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August GA Quiz 22

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

1. World Senior Citizen Day 2021 was observed on which date?

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

2. International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. 17 August B. 18 August C. 19 August
D. 20 August E. None of these

3. India has recently has celebrated the Sanskrit Week 2021 from _____.

- A. August 18 to 24 B. August 19 to 25 C. August 20 to 26
D. August 21 to 27 E. None of these

4. Which company has set up solar-based EV charging station on Delhi-Chandigarh highway?

- A. Bharat Electronics B. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
C. Bharat Dynamics D. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
E. None of these

5. Union government has constituted a committee for doubling the production and quadrupling the exports of handlooms in how many years?

- A. Two years B. Four years C. Five years
D. Three years E. None of these

6. Solar-based Electric Vehicle charging stations was inaugurated in which city of Haryana?

- A. Chandigarh B. Karnal C. Kurukshetra
D. Sonapat E. None of these

7. India's first smog tower was inaugurated in which city?

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

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects like the Somnath Promenade, Somnath Exhibition Centre, and the reconstructed temple precinct of Old (Juna) Somnath in Somnath. Somnath Temple is located on which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Gujarat C. Maharashtra
D. Rajasthan E. None of these

9. Which city is going to be renamed as Harigarh?

- A. Tundla B. Firozabad C. Etawah
D. Etah E. None of these

10. As per the recent news, union government is going to set up a separate Civil Services Exam Centre for which UT?

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

11. Which state government has constituted a seven member committee led by Sultan Ahmed Ismail of the State Development Policy Council to study the exploration of hydrocarbon projects?

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

12. Which company has introduced “Small Business Loans Initiative” in India?

- A. Amazon B. Google C. Facebook
D. Twitter E. None of these

13. NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has partnered with which company to offer acceptance of its mobile-based real-time payment system, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), in the UAE?

- A. Emirates NBD B. Mashreqbank PSC C. Dubai Islamic Bank
D. Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank E. None of these

14. The Reserve Bank of India will launch PRISM, a web-based platform via which the entities that are supervised by the RBI may submit various compliances to the RBI. What does “M” stand for “PRISM”?

- A. Money B. Mentoring C. Monitoring
D. Mandatory E. None of these

15. Who among the following has been elected as the president of the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) Society?

- A. N. K. Singh B. Ajay Narayan Jha C. Ashok Lahiri
D. Arvind Subramanian E. None of these

16. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) India?

- A. Ashish Sharma B. Nakul Chopra C. Vipin Rawat
D. Aditya Shankar E. None of these

17. Who among the following has participated in 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Culture Ministers’ meeting?

- A. Kailash Choudhary
B. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
C. G. Kishan Reddy
D. Arjun Ram Meghwal
E. None of these

18. Which bank has partnered with fintech firm Credits Solutions to launch a digital repayment platform called 'Neo Collections' which is a Do It Yourself Digital Repayment Platform for missed loan repayments?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. Kotak Mahindra Bank
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. IDFC First Bank
- E. None of these

19. Which of the following pairs has won the mixed doubles title at the 2021 WTT Contender event in Hungary's Budapest?

- A. Manika Batra and Sathiyam Gnanasekaran
- B. Sutirtha Mukherjee and Harmeet Desai
- C. Mouma Das and Sharath Kamal Achanta
- D. Maana Patel and Manav Thakkar
- E. None of these

20. Which company has topped the Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies list 2021?

- A. Facebook
- B. Microsoft
- C. Apple
- D. Amazon
- 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
C	E	B	D	D	B	C	B	E	D	C	C	B	C	A	B	D	B	A	C

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: World Senior Citizen Day

What: was observed on Aug 21

Every year on 21 August, World Senior Citizens' Day is observed annually to recognise the contribution of elders towards society and its people. The day is dedicated to increase awareness about issues like elder abuse and age deterioration that affect elderly people.

On this special day, every problem concerning the senior citizens is discussed, their experiences are shared and solutions are offered. The occasion also allows the youth to appreciate them for their services, accomplishments, and dedication towards family and country.

