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Current Affairs Questions for CGL Tier 1, IBPS RRB, IBPS Clerk, IBPS PO, LIC AAO, LIC Assistant, RBI Assistant, RBI Grade-B, SBI Clerk and SBI PO Exams

January GA Quiz 10

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

1. Pankaj Sharma appointed as India's next ambassador to which country?

- A. France B. Germany C. Canada
D. Mexico E. None of these

2. Bhanuka Rajapaksa has recently announced his retirement from international cricket with immediate effect, citing family obligations. He is from which country?

- A. Nepal B. Bangladesh C. Sri Lanka
D. Bhutan E. None of these

3. To bolster its response to ever-growing cyber-attacks, which company has recently acquired an Israel-based cybersecurity startup 'Siemplify' reportedly for \$500 million?

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

4. Which state has launched Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2.0 which is aimed at financially supporting school students in innovation?

- A. Rajasthan B. Maharashtra C. West Bengal
D. Jharkhand E. None of these

5. Which Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was recently held?

- A. 21st B. 27th C. 19th
D. 11th E. None of these

6. Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute in which city?

- A. Mumbai B. Kolkata C. Patna
D. Lucknow E. None of these

7. Which date will be marked as Veer Baal Diwas?

- A. January 5 B. December 26 C. January 11
D. December 31 E. None of these

8. The Sports Ministry's Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) has approved the inclusion of Alpine Skiing athlete _____ in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) Core group, until the Winter Olympics, scheduled this February in Beijing, China.

- A. Md Arif Khan B. Oommen Chandy C. Asif Muhammad Khan
D. V. S. Achuthanandan E. None of these

9. Who among the following has recently won the Melbourne Summer Set 1 ATP 250 tennis title?

- A. Roger Federer B. Novak Djokovic C. Rafael Nadal
D. Andy Murray E. None of these

10. Who among the following have recently won the men's doubles title at the Adelaide International ATP 250 event?

- A. Mahesh Bhupathi and Ramkumar Ramanathan
B. Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan
C. Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar Ramanathan
D. Leander Paes and Ramkumar Ramanathan
E. None of these

11. Which of the following countries has recently won ATP Cup tennis with 2-0 win over Spain in Sydney?

- A. Germany B. Canada C. France
D. Italy E. None of these

12. World Hindi Day was observed on which date?

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



13. Legends League Cricket (LLC) has appointed which female cricketer as an ambassador to its All Women Match Official Team to promote Women's Empowerment initiatives of the LLC and to increase participation of women in cricket?

- A. Jhulan Goswami B. Mithali Raj C. Harmanpreet Kaur
D. Smriti Mandhana E. None of these

14. Who among the following has recently won the World Rapid Chess Championship 2021?

- A. Hikaru Nakamura B. Magnus Carlsen C. Alireza Firouzja
D. Nodirbek Abdusattorov E. None of these

15. The Home ministry has constituted a three-member team to inquire into serious security breach during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab. Who among the following is going to lead the team?

- A. Sudhir Kumar Saxena B. Arun Singh Jasrotia C. Mohan Nath Goswami
D. Mohit Sharma E. None of these

16. Who among the following has been selected by the Indian Council of Medical Research for its National Award for the year 2020?

- A. Sanjog Chhetri B. Satish Adiga C. Gajender Singh Bisht
D. Arjun Singh Walia E. None of these

17. Which company has acquired controlling stake of 73.37% in New York's Mandarin Oriental hotel?

- A. Tata B. Reliance C. Adani
D. Larsen & Toubro E. None of these

18. Which payments bank and Park+ have collaborated to offer FASTag-based smart parking solutions to marquee commercial and residential properties across India?

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

19. Losoong (Namsong) Festival was recently celebrated in which state?

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

20. Which two countries have recently signed a “landmark” defense agreement that allows closer cooperation between their militaries and stands as a rebuke to China's growing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific region?

- A. India and Sri Lanka B. USA and Russia C. Japan and Australia
D. Russia and UAE 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
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Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Shri Pankaj Sharma

What: appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Mexico

When: published on 29th December 2022

Shri Pankaj Sharma (IFS:1991), presently Permanent Representative of India to the UN Conference on Disarmament, Geneva, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Mexico.

