's book is a faithful, unforgiving look at what was and also what shouldn't have been. Lahore is breathtaking in scope, painful yet gentle to the touch." – Taslima Nasreen, author of Lajja and Shameless

"Vivid and atmospheric. By deftly weaving the personal and the political, Manreet Sodhi Someshwar transports us to the uncertain months leading up to the tragedy of Partition." – Aanchal Malhotra, author of Remnants of a Separation.

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

11. Hints to Remember

Who: World Archery Youth Championships

What: set to get underway in Wrocław, Poland

When: published on 8th August 2021

This year's World Archery Youth Championships are set to begin tomorrow at the Academy of Physical Education in the Polish city of Wrocław.

The championships feature events in the junior category for under-21s and the cadet category for under-18s.

Competitions are also separated between compound and recurve archery, each of which include men and women's individual and team events as well as a mixed team competition.

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

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Adani Group

What: acquires MBCPNL portfolio from Sadbhav Infra for Rs 1,680 cr

When: published on 17th August 2021

Sadbhav Infrastructure Project (SIPL) and Adani Road Transport (ARTL) have entered into share purchase agreement for the sale of the equity shares of Maharashtra Border Check Post Network (MBCPNL).

ARTL, which develops, constructs, operates and manages roads and highway projects in India, will acquire a 49% stake in MBCPNL at first, with an option to acquire additional stake subject to regulatory approval, the company said in a statement. ARTL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises.

The transaction has an enterprise value of Rs 1,680 crore. The acquisition is expected to be completed by Q3 FY22. The transaction is subject to certain regulatory and other customary conditions precedent common in transactions of this nature, including the approval of the relevant regulatory authorities (as applicable).

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

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Olympic medallist Saikhom Mirabai Chanu

What: becomes brand ambassador for Amway's Nutrilite range

When: published on 17th August 2021

FMCG direct selling company Amway India has appointed Olympian Saikhom Mirabai Chanu as the brand ambassador for its Nutrilite range of products.

Chanu will spearhead the company's campaigns focused on its foundation range such as Nutrilite Daily, Omega and All Plant Protein amongst others, across platforms.

The association with the Olympic weightlifting medallist is in line with Amway's focus on consolidating its health and nutrition category, especially targeting women and youth in the country.

Anshu Budhreja, CEO, Amway India, said, "Amway and Nutrilite symbolise the best of entrepreneurship, opportunity, women empowerment, nutrition and wellness globally. Our association with Mirabai Chanu is a natural choice. She exemplifies our values of hope, commitment, self-empowerment, healthy living; and her commitment to fitness is unparalleled. This makes her the perfect partner to further amplify our ethos of helping people live better, healthier lives."

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

14. Hints to Remember

Who: KVGB

What: Partnered with Karnataka Govt Launched FRUITS Portal

When: published on 16th August 2021

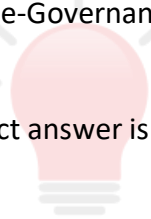
The Dharwad-headquartered Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), in association with the Karnataka government, has launched 'Farmer Registration and Unified Beneficiary Information System' (FRUITS) portal.

Inaugurating the portal in Dharwad on Monday, Niraj Kumar Verma, Chief General Manager of Nabard, said the FRUITS portal is the first of its kind in the country where in the land and other details of all the farmers in the State are being captured.

In this latest initiative by the Karnataka government, all the farmers will be registered and given a FRUITS ID (FID) number. Using this number, the financial and lending institutions can access the land details of farmers as well as their borrowings and take a quick decision on lending to them depending on their requirements, he said.

Appreciating KVGB for accepting the FRUITS pilot project, he hoped that all financial institutions will be on boarded to the portal soon so as to have a single data source of farmers. He thanked the Karnataka Department of e-Governance, and Canara Bank (sponsor bank of KVGB) for spearheading this initiative.

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



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15. Hints to Remember

Who: PayNearby

What: ties up with RBL Bank, Visa for payment devices

When: published on 16th August 2021

PayNearby on Monday said it has partnered with Visa and RBL Bank to launch SoftPoS and mPoS for its over 1.5 million retail network.