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

2. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

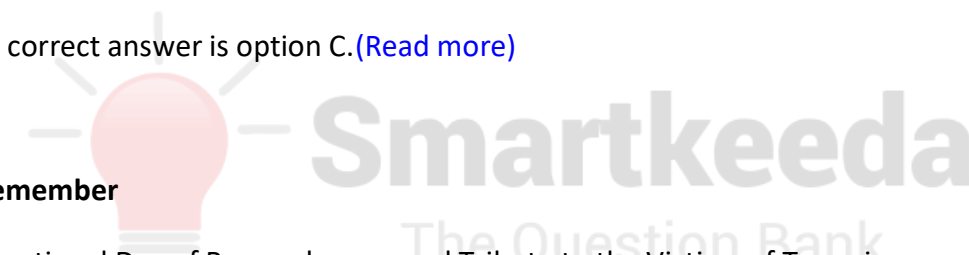
What: was observed on Aug 21

When: published on 21st August 2021

Terrorism is the biggest threat to our civilization currently. Every year, thousands of innocent people lose their lives to these ghastly acts of terror. Incident of these acts might end in a matter of a few hours or days, but they leave behind a scar that can never be undone from the minds of the victim. To remember and pay tribute to the victims who lose their life or suffer the trauma of terrorism, United Nations observes August 21 as the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to victims of terrorism.

The United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 72/165 in 2017 marked August 21 as the day the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism to honor and support the victims of such acts across the globe. The day was observed with the aim to provide and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms to these victims.

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



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Sanskrit Week

What: has been celebrated from August 19 to August 25

When: published on 19th August 2021

Sanskrit Week has been celebrated from today, August 19 to August 25. This Sanskrit Week is observed to promote and popularise the ancient language. As part of the celebration of Sanskrit Week beginning today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged everyone to learn and promote the ancient language. While the Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has asked to take a pledge and generate a new enthusiasm towards Indian cultural traditions and languages and to make Sanskrit accessible to people easily.

The Education Minister took to his micro-blogging site and said: "On the occasion of Sanskrit week, PM Modi has called upon the public to learn and promote this ancient language."

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

4. Hints to Remember

Who: BHEL

What: sets up solar-based EV charging station on Delhi-Chandigarh highway

When: published on 19th August 2021

The Delhi-Chandigarh Highway has become the first e-vehicle friendly highway in the country, with a network of Solar-based Electric Vehicle Charging stations (SEVCs) set up by Bharat Heavy Electricals (BHEL) under the FAME-1 [Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) & Electric Vehicles in India] scheme of the Ministry of Heavy Industries.

The company inaugurated the state-of-the-art charging station at Karna Lake Resort. This EV charging station is strategically located at the midpoint of Delhi-Chandigarh highway, and is equipped to cater to all types of E- cars plying currently in the country.

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

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Centre

What: forms panel for doubling production & quadrupling exports of handlooms in 3 yrs

When: published on 21st August 2021

Union government has constituted a committee for doubling the production and quadrupling the exports of handlooms in a span of three years.

It will be headed by Chairman of Fashion Design Council of India Sunil Sethi.

The committee will submit the final report within 45 days from the day of constitution.

It will suggest the strategy and policy framework for doubling the production and for improving the quality of handloom products with the aim of enhancing income of the weavers.

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

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Solar-based Electric Vehicle charging stations

What: were inaugurated in Karnal

When: published on 19th August 2021

The Delhi-Chandigarh Highway has become the first e-vehicle friendly highway in the country, with a network of Solar-based Electric Vehicle Charging stations (SEVCs) set up by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) under the FAME-1 [Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) & Electric Vehicles in India] scheme of the Ministry of Heavy Industries. The state-of-the-art charging station at Karna Lake Resort was remotely inaugurated by Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Hon'ble Union Minister of Heavy Industries, in the presence of Shri Arun Goel, Secretary (MHI). Dr. Nalin Shinghal, Chairman & Managing Director, BHEL and other senior officials of MHI and BHEL were also present on the occasion.

Recalling the Hon'ble Prime Minister's speech on the country's 75th Independence day, Dr. Pandey said, "the Hon'ble PM has clearly highlighted that environment security has the same importance as national security and that India is making all efforts towards becoming energy independent." India is a vibrant voice of environment security which comprises climate change, energy conservation, clean energy transition efforts, etc. and the nation's efforts in environment have started giving desired results. This is an important step in the direction of achieving the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, he said.

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

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal

What: to inaugurate country's first smog tower on August 23

When: published on 19th August 2021

The country's first smog tower will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on August 23, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said on Thursday (August 19).

The smog tower, located at Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Connaught Place, will clean 1,000 cubic metres of air every second and reduce PM 2.5 and PM 10 levels in Delhi, ANI reported.

PM2.5 is defined as fine particulate matter suspended in the air that is two and a half microns or less in width.

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

8. Hints to Remember

Who: PM Modi

What: inaugurates and lays foundation stone of multiple projects at Somnath, Gujarat

When: published on 20th August 2021

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple projects in Gujarat's Somnath through video conferencing.

The projects inaugurated include the Somnath Promenade, Somnath Exhibition Centre, and the reconstructed temple precinct of Old (Juna) Somnath.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of Shree Parvati Temple during the event.

