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December GA Quiz 16

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

1. Who among the following has been appointed as independent director of South Indian Bank?

- A. Seetha Reddy B. Radha Unni C. Ankita Verma
D. Suman Chaudhari E. None of these

2. Government of India released Rs 604 Crore to which UT with a focus to expedite the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission?

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

3. Who among the following has chaired India Global Forum Healthcare Roundtable in Dubai?

- A. Mansukh Mandaviya B. Vijay Rupani C. Ashwini Vaishnaw
D. Parshottam Rupala E. None of these

4. US President Joe Biden has elevated which Indian-American political advisor as the head of the White House Office of Presidential Personnel?

- A. Gautam Raghavan B. Lakshmi Narayan C. Radhakishan Damani
D. Kumar Mangalam Reddy E. None of these

5. India's pharmaceutical exports to which country have increased from 129.32 million US dollars in 2016-17 to 152.32 million dollars in 2020-21?

- A. Bangladesh B. Sri Lanka C. Vietnam
D. Malaysia E. None of these

6. Which country has recently co-chaired the Steering Leadership meeting of the Global Methane Initiative (GMI)?

- A. Nepal B. Bhutan C. India
D. China E. None of these



7. Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and Embassy of which country have recently launched 2nd edition of water innovation challenges to address global water woes?

- A. Sweden B. Germany C. Denmark
D. Ireland E. None of these

8. Which edition of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Slovenia took place recently?

- A. 7th B. 8th C. 9th
D. 10th E. None of these

9. Which TV Channel is going to host the international finals of Robocon 2022 in August next year?

- A. DD National B. Doordarshan C. DD India
D. Zee TV E. None of these

10. Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has recently inaugurated an exhibition on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) at Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University in which city?

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

11. Rays Power Infra has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which government for constructing a solar power plant with the capacity to generate 500 MW of green electricity?

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

12. Who among the following has released a book titled as 'Principles and Practice of Oncology'?

- A. Jagdish Mukhi B. Padmanabha Acharya C. Ashwani Kumar
D. Nikhil Kumar E. None of these

13. Who among the following is the author of the book titled as "Raj Kapoor: The Master At Work"?

- A. Rahul Rawail B. Annu Kapoor C. Kamal Sadanah
D. Anupam Kher E. None of these

14. The Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) has decided to honour which former Indian Cricketer with its prestigious 'SJFI Medal 2021' at SJFI Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Guwahati, Assam?

- A. Sourav Ganguly B. Kapil Dev C. Sunil Gavaskar
D. Harbhajan Singh E. None of these

15. Financial Software and Systems (FSS) and which bank have partnered to deliver hyperlocal banking services to financially underserved segments?

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

16. Which company has launched its educational and training services under the banner 'Wealth Academy'?

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

17. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently a \$112 million loan to establish a Skill University in which state?

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

18. State-run NTPC Ltd has awarded the country's first green hydrogen microgrid project at its Simhadri plant. Simhadri plant is located in which state?

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

19. Which of the following states has recently topped the list of states with Maximum Number of Beneficiaries assisted under Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY)?

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

20. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) 2021 included _____ on the "Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity".

- A. Durga Puja in Kolkata
- B. Krishna Janmashtami in Mathura
- C. Chhath Puja in Bihar
- D. Ganesh Chaturthi Puja in Maharashtra
- E. None of these



Correct answer:

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Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Radha Unni

What: appointed as independent director of South Indian Bank

When: published on 13th December 2021

Radha Unni, former Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Kerala Circle, has been appointed as Independent Director of the Kerala based lender, South Indian Bank. She brings to the table 36 years of banking experience.

During her tenure in State Bank of India, Radha Unni had handled corporate credit and project appraisal of small and medium enterprises. Unni's other assignments included risk management at the corporate centre, non-performing asset (NPA) management, business process re-engineering programme, transformational change management and capital market operations with the SBI Capital Markets, among others.

