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December GA Quiz 29

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

1. Karolos Papoulias passed away recently. He was former president of which country?

- A. Turkey B. Greece C. Italy
D. France E. None of these

2. Who among the following has released the book Titled 'Dr V L Dutt: Glimpses of a Pioneer's Life Journey'?

- A. M. Venkaiah Naidu B. Narendra Modi C. Ram Nath Kovind
D. Amit Shah E. None of these

3. Which of the following countries has recently topped the Global Unicorn Index 2021?

- A. Russia B. China C. USA
D. Japan E. None of these

4. HDFC Life Insurance Company has announced a bancassurance tie-up with which bank?

- A. South Indian Bank B. Federal Bank C. Indian Overseas Bank
D. City Union Bank E. None of these

5. Which of the following banks has recently signed an agreement with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for offering real-time cross-border remittances through Unified Payments Interface (UPI)?

- A. Kotak Mahindra Bank B. IndusInd Bank C. HDFC Bank
D. Axis Bank E. None of these

6. Renewable energy firm Amp Energy India has recently commissioned 13.5 MW solar power project in which state?

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



7. Which government agency is going to release the fourth edition of “The Healthy States, Progressive India” ranking States performance?

- A. National Development Council
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Central Vigilance Commission
- D. National Commission for Women
- E. None of these

8. Which of the following states has recently topped NITI Aayog’s Health Index in Terms of Incremental Change?

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

9. India’s biggest private lender HDFC Bank has partnered with which payments bank to offer its banking services in semi-urban and rural areas?

- A. India Post Payments Bank
- B. Jio Payments Bank
- C. NSDL Payments Bank
- D. Fino Payments Bank
- E. None of these

10. Indipaisa has recently partnered with which bank to launch a new Fintech platform targeting India’s flourishing?

- A. India Post Payments Bank
- B. Fino Payments Bank
- C. Airtel Payments Bank
- D. NSDL Payments Bank
- E. None of these

11. Who among the following has taken over as the Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala, Kannur district?

- A. Sandeep Naithani
- B. Dinesh K Tripathi
- C. Puneet Kumar Bahl
- D. Ravneet Singh
- E. None of these

12. Which country has recently launched huge “Inmarsat-6 F1” communications satellite into orbit?

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

13. Who among the following is PETA India's 2021 'Person of the Year'?

- A. Deepika Padukone B. Shraddha Kapoor C. Alia Bhatt
D. Katrina Kaif E. None of these

14. Atul Kumar Goel has been appointed as new MD & CEO of which bank?

- A. Union Bank of India B. Punjab National Bank C. State Bank of India
D. United Bank of India E. None of these

15. Which of the following countries has recently launched the Ziyuan 1 (02E) Earth resources observation satellite?

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

16. Name the person who was 'He-Man' artist, passed away recently.

- A. T. Mark Taylor B. Mark Waugh C. Ian Healy
D. Michael Slater E. None of these

17. The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has selected which company for handing over the technology of border surveillance systems as developed by Instruments Research & Development Establishment and DRDO?

- A. Paras Defence and Space Technologies B. MTAR Technologies C. Laxmi Organic Industries
D. AMI Organics Ltd E. None of these

18. Which INS was recently deployed to the Gulf as part of Indian Navy's endeavour to enhance maritime cooperation with the friendly navies in the region?

- A. INS Tarangini B. INS Varuna C. INSV Tarini
D. INS Sudarshini E. None of these



19. Who among the following has been awarded the prestigious Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award in Dubai?

- A. Viral Desai B. Raman Pandey C. Tarun Verma
D. Rohit Reddy E. None of these

20. Vishwavir Ahuja has been stepped down as the MD and CEO of which bank?

- A. Federal Bank B. ICICI Bank C. RBL Bank
D. Yes Bank 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
B	A	C	A	B	C	B	B	A	D	C	C	C	B	C	A	A	D	A	C

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Former Greek President Karolos Papoulias

What: dies at 92

When: published on 26th December 2021

Karolos Papoulias, a former president of Greece has died at the age of 92, Greece's state news agency ANA reports.

Papoulias, a longtime socialist lawmaker and minister, was close to Andreas Papandreu, the founder of the Socialist PASOK party, and an opponent of Papandreu's successor, the moderate modernizer Costas Simitis.

This opposition prompted conservative Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis, who succeeded Simitis in 2004, to propose Papoulias for the largely ceremonial position of president in early 2005.

Papoulias was re-elected to a second term in February 2010, a term marked by Greece's financial crisis. Papoulias had little power to shape policy, but he was also temperamentally adverse to upstaging the successive governments he swore into office — conservative, socialist, a conservative-socialist coalition and, in the final month of his term, the leftist Syriza-led government. His 10-year tenure was mostly free of controversy.

