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January GA Quiz 13

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

1. Which of the following states has recently extended the maternity leaves of aided college employees under Higher Education Department to 180 days?

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

2. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has appointed _____ as the next chief economist, replacing Indian origin Gita Gopinath.

- A. Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas
- B. Andrés Rodríguez-Clare
- C. Gabriel Zucman
- D. Stefano DellaVigna
- E. None of these



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3. Who among the following was the European Parliament President that has passed away recently?

- A. David Sassoli
- B. Charles Michel
- C. Josep Borrell
- D. Manfred Weber
- E. None of these

4. Which company has recently appointed Shersingh Khyalia as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with effect from 11 January 2022?

- A. Tata Power
- B. Adani Power
- C. Reliance Power
- D. JWS Power
- E. None of these

5. Which of the following agency has recently allowed the National Stock Exchange of India to launch derivatives on the Nifty Midcap Select Index?



- A. Small Industries Development Bank of India
- B. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- E. None of these

6. Lal Bahadur Shastri's 56th death anniversary was observed on which date?

- A. January 10
- B. January 11
- C. January 12
- D. January 13
- E. None of these

7. Kevadia Railway Station in which state has been renamed as Ekta Nagar Railway Station?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Gujarat
- D. Jharkhand
- E. None of these

8. India and which country have recently resolved to conclude the up gradation of the bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)?

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

9. The World Bank has recently retained India's economic growth estimate at _____ for FY22, according to World Bank's Global Economic Prospects report.

- A. 7.9 per cent
- B. 8.3 per cent
- C. 9.1 per cent
- D. 9.9 per cent
- E. None of these

10. Who among the following has recently sworn in as the President of Nicaragua?

- A. Daniel Ortega
- B. Hugo Chávez
- C. Arnoldo Alemán
- D. Nayib Bukele
- E. None of these



11. Indian Railways' Railway Protection Force has recently launched which mission to rescue passengers' luggage?

- A. DHAROHAR B. AMANAT C. NYAAS
D. THAATEE E. None of these

12. Chris Morris has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He is from which county?

- A. Australia B. New Zealand C. South Africa
D. West Indies E. None of these

13. With the launch of the first in a series of battery powered electric boats, which city has become India's first city to have a water metro project?

- A. Chennai B. Cuttack C. Kochi
D. Puri E. None of these

14. Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which university to propagate Investor Education, Awareness and Protection among a large group of present and prospective stakeholders by utilizing the tele-lecturing facility of Gyan Darshan Channel?

- A. Indira Gandhi National Open University
B. Sikkim Manipal University
C. Maharshi Dayanand University
D. Chaudhary Bansi Lal University
E. None of these

15. NABARD has projected which state's overall credit potential for the financial year 2022-23 at Rs 1,34,665 crore?

- A. Chhattisgarh B. Tamil Nadu C. Kerala
D. Odisha E. None of these



16. Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH Shri Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the construction of Assam's first sports university at which town of the state?

- A. Tezpur B. Naharkatia C. Chabua
D. Dibrugarh E. None of these

17. India's passport has recently been ranked at which position in the Henley Passport Index?

- A. 78th B. 83rd C. 91st
D. 99th E. None of these

18. Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated new campus of Classical Tamil institute in which city?

- A. Mumbai B. Kochi C. Cuttack
D. Chennai E. None of these

19. Which of the following bank has recently launched an online lending platform to facilitate quick and hassle-free credit approvals for Micro, Small & Medium enterprises (MSME) across India?

- A. ICICI Bank B. Yes Bank C. Syndicate Bank
D. Federal Bank E. None of these

20. The 2022 National Youth Day was observed on which date?

- A. January 11 B. January 12 C. January 13
D. January 14 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
C	A	A	B	E	B	C	D	B	A	B	C	C	A	D	C	B	D	D	B

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Odisha

What: extends maternity leave from 90 days to 180 days for employees of aided colleges

When: published on 11th January 2022

The Odisha government on Tuesday extended the maternity leaves of aided college employees under Higher Education Department to 180 days, said officials.

"State Government has extended Maternity Leave benefit from 90 days to 180 days in favour of eligible women employees of aided colleges under Higher Education Department," said Department of Higher Education officials.