The temple is proposed to be constructed with a total outlay of ₹ 30 crore. This will include temple construction in Sompura Salats Style, development of Garbha Griha and Nritya Mandap.

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

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Aligarh district

What: to be renamed as Harigarh

When: published on 17th August 2021

The Aligarh district panchayat has sent a proposal to the Uttar Pradesh government, seeking a change in the name of the city to 'Harigarh'. Another proposal to change the name of Firozabad district to Chandra Nagar is also doing the rounds.

The names of many cities and railway stations have been changed in Uttar Pradesh over the past few years with Allahabad-Prayagraj being the most notable of them.

Even earlier, many organisations had appealed to the UP government asking it to change Aligarh's name.

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

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: to set up separate Civil Services examination centre at Leh for candidates of Ladakh

When: published on 19th August 2021

Union Minister Jitendra Singh has said that government will set up a separate Civil Services Exam Centre for Ladakh to be located at Leh. The announcement came after Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur called on Dr Singh in New Delhi yesterday to discuss the placement of IAS officers and other service-related matters in the context of Ladakh.

As per an official handout issued after the meeting, the Union Public Service Commission UPSC will from this year have an Examination Centre at Leh which will operate for the first time for the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination 2021, scheduled to be held on 10th of October this year. This will address a long pending demand of the youth from the Ladakh region whose grievance was that they found it difficult to reach Examination Centres in other parts of the country because of the constraints of affordability of airfare and uncertain weather conditions.

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

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Tamil Nadu govt

What: forms 7-member panel for study of hydrocarbon projects

When: published on 19th August 2021

The Tamil Nadu Government has constituted a seven member committee led by Sultan Ahmed Ismail of the State Development Policy Council to study the exploration of hydrocarbon projects. The study will be conducted in areas other than the protected agricultural zone as the terms of reference has been revised. It will also assess the impact of drilling technologies like hydro fracturing on ground water and environment.

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

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Facebook

What: Launches Small Business Loans Initiative To Offer Loans Up to Rs 50 lakh to SMEs

When: published on 19th August 2021

Facebook India announced a new program, the 'Small Business Loans Initiative', to help small and medium businesses (SMBs) that advertise on Facebook to get quick access to credit through

independent lending partners. Indifi is the first lending partner that Facebook has tied-up with and the program is built with the potential to bring more partners on board. The goal of the initiative is to make business loans more easily accessible to small businesses, and reduce the credit gap within India's MSME sector.

India is the first Facebook country where this program is getting rolled out. The program is open to businesses registered across 200 towns and cities of India.

Ajit Mohan, VP and MD Facebook India, said at the launch event, "Facebook is deeply committed to creating economic opportunities for India's small businesses. Access to timely capital is more important than ever as it can help them jump-start their recovery and drive big growth. The country has made tremendous progress in the last few years in expanding access to credit. As a company, we are at the spear end of the digital transformation and we believe that the Small Business Loans Initiative can provide big impetus to early entrepreneurs to fuel their ideas and their appetite for taking risks."

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

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Mashreq Bank and NPCI International

What: jointly to offer UPI in UAE

When: published on 22nd August 2021

NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has partnered with Mashreq jointly to offer acceptance of its mobile-based real-time payment system, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), in the UAE.

NPCI International Payments was incorporated on April 3, 2020, as a wholly owned subsidiary of NPCI with an aim to internationalise products like RuPay and UPI.

"This partnership will enable over two million Indians who travel to UAE for business or leisure purposes every year to pay for their purchases seamlessly using UPI-based mobile applications across shops and merchant stores in the UAE," said a joint statement .

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

14. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: to launch PRISM platform to strengthen compliance by supervised entities

When: published on 19th August 2021

The Reserve Bank of India will launch “Platform for Regulated Entities for Integrated Supervision and Monitoring (PRISM)”, a web-based platform via which the entities that are supervised by the RBI may submit various compliances to the RBI.

RBI regulates and supervises various entities in India. The PRISM platform will help RBI in having a ‘continuous supervision’ approach for early identification of risks and conduct of supervisory actions.

PRISM will have various functionalities like- inspection; compliance; incident functionality for cybersecurity; complaints; and returns functionalities), with built-in remediation workflows, time tracking, notifications and alerts, management information system (MIS) reports and dashboards.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

15. Hints to Remember

Who: N K Singh

What: named as President of Institute of Economic Growth

When: published on 20th August 2021

The 15th Finance Commission chairman, NK Singh, has been elected as the president of the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) Society on August 16. He succeeds former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh who has been in the position since 1992. Dr Singh recommended his name for the consideration of the IEG’s general assembly, an official statement said.

