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August GA Quiz 23

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

1. Which State Cabinet has recently approved two credit-linked schemes, which will facilitate Rs 300 crore investment in the agro-based sectors?

- A. Assam B. Manipur C. Himachal Pradesh
D. Uttar Pradesh E. None of these

2. "Dalit Bandhu Scheme" was recently launched in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu B. Andhra Pradesh C. Telangana
D. Jharkhand E. None of these

3. International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2021 was observed on August 21. What was the theme of the Day?

- A. Relationships B. Communications C. Connections
D. Associations E. None of these

4. "Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?" is the theme of which of the following commemorative days for the year 2021?

- A. Women's Equality Day
B. International Youth Day
C. World Senior Citizen's Day
D. International Humanitarian Day
E. None of these

5. Who among the following has recently launched the theme song 'Kar De Kamaal Tu' for Paralympics?

- A. Prem Kumar Dhumal B. Kiren Rijiju C. Virbhadra Singh
D. Jai Ram Thakur E. None of these

6. *Acetabularia jalakanyakae* is a new species of _____ , discovered on the Island of Andaman and Nicobar?

- A. Seaweed
- B. Spirulina
- C. Chlorella
- D. Algae
- E. None of these

7. How many Indian companies has been listed in the top 500 list of Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies 2021?

- A. 11
- B. 15
- C. 12
- D. 17
- E. None of these

8. Who among the following is the 1st Indian to posthumously be conferred with Congressional Gold Medal?

- A. Mother Teresa
- B. Nelson Mandela
- C. Mahatma Gandhi
- D. Indira Gandhi
- E. None of these

9. Government of India (GoI) has constituted an eight member Committee for Doubling the Production & Quadrupling the Exports of Handlooms in a period of 3 years. Who among the following will be the head of the committee?

- A. Suresh Luthra
- B. Sunil Sethi
- C. Vicky Malhotra
- D. Sambit Reddy
- E. None of these

10. Indifi, technology-based lending platform has partnered with which company to launch 1st of its Kind Small Business Loans Programme?

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

11. USAID and DFC have jointly sponsored a USD 50 million loan guarantee for Indian women and small business borrowers by tying up with which private sector bank?

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

12. Which organization has released the “Latest Life Freedom Index 2021 Report”?

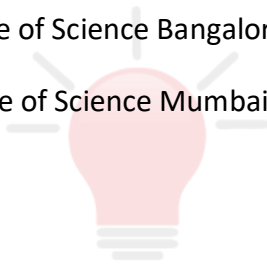
- A. HDFC Life B. SBI Life C. Max Life
D. Kotak Life E. None of these

13. Which company has partnered with Razorpay to extend its 'buy now, pay later' solution “Walnut 369” to all Razorpay-enabled online merchants?

- A. MobiKwik B. Paytm C. Capital Float
D. Lendingkart E. None of these

14. Which University has topped the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2021 of Shanghai Ranking Consultancy in India?

- A. Indian Institute of Science Chennai
B. Indian Institute of Science Kochi
C. Indian Institute of Science Bangalore
D. Indian Institute of Science Mumbai
E. None of these



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15. Which state government has renamed the 'Kakori Kand' to 'Kakori Train action'?

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

16. 2nd ‘Zair-Al-Bahr’ Maritime Exercise 2021 was recently conducted between India and which country?

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

17. India has recently finalized a deal with which country to buy AK-103 Rifles under Emergency Procurement?

- A. United Kingdom B. China C. Russia
D. France E. None of these



18. The 2021 International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief was observed on which date?

- A. August 20 B. August 22 C. August 21
D. August 23 E. None of these

19. Who among the following has recently won the silver medal in women's long jump at World Athletics under-20 championships in Nairobi?

- A. Pratibha Singh B. Shaili Singh C. Anjali Prajapati
D. Surabhi Patel E. None of these

20. Syed Shahid Hakim passed away recently. He was related to which sport?

- A. Hockey B. Badminton C. Football
D. Cricket 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
E	C	C	C	E	D	C	C	B	C	C	A	C	C	D	C	C	B	B	C

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Arunachal cabinet

What: approves credit-linked schemes to boost agriculture, horticulture

When: published on 21st August 2021

In a bid to boost the state's economy through agriculture and horticulture, the Arunachal Pradesh cabinet has approved two credit-linked schemes, which will facilitate Rs 300 crore investment in the agro-based sectors, a minister said on Friday.

The state government has earmarked Rs 60 crore of subsidy each for Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana for agriculture and Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana for horticulture during the 2021-22 fiscal, he said.

The credit-linked programmes will have three components – bank loans, subsidy and beneficiaries' contribution, home minister Bamang Felix told reporters.