He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

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

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Sri Lanka batter Bhanuka Rajapaksa

What: retires from international cricket, cites family obligations

When: published on 5th January 2022

Sri Lanka batter Bhanuka Rajapaksa on Wednesday announced his retirement from international cricket with immediate effect, citing family obligations. Rajapaksa's ODI career lasted less than six months as the 30-year-old left hander had made his debut in July 2021.

He tendered his letter of resignation to Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), which posted the development on its website. "I have very carefully considered my position as a player, husband and am taking this decision looking forward to fatherhood and associated familial obligations," Rajapaksa wrote in his resignation letter.

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

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Google

What: acquires Israeli cybersecurity startup Siemplify for \$500 mn

When: published on 5th January 2022

To bolster its response to ever-growing cyber-attacks, Google has acquired an Israel-based cybersecurity startup 'Siemplify' reportedly for \$500 million. The startup will be integrated into Google Cloud Platform, especially its Chronicle operation.

Siemplify specialises in end-to-end security services for enterprises, typically referred to as security orchestration, automation and response (SOAR) services.

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

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Gujarat CM

What: launches Student Start-ups and Innovation Policy 2.0

When: published on 6th January 2022

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has inaugurated a two-day international conference of academic institutions as a precursor to the 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, scheduled to take place between January 10 and 12.

During the inaugural ceremony, Patel launched the second edition of the Student Start-up and Innovation Policy (SSIP 2.0) in the presence of dignitaries from India and across the world.

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

5. Hints to Remember

Who: 19th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)

What: was recently held

When: published on 5th January 2022

The 19th Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held here today under the chairmanship of Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav. Hon'ble Members of Parliaments Smt. Diya Kumari, Shri Rajeev Pratap Ruddy, & Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur, Secretary Smt. Leena Nadan & DGF Shri Chandra Prakash Goyal were present among others.

A power point presentation was made on the occasion explaining various initiatives of NTCA. In his address, Shri Bhupender Yadav underlined the need to have at least three meetings of NTCA in the first week of April, August & December every year. He said while tiger continues to be an endangered species and the situation calls for adopting as well as active management. He added that for effective management of tiger population it is imperative to have reliable estimate of tiger number at Tiger Reserve & Landscape Level.

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



6. Hints to Remember

Who: PM

What: to inaugurate second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute in Kolkata

When: published on 7th January 2022

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI) in Kolkata via videoconferencing on Friday (January 7, 2022). West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was also present at the event.

"The second campus of CNCI has been built in line with the Prime Minister's vision to expand and upgrade the health facilities in all parts of the country. CNCI was facing a heavy load of cancer patients and a need for expansion was being felt for some time. This need will be fulfilled through the second campus," a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office said.

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

7. Hints to Remember

Who: December 26

What: Shall Be Marked As 'Veer Baal Diwas'

When: published on 9th January 2022

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the auspicious occasion of the Parkash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh announced that December 26 shall be marked as 'Veer Baal Diwas'.

"This is a fitting tribute to the courage of the Sahibzades and their quest for justice," Prime Minister Modi said.

"Today, on the auspicious occasion of the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, I am honoured to share that starting this year, 26th December shall be marked as 'Veer Baal Diwas.' This is a fitting tribute to the courage of the Sahibzades and their quest for justice," he tweeted.

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

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Winter Olympics-bound Md Arif Khan

What: included in Target Olympic Podium Scheme

When: published on 7th January 2022

The Sports Ministry's Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) has approved the inclusion of Alpine Skiing athlete Md Arif Khan in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) Core group, until the Winter Olympics, scheduled this February in Beijing, China.

Khan will take part in the Winter Olympics in the Slalom and Giant Slalom events. He has also been approved an amount of Rs 17.46 Lakh under TOPS towards training in Europe and procurement of equipment, ahead of the grand event in China. Khan's current training base is in Austria, where he is accompanied by his coach and physio.