The government on Monday also increased the upper age limit from 32 to 38 years for candidates applying for government jobs, said a press release.

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

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas

What: is next IMF chief economist as Gita Gopinath takes over as deputy MD

When: published on 11th January 2022

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has appointed French-born University of California-Berkeley economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas as the next chief economist, replacing Indian origin Gita Gopinath.

"I am very pleased to announce that Pierre-Olivier will join us as the Fund's next Chief Economist. He brings a stellar track record of scholarship and intellectual leadership in macroeconomic areas critical to our work—from global imbalances and capital flows to the stability of the international monetary and financial system, and more recently, to economic policies for the pandemic era," Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in a statement.

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

3. Hints to Remember

Who: EU Parliament President Sassoli

What: passes away

When: published on 11th January 2022

Leading EU figures have paid tributes to European Parliament President David Sassoli, who has died at the age of 65.

The Italian former journalist and centre-left politician had been seriously ill for more than two weeks and cancelled all official activities.

Mr Sassoli was admitted to hospital in Italy last month due to a serious complication with his immune system.

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

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Adani Power

What: appoints Shersingh Khyalia as CEO

When: published on 11th January 2022

Adani Power today said the Board of Directors approved the appointment of Shersingh B Khyalia as a chief executive officer of the company with effect from 11 January.

Shersingh B Khyalia is a Chartered Accountant and brings with him over 32 years of rich experience in managing complex business in power industry, including generation, transmission and distribution, Adani Power said.

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

5. Hints to Remember

Who: NSE

What: to launch derivatives on Nifty Midcap Index from January 24

When: published on 11th January 2022

The Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has allowed the National Stock Exchange of India to launch derivatives on the Nifty Midcap Select Index, said a statement from the NSE. The index will launch the index derivatives from January 24, 2022, facilitating traders to bet on the midcap Index.



As per the NSE, the exchange will offer futures and options with trading cycle of 7 weekly expiration contracts, excluding the monthly expiration contract and 3 serial monthly expiration contracts.

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

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Lal Bahadur Shastri's 56th death anniversary

What: was observed on 11 Jan 2022

When: published on 11th January 2022

January 11 marks the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, who passed away on this day in 1966, in Tashkent, in present day Uzbekistan. The nation's second Prime Minister, who succeeded Jawaharlal Nehru, was known for his simplicity and honesty, and was posthumously honoured with the Bharat Ratna, becoming its first posthumous recipient.

Though born in 1904, 35 years after Mahatma Gandhi, Shastri shared his birthday with the former, as both were born on October 2. Hailing from a simple family, he became an avid follower of Gandhi, and went on to hold important portfolios during his political career.

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

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Kevadia Railway Station in Gujarat

What: renamed as Ekta Nagar Railway Station

When: published on 10th January 2022

Ekta Nagar Railway Station: From now, Indian Railways' Kevadiya station to be known as Ekta Nagar railway station! The Ministry of Railways has approved the renaming of the Statue of Unity's Kevadiya railway station. This Gujarat's railway station which falls under the Vadodara division has been renamed as 'Ekta Nagar' railway station. The station code of Ekta Nagar railway station will be EKNR and the numerical code of the station will be 08224620. According to Western Railways, work has been started to change the railway station name on all station boards. Apart from this, the boards of trains running from Kevadiya railway station will be changed as well, Western Railways stated.

Last year, the Ministry of Railways had said tourists visiting the world's tallest statue in Gujarat "Statue of Unity" will be able to experience the rich cultural history of the state at the Kevadiya railway station itself. Under public-private partnership (PPP) initiative, the Vadodara Division of Western Railways had awarded first of its kind contract in the Indian Railways network for the development of an Art Gallery with a Souvenir shop at Gujarat's Kevadiya Railway station.

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



8. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Korea

What: to conclude Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement

When: published on 12th January 2022

India and Korea have resolved to conclude the upgradation of the bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) as the trade and commerce ministers of both the countries met in New Delhi.