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

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao

What: rolls out Dalit Bandhu Scheme

When: published on 17th August 2021

Springing yet another surprise, chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao said the Dalit Bandhu scheme would be extended to government staff and retired employees in the fourth phase. He, however, said priority would be given to families belonging to poorest of the poor and downtrodden sections in the first phase.

Launching the Dalit Bandhu scheme officially at Shalapally village in Huzurabad assembly constituency on Monday, the CM said the Dalit empowerment movement (scheme) would soon spread like a wildfire to other states with demands to implement it there. "The scheme will get global attention." Raising 'Jai Bhim' slogan before starting his speech, KCR said Dalits, especially students, should make the scheme a big success. He handed over Rs 10 lakh cheques to 15 Dalit families on the occasion.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.

3. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2021

What: was observed on August 21 with the theme of "Connections"

When: published on 21st August 2021

Terrorism remains one of the biggest challenges for people even today. Every year, hundreds of innocent civilians die in attacks by terrorist groups. To honour the victims, United Nations marks 21 August as the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism.

The day is observed to support and pay tribute to the victims and survivors of terrorism. It also aims to promote and protect fundamental freedoms and human rights of victims.

The theme of the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2021 is "Connections".

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

4. Hints to Remember

Who: World Senior Citizens' Day 2021

What: was observed on August 21

World Senior Citizen's Day is the annual celebration held on August 21 which aims to raise awareness about the role that senior citizens play in our society, the need to respect and protect them as well as the things that each and every member of the society needs to do in order to help them be comfortable and happy. World Senior Citizens' Day 2021 celebrations is sure to be extra special as people finally have conversations on ways in which life can go back to normal not just for the working class but also for the seniors. As we prepare to celebrate World Senior Citizen's Day 2021, here is everything you need to know about this observance.

World Senior Citizen's Day is celebrated on August 21 every year. The observance first started in 1991 when former United States President, Ronald Reagan signed the promulgation of 5847 in 1988 marking August 21 as the Day of the Third Age. This day is now celebrated as World Senior Citizens' Day by people across several countries.

Every year, the celebration of World Senior Citizens' Day revolves around various issues and struggles that senior citizens have to deal with. The theme for World Senior Citizens' Day 2021 is Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?. The celebration is therefore set to raise awareness on the way that the past two years have shaped the way we look at age and ageing.

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

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Sports minister Anurag Thakur

What: launches official theme song for India's Paralympic contingent

When: published on 3rd August 2021

Sports minister Anurag Thakur on Tuesday virtually launched the theme song 'Kar De Kamaal Tu' for the country's Paralympic contingent and urged the public to cheer the para athletes during the upcoming Games in Tokyo.

The song is composed and sung by divyang cricket player Sanjeev Singh, who is a resident of Lucknow.

It was the Paralympic Committee of India's (PCI) idea to get the song composed by a player from the divyang community as a mark of inclusiveness.

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

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Acetabularia jalakanyakae: New algae species

What: discovered on the Island of Andaman & Nicobar

When: published on 19th August 2021

Marine biologists from the Central University of Punjab (CUP) have discovered a new species of marine green algae from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and named the green seaweed Acetabularia jalakanyakae after the goddess of oceans. Jalakanyaka is Sanskrit for mermaid.

The newly discovered algae have caps with intricate designs as if it were the umbrellas of a mermaid. CUP associate professor Felix Bast, who led the study, also said that: "The entire plant is just one gigantic cell with a lone nucleus. Botanically, the condition is called coenocytic. German botanist Joachim Hämmerling's pioneering work on Acetabularia in 1940s led to the discovery of cellular control functions of the plant nucleus.

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

7. Hints to Remember

Who: 12 Indian companies

What: are in the top-500 list of Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies 2021

When: published on 20th August 2021

Twelve Indian companies made it to the list of the top-500 valued companies this year against 11 in the year-ago period, the Hurun Global 500 list shows. Wipro (ranked 457th), Asian Paints (477th) and HCL Technologies (498th) made it to the coveted list for the first time this year.

The ranking of many Indian companies, including Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), HDFC Bank, HDFC and Bharti Airtel, saw a decline compared to the last year.

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

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Resolution reintroduced in US Congress

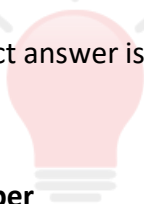
What: to award Congressional Gold Medal to Mahatma Gandhi

When: published on 14th August 2021

An influential US lawmaker from New York on Friday reintroduced a resolution in the US House of Representatives to posthumously award the prestigious Congressional Gold Medal to Mahatma Gandhi in recognition of his promotion of peace and nonviolence. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award in the United States.

“Mahatma Gandhi’s historic Satyagraha (Sanskrit for “soul-force”) movement of nonviolent resistance inspired a nation and the world. His example energizes us to devote ourselves to the service of others,” Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney said after she introduced a resolution in this regard in the US House of Representatives.