The MOC approved the European training camp for Khan for a total of 35 days, which started since his qualification for the Winter Olympics. He won the quota in giant slalom in a competition in Montenegro in December last year. A month prior, he earned the quota place for the Slalom event. The feat earned Khan the unique distinction of becoming the first Indian to win direct quota spots in two different Winter Olympics events, besides being the first athlete from the country to seal a berth at the Winter Olympic games 2022.

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

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Rafa Nadal

What: beats Maxime Cressy to claim Melbourne title

When: published on 9th January 2022

Top seed Rafael Nadal beat American qualifier Maxime Cressy 7-6(6) 6-3 to win the Melbourne Summer Set 1 ATP 250 event and build up momentum heading into the Australian Open.

The Spaniard, playing his first competitive tournament since August, was largely untroubled as he wrapped up the win in an hour 48 minutes.

Cressy was put under serious pressure by Nadal from the off, having to defend three break points in his first service game, but there was little to separate the two for the rest of the first set, which required a tiebreak.

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

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar Ramanathan

What: win doubles title in Adelaide

When: published on 9th January 2022

India's Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar Ramanathan won the men's doubles title at the Adelaide International ATP 250 event.

The unseeded pair beat top seeds Ivan Dodig and Marcelo Melo 7-6 (6), 6-1 in the final to mark a victorious debut on the ATP Tour. This is Ramkumar's first ATP Tour title while Bopanna won his 20th.

In the closely-fought first set of the final, the Indians saved break points to force a tie-breaker. At 6-6, Bopanna found a service return winner on Melo's serve to earn their second set point and converted it on serve.

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

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Canada

What: win ATP Cup with 2-0 win in singles over Spain

When: published on 10th January 2022

Felix Auger-Aliassime clinched the ATP Cup title for Canada on Sunday with a 7-6 (3), 6-3 singles victory over Roberto Bautista Agut to give his country an insurmountable 2-0 lead against Spain.

Denis Shapovalov opened the match for Canada with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Pablo Carreno Busta.

Auger-Aliassime and Shapovalov won a deciding doubles against Russia on Saturday in the semifinals to knock out the defending champions. And with the title on the line, they played their best tennis to defeat two-time finalists Spain.

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

12. Hints to Remember

Who: World Hindi Day

What: was observed on 10 January

When: published on 10th January 2022

January 10 is celebrated as World Hindi Day every year to spread awareness about Hindi as an international language across the world. The day is especially observed by Indian embassies abroad.

In the year 1975, the first-ever World Hindi Conference took place in Maharashtra's Nagpur on January 10. The conference was inaugurated by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and saw participation from a total of 30 countries.

And in 2006, former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh declared that January 10 will be observed as World Hindi Day every year. This was also the first time that the ministry of external affairs started celebrating the day abroad.

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

13. Hints to Remember

Who: LLC

What: named Jhulan Goswami as Ambassador of All Women Match Official Team

When: published on 7th January 2022

Legends League Cricket has roped in pacer Jhulan Goswami as an Ambassador to promote Women's Empowerment initiatives. She will be the face of the League and also launch a special initiative to further promote women's participation in cricket. Legends League Cricket also announced an All Women Match Official Team for the League. This is for the first time in cricket that an all-women Match Officials team would be officiating an entire men's league. The League will have ICC empaneled female umpires and match referees from all across the world.

Jhulan Goswami in an official release said, "This is amazing. I feel proud and elated to represent the fraternity for such a wonderful cause and initiative. It was long due actually. I am looking forward to the Legends of the game taking on to the field once again and putting in their best to play competitive cricket. My best wishes to the match officials, I am sure they will do a brilliant job. This is going to be historic and path-breaking for Cricket as a sport."

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

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Nodirbek Abdusattorov

What: has won the World Rapid Chess Championship 2021

When: published on 28th January 2022

On the first round of the final day of the 2021 Open Rapid Championship, Carlsen was a half-point ahead, giving Abdusattorov the space to take the lead. Their game was very exciting to watch, with the World Champion showing once again his great endgame technique, but a wrong plan on move 81 cost him the game.

