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December GA Quiz 11

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

1. The 53rd Submarine Day 2020 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. December 6 B. December 7 C. December 8
D. December 9 E. None of these

2. The International Anti-Corruption Day 2020 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. December 8 B. December 9 C. December 10
D. December 11 E. None of these

3. Which of the following dates is observed as the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime?

- A. December 11 B. December 10 C. December 9
D. December 12 E. None of these

4. Who among the following has recently authored his 2nd nonfiction book titled "Dharma: Decoding the Epics for a Meaningful Life", co-authored by his sister Bhavna Roy?

- A. Ashwin Sanghi B. Chetan Bhagat C. Devdutt Pattanaik
D. Amish Tripathi E. None of these

5. Who among the following has recently announced his retirement from all forms of cricket?

- A. Umesh Yadav B. Washington Sundar C. Parthiv Patel
D. Dinesh Karthik E. None of these

6. Which dance form has got Olympic status to debut at Paris in 2024?

- A. Street dance B. Breakdancing C. Ballet
D. Hip-hop dance E. None of these

7. Which of the following countries has recently won the 2020 Dettol T20I series against Australia?

- A. England B. India C. South Africa
D. West Indies E. None of these

8. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) has developed which app for COVID-19 Vaccination Delivery?

- A. Co-Win B. Co-Done C. Co-Need
D. Co-Well E. None of these

9. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves acquisition of shares of Odisha Power Generation Corporation Ltd (OPGC) by which firm under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002?



- A. Odisha Hydro Power Corporation B. Odisha Public Service Commission
C. Odisha Coal and Power Limited D. Grid Corporation of Odisha
E. None of these

10. Which of the following women has recently made it to the list of the world's 100 most powerful women by Forbes, for the second year in a row?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman B. Smriti Irani C. Sushma Swaraj
D. Sonia Gandhi E. None of these

11. Which of the following has recently won the mandate to be the designated bank for all financial transactions under National Health Mission (NHM) in West Bengal?

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

12. Which of the following banks has recently tied up with OrbitRemit Limited, a money transfer company, to facilitate money transfer from New Zealand to India?

- A. Federal Bank B. State Bank of India C. HDFC Bank
D. South Indian Bank E. None of these

13. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the licence of The Karad Janata Sahakari Bank. The bank is based which state?

- A. West Bengal B. Karnataka C. Tamil Nadu
D. Andhra Pradesh E. None of these

14. Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved what amount of loan for Strengthening Comprehensive Primary Health Care in Urban Areas Program in India?

- A. USD 200 million B. USD 400 million C. USD 300 million
D. USD 500 million E. None of these

15. According to the 4th Edition of Global Insights Report for 2020 released by Truecaller, India has been ranked at which place in the list of countries affected by spam calls in 2020?

- A. 10th B. 9th C. 11th
D. 12th E. None of these

16. Which edition of India-Japan ICT Joint Working Group meet held virtually?

- A. 5th B. 6th C. 7th
D. 8th E. None of these

17. On 8th December 2020, _____ has finalised a contract for procurement of a batch of Israeli weapon systems that are capable of bringing down high-speed enemy drones.

- A. Indian Army B. Indian Air Force C. Indian Navy
D. Indian Coast Guards E. None of these



18. Which of the following organizations has recently launched the 'State of the Education Report for India 2020: Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)?

- A. UNICEF
- B. UNESCO
- C. Food and Agriculture Organization
- D. World Wide Fund for Nature
- E. None of these

19. WNS Cares Foundation (WCF) has recently partnered with which entity to Empower Children and Youth on CyberSafety Education?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. National Development Council
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. Ministry of External Affairs
- E. None of these

20. Which of the following states has recently launched the 2nd Edition of Eco-Retreat programme at 5 locations?

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



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Correct answer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: 53rd Submarine Day 2020

What: was observed on 8th December 2020

The 53rd submarine day was celebrated here on Tuesday.

Every year, on December 8, the submarine day was celebrated to mark the birth of the Indian Navy's Submarine Arm with the commissioning of its first submarine, erstwhile INS Kalvari on December 8, 1967.

On this day, each year, the submarine fraternity celebrates this momentous occasion through a series of events coordinated by INS Virbahu and INS Satavahana, under the aegis of the Submarine Headquarters (SMHQ).