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



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9. Hints to Remember

Who: Gol

What: Sets Up a Committee Headed by Sunil Sethi to Double the Production & Exports of Handlooms

When: published on 20th August 2021

The government has constituted a committee headed by Sunil Sethi, Chairman, Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI), New Delhi to suggest a roadmap for doubling the production and quadrupling the exports of handlooms in a span of 3 years.

The committee is set up in pursuance of the announcement made on the occasion of National Handloom Day on 7th August 2021.

Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal has set an ambitious target to raise handloom production from the present Rs 60,000 crore to Rs 1,25,000 crore. Not just the production but also to increase handloom exports from Rs 2,500 crore to Rs 10,000 crore in three years' time.

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

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Indifi

What: Partners with Facebook India to Launch 1st of its Kind Small Business Loans Programme

When: published on 20th August 2021

Facebook India on Friday said it launched a 'Small Business Loans Initiative' programme, where it has partnered with fintech lending startup Indifi to help small and medium businesses (SMBs) avail of easy, collateral-free loans.

Through this partnership, SMBs that advertise with Facebook can get loans at a predefined interest rate of 17-20 percent per annum without collateral through a quick online application. First launched in India, the initiative is open to businesses registered across 200 towns and cities.

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

11. Hints to Remember

Who: USAID, DFC

What: Tie-Up With Kotak Bank For USD 50 Mn Loan Guarantee For Women, Small Biz In India

When: published on 20th August 2021

Two American institutions have jointly sponsored a USD 50 million (about Rs 372 crore) loan guarantee for Indian women and small business borrowers by tying up with private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank.

This is a loan portfolio guarantee to Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to support increased access to finance for women borrowers, and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across India, as per a statement.

It explained that KMB will be providing loans for onlending to non-bank lenders operating in the MSME and microlending space. The programme is likely to benefit 30,000 women borrowers and 7,500 MSMEs.

At least half of the loans are earmarked to be given to women-led or women-managed MSMEs, or MSMEs that employ a certain percentage of women or that produce a good or service that disproportionately benefits women, it said.

The program will be supported by Chennai-based NBFC Vivriti Capital, which will provide a USD 1 million first loss guarantee, and also extensive analytical and sourcing support through debt platform Credavenue, it said.

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

12. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC Life

What: Releases The Latest Life Freedom Index 2021 Report

When: published on 16th August 2021

HDFC Life, one of India's leading private life insurance companies, has announced the latest findings of its Life Freedom Index (LFI) study. Established in 2011, the Life Freedom Index (LFI) enables the measurement of 'financial freedom' of consumers across four key segments: Proud Parents, Wisdom Investors, Young Aspirants and Smart Women. It includes four sub-indices: Financial Awareness Index, Financial Planning Index, Financial Sufficiency and Adequacy Index, and Financial Liberty Index.

LFI has been instrumental in providing deeper insights into the ever-changing financial needs of consumers across segments. The latest 2021 LFI study was conducted along with NielsenIQ across 14 cities (including Metros, Tier 1 and Tier 2) with 1987 respondents.

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

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Razorpay, Capital Float

What: are in partnership for 'buy now pay later' solutions

When: published on 19th August 2021

Fintech startup Capital Float has partnered with Razorpay to extend its 'buy now, pay later' solution—Walnut 369—to all Razorpay-enabled online merchants.

"The partnership provides customers seamless and instant access to credit while shopping at leading direct-to-consumer brands. The instant credit, zero documentation option is aimed to benefit online shoppers and new-to-credit customers, who are increasingly adopting tech-first solutions," according to a statement.

Through the partnership with Razorpay, Capital Float aims to take its BNPL solutions over one lakh partners and serve customers in 100 cities across India.

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

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Shanghai Ranking's ARWU 2021: IISc Bangalore

What: Topped in India; Harvard University Topped Globally

When: published on 17th August 2021

Shanghai Ranking Consultancy today released the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2021 where IISc Bangalore is rated the best university in the country whereas Calcutta university stood at the second place. The 2021 ARWU released by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy is one of the premier and globally recognised rankings of higher educational institutions.

“This success and international recognition should be seen as a result of the sustained efforts of our brilliant faculty, dedicated research scholars, sincere non-teaching colleagues as well as our bright students,” the Calcutta University VC said.

The Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) is recognised as the precursor of global university rankings and the most trustworthy one. ARWU presents the world’s top 1000 research universities annually based on transparent methodology and objective third-party data.

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

15. Hints to Remember

Who: UP government

What: renames Kakori kand to Kakori train action

When: published on 9th August 2021

Uttar Pradesh government has renamed the 'Kakori Kand' to 'Kakori Train action' as the word 'Kand' denotes a sense of insult to this incident under India's Independence struggle, said the UP government officials.