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

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Central

What: Grant of Rs 604 Crore Released To J&K Under Jal Jeevan Mission

When: published on 14th December 2021

With a focus to expedite the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Jammu & Kashmir, the Government of India released Rs 604 Crore to the Union Territory. Central fund of Rs 2,747 Crore has been allocated to the UT in 2021-22 for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission, which is nearly four times the allocation made during 2020-21.

J&K plans to become 'Har Ghar Jal' UT by August, 2022. Out of 18.35 lakh rural households in the UT, 10.39 lakh (57%) households have tap water connections. Despite adverse weather conditions and challenges of transportation in many areas in this difficult terrain, water supply work is in full swing to make provision of tap water supply in villages. Provision has been made for tap water supply to every rural household in 2 districts of Srinagar and Ganderbal and 1,070 villages.

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

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya

What: chairs India Global Forum Healthcare Roundtable in Dubai

When: published on 13th December 2021

The first-ever UAE edition of the UK-headquartered India Global Forum (IGF) – India Global Forum UAE 2021 – opened in Dubai.

The two-day hybrid conference, co-hosted by the Embassy of the UAE – New Delhi and Consulate General of India, Dubai, IGF UAE 2021, will shine a light on the Dynamic Alliance between India and the UAE centred around areas of world-beating skills and talent, technology, and business partnerships.

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

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian-American policy advisor Gautam Raghavan

What: elevated to key White House position

When: published on 12th December 2021

US President Joe Biden has elevated Indian-American political advisor Gautam Raghavan as the head of the White House Office of Presidential Personnel.

White House Presidential Personnel Office (PPO), also written as Office of Presidential Personnel, is the White House office tasked with vetting new appointees. The PPO is one of the offices most responsible for assessing candidates to work at or for the White House.

President Biden on Friday elevated Raghavan, who was currently posted as the PPO Deputy Director, to the key White House post after UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced his intent to appoint Cathy Russell as the next executive director of UNICEF. Russell is currently the head of WH PPO.

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

5. Hints to Remember

Who: India's pharmaceutical exports to Pakistan

What: increase from USD 129.32 million in 2016-17 to USD 152.32 million in 2020-21

When: published on 10th December 2021

Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel on Friday said, India's pharmaceutical exports to Pakistan have increased from 129.32 million US dollars in 2016-17 to 152.32 million dollars in 2020-21.

In a written reply in Rajya Sabha, Ms. Patel said the few instances of non-receipt of payments are being taken up with relevant authorities concerned for resolution.

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

6. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: co-chairs Global Methane Initiative Steering Leadership Meeting

When: published on 11th December 2021

A Steering Leadership meeting of Global Methane Initiative (GMI) has been held virtually in which the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, V.K. Tiwari as the Vice Chairman of this global initiative informed the participants about the work being carried out by India to mitigate the emission of methane.

The emission of methane is a big concern as it is a greenhouse gas having 25-28 times harmful effects than carbon dioxide.

Global Methane Initiative (GMI) is a voluntary Government and an informal international partnership having members from 45 countries including the United States and Canada. The forum has been created to achieve a global reduction in anthropogenic methane emission through a partnership among developed and developing countries having economies in transition.

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

7. Hints to Remember

Who: AIM, NITI Aayog, & Embassy of Denmark

What: launches 2nd edition of water innovation challenges to address global water woes

When: published on 13th December 2021

Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and the Royal Embassy of Denmark to India announced the second edition of water innovation challenges here on Monday to address the global water woes through innovations as part of the Indo-Danish Bilateral Green Strategic partnership.

Doubling down on the efforts to scale up innovations in the water sector, the AIM-ICDK water challenge is being rolled out under the year-old ambitious partnership of AIM, NITI Aayog and Innovation Center Denmark (ICDK) under the aegis of Denmark Embassy in India, and the Denmark Technical University (DTU).

The initiative aims to identify innovative & next-gen solutions to solve proposed challenges in collaboration with corporate and public partners. The initiative will engage young talents from leading universities and innovation hubs across the nation to build their skills and apply their technical disciplines and innovation capacity.