On the 53rd Submarine anniversary, Vice Admiral K Srinivas, Project Director Ship Building Center Visakhapatnam laid a wreath at the submarine Cenotaph at INS Virbahu on behalf of all officers and sailors of the Submarine Arm to pay homage to submariners on 'Eternal Patrol', a Defence release said here on Wednesday. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: International Anti-Corruption Day 2020

What: was observed on December 9

International Anti Corruption Day is observed in order for us to put our thoughts and actions in preventing corruption in various organisations and institutions around the world. Given the strong impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the economy, governance institutions and society, International Anti-Corruption Day 2020 becomes all the more significant.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres spoke on corruption in the context of the pandemic recently. He said: "Corruption is criminal, immoral and the ultimate betrayal of public trust. It is even more damaging in times of crisis – as the world is experiencing now with the COVID-19 pandemic". He pointed out how the response to the virus was creating "new opportunities to exploit weak oversight and inadequate transparency, diverting funds" at a time when the entire humanity has been severely hit. : December 9([Read more](#))



3. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime

What: was observed on 9th December 2020

9 December 2020 marks the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime, as well as the 72nd anniversary of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (the “Genocide Convention”), the first human rights treaty adopted by the General Assembly. The Convention signifies the international community’s commitment to “never again” and provides the first international legal definition of “genocide,” widely adopted at national and international levels. It also establishes a duty for State Parties to prevent and punish the crime of genocide. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Amish

What: announces second non-fiction book, co-authored with sister

When: published on 7th December 2020

The book has been co-authored by Amish’s sister Bhavna Roy, and offers practical and philosophical lessons from our epics that are relevant in the modern world.

Published by Westland Publications, the book is written in a conversational style (echoing the method of many ancient Upanishads). Through those conversations between immensely-relatable characters set in modern-day India, readers can gain insights into different practical, philosophical lessons from our great epic the Mahabharat, and from Amish’s fiction books, the Shiva Trilogy and Ram Chandra series. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Parthiv Patel

What: retires from all forms of cricket

When: published on 9th December 2020

Eighteen years after becoming Test cricket's youngest wicketkeeper as a baby-faced 17-year-old in Nottingham, Parthiv Patel has announced his retirement from all forms of the game.

Patel finished with 25 Tests, 38 ODIs and two T20Is, his last international appearance coming in India's famous Test win in Johannesburg in January 2018. A year later, he was also part of the squad when India won a Test series in Australia for the first time in their history.



Apart from playing for India, Patel will be remembered for his contributions to Gujarat. He led the side to the Vijay Hazare Trophy in 2015, scoring a match-winning maiden List A century in the final against Delhi. He outdid that achievement the next season, when he made 143 against Mumbai to help Gujarat pull off the highest successful run-chase in a Ranji Trophy final. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Breakdancing

What: gets Olympic status to debut at Paris in 2024

When: published on 8th December 2020

Breakdancing became an official Olympic sport.

The International Olympic Committee's pursuit of urban events to lure a younger audience saw street dance battles officially added to the medal events program at the 2024 Paris Games.

Also confirmed for Paris by the IOC executive board were skateboarding, sport climbing, and surfing.

Those three sports will make their Olympic debuts at the Tokyo Games which were postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic by one year to open on July 23, 2021.

Alongside the additions, the IOC made subtractions: The slate of 329 medal events in Paris is 10 fewer than in Tokyo, including four lost from weightlifting, and the athlete quota in 2024 of 10,500 is around 600 less than next year. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Cricket Team

What: won the 2020 Dettol T20I series against Australia held in Australia

When: published on 9th December 2020

The Indian Cricket Team won the 3-match Dettol Twenty20 International (T20I) series 2020 against Australia by 2-1. The T20I series is part of India's Tour of Australia, 2020-21 which consists of 3 One Day Internationals (ODIs), 3 T20Is & 4 Test matches taking place from November 2020 – January 2021.

Australia had won the ODI Series by 2-1.

The Border-Gavaskar Trophy – 4 Test Series between the two sides is scheduled to take place from December, 2020 – January, 2021.

India won the First T20I (December 4) held at the Manuka Oval, Canberra by 11 runs.

India won the Second T20I (December 6) by 6 wickets and Australia won the Third T20I (December 8) by 12 runs. Both matches were held at Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG), Sydney.



Indian All-rounder Hardik Pandya was chosen as the Player of the Series for his crucial knocks in the T20I series.

8. Hints to Remember

Who: MoHFW

What: develops 'Co-WIN' – Digital Platform & Mobile App for COVID-19 Vaccination Delivery

When: published on 9th December 2020

The Union Health Ministry has developed a digital platform, including a mobile application, for real-time monitoring of COVID-19 vaccine delivery, recording data and to enable people to get themselves registered for vaccination. Addressing a press meet on Tuesday, Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said the platform, Co-WIN, will help monitor the entire vaccination process.