Dr Singh expressed his desire to step down from the position on health grounds. Quoting him, the statement said, “... in the light of my advanced age and indifferent health I am having to withdraw from several active duties. I am afraid I will have to ask you to continue your journey with another leader. With this in mind, I would propose the name of my trusted and able friend Shri N.K. Singh, to lead IEG Society as its President.”

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

16. Hints to Remember

Who: BARC India

What: appointed Nakul Chopra as CEO

When: published on 20th August 2021

Television monitoring agency Broadcast Audience Research Council (Barc) has announced the appointment of Nakul Chopra as its chief executive officer (CEO) effective 25 August 2021. Former CEO Sunil Lulla has resigned to pursue his ambition as an entrepreneur, the firm said in a statement.

Lulla’s tenure was marked by raging controversies, such as the television rating point scam in which Ramil Ramgarhia, former chief operating officer of Barc and Partho Dasgupta, former CEO, were

arrested with many television broadcasters and industry experts questioning the credibility of Barc itself. The agency has not published weekly data for news channels since October, as a fallout of the controversy.

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

17. Hints to Remember

Who: MoS Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal

What: participates in 18th SCO Culture Ministers' Meeting

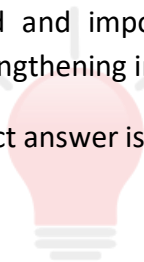
When: published on 19th August 2021

The Minister of State (MoS) for Culture, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal addressed the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Culture Ministers Meeting on 18 August, 2021, through virtual mode.

The meeting was hosted by Tajikistan, which holds the Chairship of SCO in 2021.

The main deliberations held during the meeting was on the development of cultural and humanitarian cooperation, prospects for cooperation in the field of culture within the SCO, including in the post-pandemic period and importance of cultural cooperation within the SCO, which has enormous potential for strengthening inter-state understanding.

Hence, the correct answer is option D.



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18. Hints to Remember

Who: Kotak Mahindra Bank

What: introduces a DIY Digital Repayment platform, in tie-up with Creditas Solutions

When: published on 18th August 2021

To deliver a superior repayment experience for customers and increase efficiencies, Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMBL) today announced that it has deployed a secure, Do It Yourself (DIY) Digital Repayment Platform for missed loan repayments, in a tie-up with Creditas Solutions. Powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), the 'Neo Collections' platform delivers a personalised and non-intrusive experience thereby enabling customers to manage their dues seamlessly on their own through an intuitive repayment platform.

Using data analytics to target the right customer segments, the 'Neo Collections' platform creates hyper-personalised scenarios to connect with each customer. The platform analyses both historical as well as live customer interaction data, deploying sophisticated behavioural models to create individual customer-level personas that take into account the unique preferences of each customer, including their preferred communication mode, the best time to contact them and the language of their choice.

By clicking on the link received, customers will be directed to the platform that provides them with a consolidated view of their entire relationship with the bank and enables repayment of outstanding dues through a variety of payment modes. For any queries or assistance, customers can also raise a request on the platform itself, which will be addressed by the bank. In select cases, the platform also determines the best course of action by offering customised repayment plans or payment resolution options in line with the bank's internal credit guidelines.

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

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Manika Batra, Sathiyam Gnanasekaran

What: clinched 2021 WTT Contender Mixed Doubles Title In Budapest

When: published on 20th August 2021

Indian paddler duo of Manika Batra and Sathiyam Gnanasekaran bagged the mixed doubles title at the WTT Contender Budapest table tennis event on Friday. Manika Batra and G Sathiyam beat Hungary's Nandor Ecseki and Dora Madarasz 3-1 (11-9, 9-11, 12-10, 11-6) to become the first Indian table tennis players to win a WTT Contender title.

The fifth-seeded Indian duo only faced hiccups during the second set of the match as after tying the score 9-9, two errors by them allowed Ecseki-Madarasz to win the second game. Batra and Sathiyam then easily regained their momentum in the last two games of the match after winning the first, to lift the mixed doubles title. They were the only Indian players in action on the final day of the WTT Contender Budapest.

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

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Apple

What: tops Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies list 2021

When: published on 20th August 2021

Apple is the world's most valuable company (USD 2,443 billion) according to the Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies list 2021.

Reliance Industries (USD 188 billion) ranked at 57 is the top Indian company in the list. There are total 12 Indian companies in this list.

Microsoft is second while Amazon is second in the list. In terms of number of companies from a country, USA led the ranking with 243 companies while India is ranked 9th with 12 companies.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.



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