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

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Venkaiah Naidu

What: releases the book 'Dr V L Dutt : Glimpses of a Pioneer's Life Journey'

When: published on 27th December 2021

The Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu today emphasized the need for maintaining work-life balance and said that equal importance must be given to one's professional duties and family responsibilities. Addressing the gathering after launching the book 'Dr V L Dutt: Glimpses of a Pioneer's Life Journey' written by Smt. V L Indira Dutt in Chennai today, the Vice President urged all business leaders to frame their HR policies in such a way that their employees are able to manage their work-life balance easily. "This would not only lead to better performance by employees but would also help in addressing

mental health issues which are rising in our society”, he added. Shri Naidu observed that 'at a time when people are facing increasing stress, mental health gains prominence along with physical health'. He emphasised the need for people to spend some time in the lap of nature and participate in outdoor activities as a way to de-stress themselves. Praising the late industrialist, Shri V L Dutt for having maintained balance between his family life and the business world perfectly, Shri Naidu said that this should be a lesson to all businessmen and entrepreneurs.

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

3. Hints to Remember

Who: USA

What: has topped Global Unicorn Index 2021

When: published on 23rd December 2021

India has overtaken the UK to come in third place for most unicorns added in the year 2021 at 54, led by edtech platform Byju's with a valuation of \$21 billion, mobile ad-tech firm InMobi worth \$12 billion, and hotel platform OYO Rooms worth \$9.5 billion. This represents an increase of 33 from last year, according to the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2021. Bengaluru features seventh in the list as the city with the most number of unicorns in the world with 28 unicorns. Other Indian cities on the list include Gurugram and Mumbai.

Indians founded 119 unicorns, of which 65 are outside of India and 54 are in India. Of those founded abroad, significantly all are in the USA, led by the Bay Area, with two in each of the UK and Singapore, and one in each of Germany and Mexico.

The year 2021 has emerged as the most successful year in history for unicorns, it said, with 1,058 unicorns in the world, almost double the 586 of last year. According to the Hurun Global Index, the USA had 487 unicorns, up 254; China was second with 301 unicorns, up 74. Between them, the USA and China have 74% of the world's unicorns.

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

4. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC Life Insurance

What: announces bancassurance tie-up with South Indian Bank

When: published on 27th December 2021

HDFC Life Insurance Company announced a bancassurance tie-up with South Indian Bank (SIB).

This bancassurance arrangement will enable customers of SIB to avail HDFC Life's life insurance products, including solutions for protection, savings and investment, retirement and critical illness.

Suresh Badami, Executive Director, HDFC Life, in a statement, said “India as a country is largely under insured. The pandemic has further stressed on the need for financial security. Thus, life insurance has become a critical product for every individual looking for solutions around protection, morbidity and savings. It is our endeavor to reach out to a larger section of the population with our products.”

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

5. Hints to Remember

Who: IndusInd Bank, NPCI

What: join hands to offer cross-border payments through UPI

When: published on 29th December 2021

IndusInd Bank has signed an agreement with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for offering real-time cross-border remittances through Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

IndusInd Bank has become the first Indian bank to go live on UPI for cross-border payments/NRI remittances. Under this arrangement, Money Transfer Operator (MTO) partners of IndusInd Bank would use the bank's channel to connect with NPCI's UPI payment systems for validation and cross-border payment settlement into beneficiary accounts.

IndusInd Bank has started off with Thailand for Foreign Inward Remittance (FIR) through UPI, IndusInd Bank said in a statement.

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

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Amp Energy India

What: commissions 13.5 MW solar power project in Maharashtra

When: published on 27th December 2021

Renewable energy firm Amp Energy India said it has commissioned its second open access solar project in Maharashtra. Amp Energy India has recently commissioned a 13.5 MW solar power project for cement manufacturer Orient Cement NSE -1.15 %, a company statement said.

The 13.5 MW project at Osmanabad, in Maharashtra will supply solar power to Orient Cement's manufacturing facility in the state, the statement added.

Orient Cement has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Amp Energy India for procurement of solar power for 25 years.

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

7. Hints to Remember

Who: NITI Aayog

What: to release the fourth edition of "The Healthy States, Progressive India" ranking States performance

When: published on 27th December 2021

NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant has congratulated the government and people of Uttar Pradesh with respect to the fourth edition of the State Health Index and stated that the health system in the state has undergone lots of improvement in the last 2-3 years.

NITI Aayog on Monday released the fourth edition of "The Healthy States, Progressive India" ranking States based on the progress on health outcomes and health systems performance across the country.