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

8. Hints to Remember

Who: 8th India – Slovenia Foreign Office Consultations

What: took place

When: published on 10th December 2021

The 8th Foreign Office Consultations between India and Slovenia took place on 10 December 2021 in virtual format. The consultations were led on the Indian side by Smt. Reenat Sandhu, Secretary (West), and on the Slovenian side by Dr. Stanislav Raščan, State Secretary (Deputy Minister), Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

India and Slovenia share warm and cordial relations which are based on shared values of democracy, freedom, rule of law and respect for human rights. The Foreign Office Consultations were held in the back drop of Slovenia celebrating 30 years of independence this year and Slovenia's Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the period July-December 2021. Next year, India and Slovenia will be commemorating 30 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

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

9. Hints to Remember

Who: ABU Robocon 2022 Curtain raiser in New Delhi, Doordarshan

What: to host International Finals

When: published on 16th December 2021

With an increased focus on Science in recent years, India has marvelled in the field of Technology. In what can be seen as due recognition of these technological advancements, Doordarshan will be hosting the international finals of Robocon 2022 in August next year.

The Robocon competition is curated by Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union and hosted by different member countries every year. This year it will be held in New Delhi in 2022.

Earlier, in the Robocon national event held in August 2021 organized by Doordarshan in association with IIT Delhi, 2 winning teams; Nirma University & Gujarat Technological University were declared as winners. These teams participated in the 2021 international contest from India which was hosted by Shandong Radio & TV Station China, on December 12, 2021.

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

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Venkaiah Naidu

What: inaugurates Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat exhibition in Hyderabad

When: published on 12th December 2021

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated an exhibition on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) at Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University in Hyderabad.

Organised by the Regional Outreach Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, this exhibition highlights the various interesting aspects of the paired states of Haryana and Telangana like art forms, cuisine, festivals, monuments, tourism spots etc, The exhibition will be open for viewing from December 12-14, 2021 at Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University Campus, Nampally, Hyderabad.

Noteworthy books brought out on the themes of art and culture have been put up on display by the Publications Division at the exhibition.

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

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Rays Power Infra

What: to Build 500 MW Solar Park in Rajasthan

When: published on 15th December 2021

Rays Power Infra has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Rajasthan government for constructing a solar power plant with the capacity to generate 500 MW of green electricity. During the ongoing Dubai Expo, the parties finalized the agreement to reduce traditional electricity consumption derived from non-renewable sources.

Pawan Sharma, Director, Rays Power Infra, said, "Rays Power Infra was constituted to promote cleaner, greener, and better environmental conditions. On the back of extensive research and development, testing and commissioning, we have established best-in-class solar projects at par with global standards in India and abroad."

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

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Assam Governor

What: releases book 'Principles and Practice of Oncology'

When: published on 14th December 2021

Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi on Tuesday said that there have been significant changes in the paradigm of cancer diagnosis and treatment in the last few decades.

Advance researches are being carried out in the field of oncology with new medical innovations and state of the art treatments that have enhanced the success rate and brought down the mortality rate in cancer, Mukhi said while releasing a book 'Principles and Practice of Oncology' at the Raj Bhavan here.

He also urged oncologists and research scientists to work on more books on cancer to educate people on how to detect cancer in the early stage and how to check its recurrence by adopting a healthy lifestyle.

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

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Vice President

What: Launches Rahul Rawail's Book On Raj Kapoor On Showman's 97th Birth Anniversary

When: published on 15th December 2021

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released the book "Raj Kapoor: The Master At Work" and remembered the late showman for his invaluable contribution to making Indian cinema "a vehicle of cultural diplomacy" across the world.

Published by Bloomsbury India, the book is written by filmmaker Rahul Rawail, who served as an assistant director to Raj Kapoor on films like "Bobby", as told to Pranika Sharma. The book launch, held at India Habitat Centre's Stein Auditorium here, coincided with Raj Kapoor's 97th birth anniversary and was also attended by the late director's eldest son Randhir Kapoor and grandson Ranbir Kapoor.

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

14. Hints to Remember

Who: SJFI

What: to honour legendary cricketer Sunil Gavaskar with medal

When: published on 14th December 2021

The Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) decided to confer the prestigious 'SJFI Medal' to legendary cricketer Sunil Gavaskar.