Some British historians named it as kand which looks insulting and hence the name has been changed, said UP government.

As India is celebrating 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate 75 years of its Independence, the Uttar Pradesh government on Monday celebrated the anniversary of the 'Kakori Train action' under the program 'Chauri Chaura Mahotsav' which is going to complete 100 years in 2022.

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

16. Hints to Remember

Who: 2nd 'Zair-Al-Bahr' Maritime Exercise 2021

What: conducted between India and Qatar

When: published on 14th August 2021

The second edition of the joint naval exercise, Zair-Al-Bahr, between the Indian Navy and Qatar Emiri Naval Force (QENF) was conducted between August 9 and 14 in the Persian Gulf.

This edition of the exercise included a three-day harbour phase followed by a two-day sea phase. The sea phase comprised of tactical maritime exercises involving surface action, anti-piracy exercises, air defence, maritime surveillance, boarding operations and SAR exercises.

In the sea phase of the exercise, the Indian Navy's Stealth Frigate INS Trikand, QENF's missile boats of Barzan and Damsah class, fast-attack crafts of MRTP 34 class and Rafale fighter aircraft participated.

2nd Ed of India-Qatar Bilateral #Maritime Ex "Zair-Al-Bahr" conducted from 09-14 Aug 21 #PersianGulf.

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

17. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: finalizes deal with Russia to buy AK-103 Rifles under Emergency Procurement

When: published on 21st August 2021

As part of mega infantry modernisation programme, India is procuring a sizable number of AK-103 series of assault rifles for the Indian Army from Russia. A deal has been finalised under the provisions of emergency procurement, news agency PTI reported on Friday.

Under the modernization plan, the army is purchasing a large number of light machine guns, battle carbines and assault rifles to replace its ageing and obsolete weapons.

"A deal has been finalised with Russia for direct purchase of a batch of AK-103 series of assault rifles," a source told the news agency. He, however, did not disclose the number of rifles or the cost of procurement.

The rifles are being procured under the emergency financial powers granted to the three services to make urgent purchases, the report said citing two officials familiar with the matter.

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

18. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief

What: was observed on August 22

The International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief, observed on August 22, emphasises the significance of aiding victims of religious persecution as part of the UN's efforts to promote Human Rights related to religious or belief freedom. It was first made official in 2019.

The resolution was enacted immediately after mosques in New Zealand and churches in Sri Lanka were attacked. The resolution was introduced by Poland's Foreign Minister, Jacek Czaputowicz. It was

approved by a small group of countries, including the United States, Iraq, Jordan, Canada, Brazil, and Pakistan.

When one reads recent news, it is impossible to deny the fact that religious persecution is on the rise. Religious persecution affects one out of every three persons, as per the UN report. The establishment of the day was a direct response to the ever-growing issue of religious or belief-based violence, particularly in its most serious expressions of international crimes such as those against humanity and even genocide.

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

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Shaili Singh

What: wins Silver medal in Long Jump at U20 World Athletics Championships in Nairobi

When: published on 23rd August 2021

Long jumper Shaili Singh won the silver medal at the U-20 World Athletics Championships in Nairobi yesterday. She missed Gold medal by a mere 1 centimetre. Shaili's personal best effort of 6.59 metre was not enough for Gold as Sweden's reigning European junior champion Maja Askag managed 6.60 metre for the top spot on the final day of the championships. Shaili Singh is trained by veteran long jumper Anju Bobby George and her husband Robert Bobby George.

Sports Minister Anurag Thakur has congratulated Shaili Singh on winning the Silver medal at World Athletics Under-20 Championships in Nairobi. In a tweet, Mr Thakur said, a personal best, she registered a jump of 6.59 metres in the long jump event final. He said, Shaili trains under Robert Bobby, the husband of Indian veteran Anju Bobby George, at the Sports Authority of India National Centres of Excellence, Bangalore.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated to Indian athletes for bringing home two Silver medals and a Bronze medal at World Athletics Under 20 Nairobi 2021. In a tweet, Mr Modi said, athletics is gaining popularity across India and this is a great sign for the times to come.

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

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Olympian and FIFA referee Syed Shahid Hakim

What: dies aged 82

When: published on 22nd August 2021

Former Olympic footballer and ex-national football coach Syed Shahid Hakim passed away in a private hospital in Gulbarga on Sunday. He was 82 and survived by his wife and two daughters.

Hakim 'saab' as he was popularly known, was 82 years old at the time of his death. He had very recently suffered a stroke after which he was admitted to a hospital in Gulbarga.

In his more than five-decade association with Indian football, Hakim, a Dronacharya Awardee, has also been an assistant coach to late PK Banerjee during the 1982 Asian Games in Delhi and also independently has been in charge of the national team during a tournament in Merdeka.

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





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