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

8. Hints to Remember

Who: UP

What: Tops NITI Aayog Health Index In Terms Of Incremental Change

When: published on 28th December 2021

Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the top performer in terms of incremental health performance among larger states, while Mizoram performed well in the smaller states category, according to the fourth Health Index launched by Niti Aayog.

The fourth round of the Health Index took into account the period 2019-20 (as reference year).

"Uttar Pradesh ranked at the top in terms of incremental performance by registering the highest incremental change from the base year (2018-19) to reference year (2019-20)," the report by the government think tank said.

It also said that from the base year (2018-19) to the reference year (2019-20), Uttar Pradesh led in improving the performance in 33 out of 43 indicators/sub-indicators.

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

9. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC Bank

What: Ties Up With Indian Post Payments Bank To Extend Rural Reach

When: published on 27th December 2021

HDFC Bank has entered into a pact with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to extend its reach to semi-urban and rural areas and cater to the latter's more than 4 crore customer base.

About 90 per cent of IPPB customers reside in rural areas, which may benefit from this tie-up.

HDFC Bank said the strategic alliance will enable IPPB to provide affordable and diversified offerings, including access to finance, to its customers through its innovative doorstep banking service.

With nearly 2 lakh postal service providers (postmen and gramin dak sevaks) equipped with micro ATMs and biometric devices, IPPB caters to the needs and requirements of various customer segments.

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

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Indipaisa

What: partners with NSDL Payments Bank to launch a new Fintech platform targeting India's flourishing 63 million SME sector

When: published on 26th December 2021

Indipaisa, a member of the Nexxo Network, an international network of Fintech companies operating in Middle East Asia and Europe, is launching a set of innovative Financial Technology (Fintech) solutions targeting India's flourishing 63 million Small & Mid-sized Enterprise (SME) sector.

Indipaisa's mission is to empower SME owners and operators to take charge of their finances as well as give them facilities and services that help them grow their businesses, comply with government tax laws, and build a better future for their families.

Indipaisa, in partnership with NSDL Payments Bank, plans to introduce multiple financial products and services customized from the ground up to match the specific needs of Indian SME owners and operators. Furthermore, Indipaisa is proud to be part of the Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India's drive to digitize payments, estimated to exceed USD 1.0 Trillion annually by the year 2025.

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

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Vice Admiral Puneet K. Bahl

What: takes charge as Commandant of INA, Ezhimala, Kanur district

When: published on 28th December 2021

Vice Admiral Puneet K. Bahl has taken over as the Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala, Kannur district.

An alumnus of NDA Khadakwasla, the Flag Officer was commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 1, 1984. He passed Staff Course at DSSC, Wellington, and Naval Higher Command Course from the College of Naval Warfare, Mumbai.

An experienced maritime reconnaissance pilot, he has flown six different types of aircraft. His operational experience includes active participation in Operation Tasha and Operation Vijay. He is also a qualified ship's diver. He has held an array of operational, staff and training assignments.

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

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Japan

What: launches huge Inmarsat-6 F1 communications satellite into orbit

When: published on 22nd December 2021

The Inmarsat-6 F1 satellite launched atop a Mitsubishi Heavy Industries H-2A rocket on Wednesday (Dec. 22) from Japan's Tanegashima Space Center at 10:32 a.m. EST (1532 GMT).

The 12,060-pound (5,470 kilograms) Inmarsat-6 F1 is the first of two "I-6" spacecraft that London-based company Inmarsat plans to loft to geostationary orbit, about 22,240 miles (35,790 kilometers) above our planet.

The I-6 pair "are the largest and most sophisticated commercial communications satellites ever launched," Inmarsat representatives wrote in a fact sheet. "Inmarsat's first dual-payload satellites, the I-6s feature both L-band (ELERA) and Ka-band (Global Xpress) payloads."

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

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Alia Bhatt

What: is PETA India's 2021 'Person of the Year'

When: published on 28th December 2021

Alia Bhatt has made her love for animals very vocal. We all know about her cats Edward and Juniper. An animal lover, during the lockdown when she moved in with boyfriend Ranbir Kapoor, she shared pictures of his pets and said, "They make everything better." Ranbir has two dogs and Alia posted pictures of both of them. Every now and then, the actress has talked lovingly of her pets and of animals in general. So, now when PETA (INDIA) has named her 2021 'Person of the Year', we kind of know why.

Apart from her acting skills and fashion choices, Alia is now walking the path to inspire many. She was awarded the prestigious title to “celebrate her work in support of an animal-friendly fashion industry and her advocacy for dogs and cats in need,” PETA India said.

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

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Centre

What: appoints Atul Kumar Goel as new MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank

When: published on 28th December 2021

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Atul Kumar Goel, MD & CEO of UCO Bank, as MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB) with effect from February 1 next year.