"Co-WIN digital platform includes a free downloadable mobile application which can help record vaccine data. One can register themselves on it if they want the vaccine. There are five modules in Co-WIN app - administrator module, registration module, vaccination module, beneficiary acknowledgement module and report module," he said. Bhushan said the administrator module is for the administrators who will be conducting these vaccination sessions. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: CCI

What: approves acquisition of shares of Odisha Power Generation Corporation Ltd (OPGC) by Odisha Hydro Power Corporation Limited (OHPC)

When: published on 9th December 2020

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves acquisition of shares of Odisha Power Generation Corporation Ltd (OPGC) by Odisha Hydro Power Corporation Limited (OHPC) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.

OHPC is a PSU wholly-owned and controlled by the Government of Odisha. It is engaged in the business of generation of power from renewable sources namely, hydroelectric and solar power.

OPGC is a state-owned joint venture enterprise with Government of Odisha holding 51% shareholding and the remaining 49% shareholding held by AES Corporation, U. S. A through AES OPGC Holding and AES India Private Limited. It is engaged in the business of generation of power from coal based thermal power plants as well as mini hydro power projects. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman



What: at 41 on Forbes 2020 list of 100 most powerful women

When: published on 9th December 2020

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has made it to the list of the world's 100 most powerful women by Forbes, for the second year in a row.

US Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, Biocon Founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and HCL Enterprise CEO Roshni Nadar Malhotra have also been named in the list which has been topped by German Chancellor Angela Merkel for the 10th year in a row.

Sitharaman is ranked 41st on the list this year. In 2019, she was ranked at 34. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: ICICI Bank

What: to be designated bank for all financial transactions under National Health Mission in West Bengal

When: published on 8th December 2020

ICICI Bank has won the mandate to be the designated bank for all financial transactions under National Health Mission (NHM) in West Bengal, outbidding State Bank of India and other public sector lenders despite their bigger presence in the state.

"ICICI quoted the lowest bid," a person familiar with the development said.

Punjab National Bank, the convenor of state level bankers' committee (SLBC), by the virtue of its merger with United Bank of India, did not bid for the project. PNB officials said that neither UBI nor PNB could bid as both were busy in the process of merger. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Federal Bank

What: ties up with OrbitRemit Limited, New Zealand to offer money transfer facility from New Zealand to India

When: published on 8th December 2020

Federal Bank has entered into a tie-up with OrbitRemit Limited, a money transfer company, to facilitate money transfer from New Zealand to India.

OrbitRemit Limited, a leading full-service provider based out of New Zealand, has its presence in other countries like Australia & UK and currently provides remittance services to around 39 countries worldwide. ([Read more](#))



13. Hints to Remember

Who: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

What: cancelled the licence of Maharashtra-based The Karad Janata Sahakari Bank

When: published on 8th December 2020

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday cancelled the licence of Maharashtra-based The Karad Janata Sahakari Bank. The central bank has cancelled the lender's licence with effect from the close of business on December 7, 2020, citing that it does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.

"The Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra has also been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator for the bank," the RBI said in its order.

Following the cancellation of its licence, The Karad Janata Sahakari Bank has been prohibited from conducting the business of 'banking' which includes acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits with immediate effect. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: ADB

What: Approved US\$300 mn Loan for Primary Health Care Program in Urban Areas; \$2mn Additional Grant for its Implementation

When: published on 9th December 2020

On December 8, 2020, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved USD 300 million (about Rs 2,200 crore) loan for Strengthening Comprehensive Primary Health Care in Urban Areas Program in India. In addition to the loan, a \$2 million technical assistance grant was also provided from ADB's Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction to provide technical support for program implementation.

The program involving all levels of governance viz. Central, State, and Municipal will strengthen, upgrade, and increase the number of functional health and wellness centers in 13 states. It also aims to address COVID-19 challenges and to ensure equitable access and continuous provision of nonCOVID-19 health services.

The program will support the Ayushman Bharat (the Healthy India initiative) Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWC) and Pradhan Mantri – Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PM-ASBY).

The 13 states are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and West Bengal.

15. Hints to Remember

Who: India



What: Drops To 9th Spot In Global Spam Call Ranking

When: published on 9th December 2020

Truecaller today released the findings from their annual Truecaller Insights Report, that listed the Top 20 Countries Affected by Spam Calls in 2020. This is the fourth edition of the report wherein there has been a significant shift in the ranking of countries that received the most spam calls. With the pandemic breaking out earlier this year and countries going into lockdown, this year's report has shown that not only has the pandemic affected communication behavior but also spam patterns around the world. Talking about trends on a global level, Truecaller identified 145.4 billion unknown calls in 2020, a 25% jump compared to last year.