The body took the decision at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Guwahati.

Neeraj Chopra, who won India's lone gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics, was adjudged the SJFI Sportsman of the Year while weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, who won a silver at the quadrennial extravaganza, was voted as the Sportswoman of the Year, according to a media statement.

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

15. Hints to Remember

Who: FSS, CSB Bank

What: launch hyperlocal banking services to boost financial inclusion

When: published on 15th December 2021

FSS and CSB Bank have partnered to deliver hyperlocal banking services to financially underserved segments.

“Under the aegis of this partnership, CSB Bank and FSS plan to open 1,000 Smart Cash franchisees in semi-urban and rural areas across India to expand financial services adoption among underserved segments,” they said in a statement.

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

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Paytm

What: Launches EdTech Platform 'Wealth Academy' to Train Traders, Investors

When: published on 15th December 2021

India's leading online payments ecosystem Paytm launched its educational and training services under the banner 'Paytm Wealth Academy'. Through the educational platform, Paytm will offer courses and webinars on trading and financial concepts. The courses will be curated as per the need of each individual, claims Paytm.

Courses will range for different users. For example, the academy has a course called 'DIY - Create your own portfolio' for beginners while for those familiar with the process, there are courses on investing styles. To get best suited course, candidates will have to take small assessment quiz. Courses are available across different verticals of stock investing, and technical analysis. Some of the available courses include, 'Introduction to Derivatives', 'Option Greeks', 'Directional Options Strategies'.

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



17. Hints to Remember

Who: ADB

What: Extends \$112 Million Loan to Establish a Skill University in Assam

When: published on 14th December 2021

To unleash the growth potential of the state of Assam, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$112 million loan to strengthen skills education and training through the establishment of the Assam Skill University (ASU).

The ADB assistance for a skill university will create pathways for skills progression and mobility and raise skills levels to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of Assam's economy and industries.

Though the state has abundant natural resources and a high proportion of young population, its economy remains dominated by low value-added, natural resource-based products and it is poorly integrated with global and regional value chains.

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

18. Hints to Remember

Who: NTPC

What: gives first green hydrogen microgrid project to Simhadri plant in Andhra Pradesh

When: published on 16th December 2021

State-run NTPC Ltd has awarded the country's first green hydrogen microgrid project at its Simhadri plant in Andhra Pradesh.

"NTPC Ltd, India's largest integrated energy company has awarded project of 'Standalone Fuel-Cell based Micro-grid with hydrogen production using electrolyser' at NTPC Simhadri (Andhra Pradesh). This will be India's first Green Hydrogen based Energy Storage Project and one of world's largest," NTPC said in a statement.

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

19. Hints to remember

Who: Maharashtra

What: tops the list of states with Maximum Number of Beneficiaries assisted under ABRY

When: published on 13th December 2021

Maharashtra followed by Gujarat and Karnataka tops the list of states with maximum number of beneficiaries under ABRY.

The measures taken by Government for the quick disbursal of PF amount to workers are as follows:

Auto settlement of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) claims was introduced by Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in January, 2020.

Multi-location claim settlement facility was introduced in EPFO to provide the uninterrupted services to the EPF members at the time of any disaster like pandemic, floods, earthquake, etc when it may not be possible to process claims in such Disaster Affected office(s). This arrangement has helped in delivery of uninterrupted services to the EPF members and also helped in disaster proofing of the offices of EPFO.

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

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Kolkata's Durga Puja

What: gets world heritage tag

When: published on 16th December 2021

'Durga Puja of Kolkata' is now a World Heritage site. The 16th Committee of Unesco for safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH), in a meeting on Wednesday in Paris, inscribed Bengal's biggest festival on the representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. This is the first festival in Asia to receive the recognition.

Durga Puja joins other Indian cultural practices and expressions, such as Kumbh Mela, Chhau dance from Bengal and Odisha, Sankirtana from Manipur, Yoga, Ramlila, Buddhist chanting in Ladakh and Nawruz on the ICH list.

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





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