Goel will serve as PNB chief until December 31, 2024, which is his attaining the superannuation age.

He will serve as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in PNB, which is the country's second-largest public sector bank, until January 31, 2022.

Goel will replace Mallikarjuna Rao, incumbent MD & CEO of PNB, who is due to demit office at the end of January 2022. Rao was given a three-month extension that will end on January 31, 2022.

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

15. Hints to Remember

Who: China

What: launched the Ziyuan 1 (02E) Earth resources observation satellite

When: published on 28th December 2021

China launched the Ziyuan 1 (02E) Earth resources observation satellite and a small amateur radio satellite on Saturday, marking the country's 53rd orbital launch of the year.

The China National Space Administration mission's Long March 4C rocket lifted off from Taiyuan, north China, at 10:11 p.m. Dec. 25 (0311 GMT, 11:11 a.m. local time Dec. 26). Insulation tiles fell from the rocket as it rose into clear blue skies above the launch complex.

Ziyuan 1 (02E) is the latest in a series of remote sensing satellites. It carries infrared, near-infrared and hyperspectral cameras to help survey China's geological environment and search for minerals, according to Chinese state media.

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

16. Hints to Remember

Who: 'He-Man' artist and toy designer T. Mark Taylor

What: dies at 80

When: published on 26th December 2021

T. Mark Taylor, artist and toy designer for the He-Man and the Masters of the Universe franchise as well as the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, died December 23 at his Southern California home. He was 80.

The cause was congestive heart failure, Taylor's family said in an email to The Associated Press on Saturday.

He-man was the muscled frontman for toy manufacturer Mattel's Masters of the Universe franchise, which would later spawn an animated series that became a staple for children. Kids squeezed in homework between scenes featuring the strapping cartoon hero as he battled sorcerers and other villains.

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

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Paras Defence

What: gets DRDO contract for border surveillance tech

When: published on 27th December 2021

The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) selected Paras Defence and Space Technologies for handing over the technology of border surveillance systems as developed by Instruments Research & Development Establishment and DRDO.

This technology has been transferred by a licensing agreement for transfer of technology (ToT) for border surveillance systems entered between the company, Instruments Research & Development Establishment (IRDE) and Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

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

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Sail Training Ship INS Sudarshini

What: was deployed to the Gulf as part of Indian Navy's endeavour to enhance maritime cooperation with the friendly navies in the region

When: published on 29th December 2021

Sail Training Ship INS Sudarshini, was deployed to the Gulf as part of Indian Navy's endeavour to enhance maritime cooperation with the friendly navies in the region. During the month-long deployment, the ship made port calls at Muscat, Dubai and Bandar Abbas and had professional interactions with Royal Oman Navy (RNO), UAE Navy and Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI) Navy. The Ship built at Goa Shipyard Ltd, showcased indigenous ship building capabilities and revisited India's historic maritime linkages with the Gulf. The ship, during the deployment, undertook various training exchanges, wherein sail training was imparted to trainees from RNO and IRI Navy and sea sorties conducted. The ship was visited by high-level delegations and Indian diaspora during the port calls. Personnel from INS Sudarshini visited naval establishments and ships to share best practices. The Commanding officer called on Senior Officers at each port and discussed bilateral training cooperation, Sail training and other areas of mutual interest. The ship also participated in Bilateral Maritime Partnership Exercises with RNO and IRI for enhancing interoperability between the Navies.

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

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Greenman Viral Desai

What: honoured with Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award

When: published on 26th December 2021

Surat's noted industrialist Viral Desai, popularly known as Greenman for his love for the environment, has been awarded the prestigious Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award in Dubai.

Viral Desai and the other winners were felicitated at Dubai's Atlantis, The Palm, on December 23, with the Bharat Gaurav Samman by Sanskruti Yuva Sansthan. The UAE's Foreign Trade And Economic Development Department's Director-General Sheikh Awad Mohammed Mugrin graced the ceremony with his presence.

Twenty-eight prominent personalities from 11 countries, including the UK, the US, New Zealand, France, and Malaysia, were felicitated with the prestigious awards on occasion, but Viral Desai was the only one from India to have won the honour for climate action.

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

20. Hints to Remember

Who: RBL Bank MD and CEO Vishwvir Ahuja

What: steps down, Rajeev Ahuja takes over

When: published on 27th December 2021

RBL Bank has announced that MD and CEO Vishwvir Ahuja would be going on leave with immediate effect.

The Board of Directors of the Bank at its meeting held today i.e December 25, 2021 accepted the request of Mr Vishwavir Ahuja to proceed on leave with immediate effect, the bank said in a filing.

The Board appointed Rajeev Ahuja (currently the Executive Director) as interim Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the Bank with immediate effect, subject to the regulatory and other approvals.

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





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