With the addition of these options, PayNearby said it is the first company to launch an all-inclusive digital package for retailers that is form-factor agnostic and provides a wide choice to end consumers. Its upgraded digital payment package now supports QR code payment, UPI payment, Aadhaar Pay, SMS payment, and card payment through mobile tokenization.

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



16. Hints to Remember

Who: Ghaziabad

What: is world's second most polluted city of 2020

When: published on 14th August 2021

Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad was adjudged the second most polluted city out of the 50 'most polluted cities' in the world in 2020 by a report prepared by British company HouseFresh. Ghaziabad reported an average Air Quality Index (AQI) of 2.5 particulate matter (PM) in 106.6µg/m³, the report said.

Preceding Ghaziabad, Chinese city of Hotan in Xinjiang province has been named the most polluted city with a PM_{2.5} of 110.2µg/m³. The report attributed the air pollution in Hotan to sandstorms resulting from its closeness to the Taklimakan Desert, which is the largest shifting sand desert in the world.

For Ghaziabad, the cause of pollution has been assigned to traffic volumes in the "gateway" to Uttar Pradesh.

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

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Anurag Thakur

What: launches Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 as part of I-Day celebrations

When: published on 13th August 2021

Union minister of youth affairs and sports Anurag Thakur on Friday launched the nationwide Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 programme as part of the Independence Day celebrations - Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The government has lined up series of events around Fit India Freedom Runs 2.0 that will conclude later this year on October 2. The government has organised 75 physical events at different historical locations on launch day, according to the official release by the sports ministry.

Over the months, it will be organised in 744 districts, 75 villages in each of the 744 districts and 30,000 educational institutions across the country. Through this initiative, more than 7.50 crore youth and citizens will be reached to take part in the run.

Thakur urged everyone to participate in the celebrations and make it a "people's movement." "As we celebrate 75 years of Independence, we must resolve for a fit and healthy India because only a fit and healthy India can be a strong India," Thakur also said.

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

18. Hints to Remember

Who: India and UK Navies

What: conduct 'Exercise Konkan 2021' in Portsmouth, UK

When: published on 15th August 2021

Indian naval ship INS Tabar is in Portsmouth for friendly exercises with the Royal Navy as India celebrates its 75th Independence Day on Sunday. India and the UK have been conducting the annual bilateral naval exercise "Konkan" since 2004.

The latest such exercise started on August 12, when the Talwar-class frontline frigate, which is assigned to the Western Naval Command based in Mumbai, met the Royal Navy for exercises at sea before entering Portsmouth harbour on Friday.

The harbour phase of the exercise will continue until Monday, including professional interactions, sharing of best practices and harbour drills. The exercise will then move to sea, when INS Tabar is scheduled to meet the frontline Royal Navy ship HMS Westminster, along with shore-based aircraft, for air defence exercises, anti-submarine procedures, replenishment-at-sea activities and communication drills.

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

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Sudoku creator Maki Kaji

What: dies aged 69 in Japan

When: published on 17th August 2021

Sudoku creator Maki Kaji has died aged 69 at his home in Japan.

Mr Kaji, who had been suffering from bile duct cancer, died on 10 August near Tokyo.

Known as the Godfather of Sudoku, Mr Kaji created the puzzle to be easy for children and for those who did not want to think too hard.

The puzzle became a huge hit in the UK after a fan from New Zealand pitched it and got it published in The Times in 2004.

It soon became a national obsession and a popular pastime on commutes.

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



20. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: cancels licence of Karnala Nagari Sahakari Bank, Panvel in Maharashtra

When: published on 13th August 2021

The Reserve Bank has cancelled the licence of Karnala Nagari Sahakari Bank, Panvel in Maharashtra for not having adequate capital and being unable to pay its present depositors in full.

The bank ceased to carry on banking business with effect from the close of business on Friday.

"As per the data submitted by the bank, 95 per cent of the depositors will receive full amounts of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)," the central bank said while announcing cancellation of the bank's licence.

On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs 5 lakh from DICGC.

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





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