Although his remarkable win against the World Champion in classical, rapid and blitz chess, Abdusattorov stayed calm, humble, and concentrated, qualities that he absolutely needed for his game against Gukesh. Their game was literally insane, with winning opportunities for both players, and Abdusattorov preventing the worst and winning a draw.

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

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Sudhir Kumar Saxena committee

What: was constituted to enquire security lapses during PM Punjab visit

When: published on 6th January 2022

The Home ministry has constituted a three-member team to inquire into serious security breach during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab.

The three-member committee will be led by Sudhir Kumar Saxena, Secretary (Security) & Cabinet Secretariat. The two other members in the team are Balbir Singh, Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, and S Suresh, IG, SPG.

The committee has been asked to inquire about the alleged lapses in the security arrangements of PM Modi "which led to the exposure of the VVIP to grave risk" and submit the report at the earliest.

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

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Dr Satish Adiga

What: receives ICMR National Award

When: published on 10th January 2022

Dr Satish Adiga, Professor in Clinical Embryology at Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, has been selected by the Indian Council of Medical Research for its National Award for the year 2020.

According to a release issued by ICMR on its website, Prof Adiga will receive Dr Subhas Mukherjee Award from ICMR in recognition for his outstanding contribution to the field of In vitro fertilization (IVF). Dr Subhas Mukherjee is the creator of India's first IVF baby and ICMR has instituted the award in his name to recognize the outstanding contribution of IVF experts in the country.

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

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Reliance

What: acquires 73.37% in New York's Mandarin Oriental hotel

When: published on 9th January 2022

Reliance Industrial Investments and Holdings Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), has entered into an agreement to acquire the entire share capital of Columbus Centre Corporation, Cayman Islands, for an equity consideration of \$98.15 million (Rs 735 crore).

Columbus Centre is the indirect owner of a 73.37 per cent stake in Mandarin Oriental New York, one of the premium luxury hotels in New York City.



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

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Airtel Payments Bank, Park+

What: tie up to launch FASTag-based smart parking solution

When: published on 6th January 2022

Airtel Payments Bank on Thursday announced a collaboration with Park+ to introduce a FASTag-based smart parking solution for commercial and residential properties across the country. The partnership aims to leverage Airtel Payments Bank's distribution reach and digital payment stack to digitize the parking ecosystem using vehicle-linked FASTag, the company said in a statement.

Park+ works in the area of automating parking spaces through FASTag and most of the parking FASTag transactions in India are currently being processed through the Park+ system. Park+ will offer its full suite of FASTag services including issuance, acquisition, recharge and technology support to Airtel Payments Bank. Airtel Payments Bank is one of the top five issuers of FASTag in the country, the statement said, adding that customers can buy FASTag in a few clicks from the banking section of Airtel 'Thanks App'.

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

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Sikkim

What: celebrated Losoong (Namsong) Festival

When: published on 9th January 2022

Considered to be one of the most important festivals of North East Indian state of Sikkim, Losoong or Namsong marks the beginning of the Sikkimese New Year and is celebrated with great joy and fervour all across the region. The festival coincides with the end of the harvesting season and provides for the much-needed time of merriment and excitement for all the farmers who have worked hard throughout the year.

For visitors and travellers seeking a rendezvous with the unique Sikkimese culture, Losoong undoubtedly makes for a great retreat offering them an unmatched spectacle of traditional folk dances, religious rituals & ceremonies and off-course a lifetime opportunity to gorge on the delicious Sikkimese cuisine. In-fact it won't be incorrect to say that today, Losoong has gained a reputation of being one of the most valued festival tour destinations in North East India, getting a footfall of thousands of tourists from across the globe every year.

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

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Australia, Japan

What: Sign Defense Pact as China Concerns Loom

When: published on 6th January 2022

The leaders of Japan and Australia signed a “landmark” defense agreement Thursday that allows closer cooperation between their militaries and stands as a rebuke to China's growing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific region.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida met in a virtual summit to sign the Reciprocal Access Agreement, the first such defense pact signed by Japan with any country other than the United States.

The agreement follows more than a year of talks between Japan and Australia aimed at breaking down legal barriers to allow the troops of one country to enter the other for training and other purposes.

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





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