A joint statement said that both Yeo Han-Koo, the Minister for Trade of the Republic of Korea and Piyush Goyal, the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry held wide ranging discussions on bilateral trade and investments. The ministers agreed to impart fresh momentum to the discussions on CEPA up-gradation negotiations and also promote extensive business-to-business (B2B) interactions on trade and investment between the industry leaders of the two countries.

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

9. Hints to Remember

Who: World Bank

What: Retains India's Growth Projection At 8.3% For FY22

When: published on 12th January 2022

The World Bank has retained India's economic growth estimate at 8.3 per cent for FY22, according to World Bank's Global Economic Prospects report.

The World Bank has kept the country's growth estimate unchanged at 8.3 per cent as projected by the World Bank in its last report released in October 2021.

World Bank's forecast of 8.3 per cent growth is, however, lower than the government's first advance estimates of GDP of 9.2 per cent and 9.5 per cent projected by the Reserve Bank of India.

According to the report, India to see robust economic growth in the current fiscal year as well as in the next fiscal year compared to its immediate geographic neighbours.

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

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Ortega

What: sworn in as president for fourth term in Nicaragua

When: published on 11th January 2022

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega was sworn into office for his fourth consecutive term on Monday, hours after the United States and European Union imposed sanctions on several figures in his government following elections Washington has called a "sham".

Ortega won the Nov. 7 poll after most of his political foes were jailed, prompting widespread condemnation. US President Joe Biden called the election a "pantomime", accusing the former Marxist guerrilla and Cold War adversary of the United States of growing authoritarianism.

Most Western and regional nations shunned the inauguration ceremony on Monday evening, though leftist leaders such as Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and Cuba's President Miguel Diaz Canel flew in to show their support.

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

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Railways' Railway Protection Force

What: launches 'Mission Amanat'

When: published on 13th January 2022

Thousands of passengers use railways as their means of transport to commute daily. During this hustle-bustle, passengers tend to lose their belongings on the train and finding one's luggage back is a total game of luck! But not anymore.

Western Railways comes with a rescue as it launches a new service, 'Mission Amanat' to help find your luggage back. As per Western Railways, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) will locate the lost luggage and upload its picture with a description on the website, which will help locate the passengers their respective luggage.

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

12. Hints to Remember

Who: South Africa's Chris Morris

What: retires from all forms of cricket

When: published on 12th January 2022

South Africa all-rounder Chris Morris on Tuesday announced his retirement from all forms of cricket and is set to take up a coaching role with domestic side Titans.

The 34-year-old cricketer made the announcement on social media.

“Today I announce my retirement from all forms of cricket! Thanks to all who have played a part in my journey whether it be big or small?it’s been a fun ride! Delighted to be taking up a coaching role at @titanscricket #lifebeginsnow,” Morris wrote on his Instagram page.

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

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Kochi

What: becomes first city with water metro project

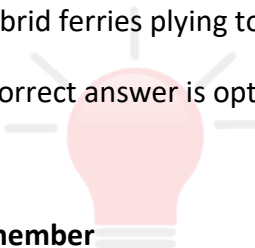
When: published on 9th January 2022

Kochi has become the first city with a water metro project as it launches the first in a series of battery-powered electric boats in the city.

The new project by the Kochi Metro Rail Ltd will likely have an integrated water transport system with 15 identified routes.

It will connect 10 islands along a network of routes that span 76 km with a fleet of 78 fast, electrically propelled hybrid ferries plying to 38 jetties.

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



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14. Hints to Remember

Who: IEPFA

What: signs MoU with IGNOU for promoting Investor Education and Financial literacy through Gyan Darshan channel

When: published on 12th January 2022

Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority, IEPFA, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding, MoU, with Indira Gandhi National Open University to propagate Investor Education, Awareness and Protection among a large group of present and prospective stakeholders by utilizing the tele-lecturing facility of Gyan Darshan Channel. Signing of the MoU took place virtually in New Delhi on Wednesday.

The proposed lecture series of 75 episodes will be a live tele-lecturing series on 24×7 Gyan Darshan TV channel. Experts for the lecture series would come from renowned professional institutions and senior officials from IEPFA, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and other regulators would also deliver lectures on various investment-related topics.