According to the report, India has dropped down to 9th position in terms of number of spam calls received by users globally, while Brazil continues to stay on top. Spam calls received by users in India have decreased by 34%. Despite a reduction in the amount of spam calls received, India still makes it into the top 10 most spammed countries.

One of the most interesting revelations that came from this year's report was that 98.5% of all spam calls in India originate from domestic numbers, which could partly explain why spam calls have been decreasing in India, as strict curfews implemented in the country earlier this year made it impossible for telemarketers to go to work, or utilise the equipment they need to carry out large scale spam campaigns. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: 6th India-Japan ICT Joint Working Group meet

What: held virtually

When: published on 9th December 2020

Even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked all stakeholders to join hands for a quick roll out of next generation 5G technology in the country, India and Japan have begun to examine how to collaborate in this area under an existing bilateral collaboration mechanism. The 5G technology roll out was one of the key points discussed at the sixth joint working group meeting under the India-Japan ICT (information, communication and technology) Comprehensive Cooperation Framework, held virtually on December 8. Wireless planning and standardisation of ICT technologies as well as its utilisation were also considered.

In addition to 5G, the India-Japan Joint Working Group considers futuristic submarine optical fibre placements, smart cities and utilisation artificial intelligence in healthcare as some of the areas of mutual interest. According to officials, the nodal ministries - India's Ministry of Communications and Information Technology and Japan's Ministry of Internal Affairs and Telecommunications - are working together to finalise a new memorandum of cooperation under the ICT framework to further enhance and expand their joint efforts. ([Read more](#))



17. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Navy

What: finalises procurement of anti-drone systems

When: published on 8th December 2020

The Indian Navy has finalised a contract for procurement of a batch of Israeli weapon systems that are capable of bringing down high-speed enemy drones, official sources said on Tuesday.

The delivery of the SMASH 2000 fire control systems is expected to begin early next year, they said.

The number of the SMASH 2000 systems being procured by the Navy is not immediately known.

The sources said the fire control system, manufactured by Israeli firm Smart Shooter can track and bring down high-speed drones. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: UNESCO

What: launches 2020 State of the Education Report for India: Vocational Education First

When: published on 9th December 2020

The 'State of the Education Report for India 2020: Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)', was launched virtually today by UNESCO New Delhi, with over 400 attendees, including representatives from the government, civil society, academia, partners and youth.

The second edition of the State of Education Report focuses on technical and vocational education and training (TVET). India's often cited demographic dividend, the aspirations of its youth and the skill requirements of the growing economy – all hinge on a well-functioning TVET system for achieving an inclusive and equitable growth that will propel the country to the next phase of socio-economic development. The Report aims to support the Government of India which has already announced skills development as a key national priority under the Skill India Mission.

With an in-depth analysis of the current state of TVET in India highlighting next practices and recommendations, the Report aims to serve as a reference tool for enhancing and influencing the policies and programs related to skills development in India. It can be used by TVET practitioners, policy makers, private sector and donor agencies for planning future engagements in the TVET sector in India. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: WNS Cares Foundation (WCF)

What: Partners with NITI Aayog to Empower Children and Youth on CyberSafety Education



When: published on 9th December 2020

Atal Tinkering Labs to use WCF's CyberSmart platform across 6500+ schools pan India Mumbai, Maharashtra, New Delhi, Delhi, India– Business Wire India WNS Cares Foundation (WCF), the CSR arm of WNS today announced that it has partnered with Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL), an initiative under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) by NITI Aayog, to empower children and youth with knowledge on relevant topics around cybersafety and digital education through its platform, CyberSmart.

ATL will use CyberSmart and other WCF's digital-led programs in more than 6,500 schools across India that are part of its network to introduce students to pertinent themes related to cybersecurity, and other relevant content. WCF volunteers have already begun conducting capacity building workshops for ATL's Regional Teachers of Change (RTOC) and will continue to support ATL in charge to deliver modules effectively. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Odisha Government

What: launches 2nd Edition of Eco-Retreat programme at 5 locations

When: published on 9th December 2020

Odisha Tourism today launched its flagship Eco-Retreat program at 5 locations in the State. The event, inaugurated by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik through virtual mode, aims at boosting tourism in the State.

The five locations, namely Konark, Satakosia, Bhitarkanika, Daringibadi and Hirakud under the scheme are open to the tourists till February next year. Under the programme, accommodation facilities and services will be provided to tourists in luxury cottages in the identified locations. ([Read more](#))





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