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



15. Hints to Remember

Who: NABARD

What: estimates Odisha's credit potential for FY 2022-23 at Rs 1,34,665 Cr

When: published on 12th January 2022

NABARD has projected Odisha's overall credit potential for the financial year 2022-23 at Rs 1,34,665 crore. The projection was in the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development's (NABARD) state focus paper for Odisha, which was released on Tuesday.

State Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari urged banks to enhance their credit ratio to priority sectors.

NABARD Chairman-cum-General Manager (CGM) C Udayabhaskar said that concerted efforts need to be made for achieving the set targets for the current financial year and increasing the credit flow to priority sectors.

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

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Sarbananda Sonowal

What: inaugurates Assam's first sports university

When: published on 12th January 2022

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH Shri Sarbananda Sonowal on Tuesday inaugurated the construction of Assam's first sports university, Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Sports University at Chabua in Assam's Dibrugarh district.

Sonowal said that the world class university set up in the name of the great Saint of the Maomoriya sattriya community will not only give a platform to athletes of Chabua and Dibrugarh, but also of Assam and the entire northeast.

The Union Minister further stated, "Sports not only brings achievements but also good health, human values and service to the society. Today, a sport is an industry. Aspects like sports medicine and sports science are fields which are in much demand nowadays. Sports today provide employment opportunities and income generation avenues. Through sports, people can become Aatmanirbhar."

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

17. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: ranked at 83rd position in Henley Passport Index, improving by 7 places

When: published on 12th January 2022

There is some good news for India, as the travel restrictions come bearing down on the global south, according to Henley Passport Index.

The Indian passport occupied 83rd position, gaining seven places from its 90th ranking in 2021. The rankings are carried out by Henley and Partners.

The London-based global citizenship and residence advisory firm, with its Henley Passport Index, based on exclusive data provided by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), have been regularly monitoring the world's most travel-friendly passports since 2006.

India now has visa-free access to 60 destinations worldwide with Oman and Armenia being the latest additions. India has added 35 more destinations since 2006.

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

18. Hints to Remember

Who: PM Modi

What: inaugurates new campus of Classical Tamil institute in Chennai

When: published on 12th January 2022

PM Narendra Modi will be inaugurating the new campus of Central Institute of Classical Tamil in Chennai today. Prime Minister's office informed that the inauguration will be done through video conferencing.

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

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Federal Bank

What: launches instant 30-minutes loan approval portal for MSMEs

When: published on 11th January 2022

Federal Bank has launched an online lending platform titled federalinstaloes.com to facilitate quick and hassle-free credit approvals for Micro, Small & Medium enterprises (MSME) across India. The platform enables MSME borrowers to avail loans in less than 30 minutes digitally by uploading their income tax returns, Bank account statement & online verification of GST details. Eligible borrowers can avail up to Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) through the platform at present.

The platform uses sophisticated algorithms to read and analyse data points from various sources such as IT returns, GST data, bank statements, Credit Bureau, all in less than 30 minutes capturing the borrower's basic details using smart analytics. Most importantly, clients can avail business loan approvals from the comfort of their home without visiting the Bank's branches. Data entry by the client is kept minimal, as majority of the details are auto populated from the uploaded documents, i.e., GST, ITR & Bank account statements.

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

20. Hints to Remember

Who: National Youth Day

What: was observed on 12 January

National Youth Day 2022: Every year on January 12, India celebrates National Youth Day, also known as Yuva Diwas, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, who was one of the most prominent philosophers, monks, and thinkers of India. This day was first declared as National Youth Day in 1984 by the government of India to pay tribute and honour the teachings of Vivekananda. Since then, Rashtriya Yuva Diwas is celebrated all across the country.

People all across the nation celebrate this day as a festival. Various programs, events, and workshops dedicated to Vivekananda are held in schools and educational institutes where his teachings are spread among the youth. Throughout his life, Vivekananda gave powerful insights regarding the motherland, unity, religion, life, duty, and peace. One of the strongest messages Vivekananda gave to the youth of India was, "What I want is muscles of iron and nerves of steel, inside which dwells a mind of the same material as that of which the thunderbolt is made."

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





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