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July GA Quiz 28

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

1. Avigna Industrial & Logistics Park is going invest Rs 837 crore to develop industrial parks in which of the following states?

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

2. Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Ltd has recently partnered with authorities of _____ under the Digital India Programme to facilitate online payment of electricity bills in rural areas.

- A. Common Service Centres B. India Post C. EPF Organisation
D. National Pension System E. None of these

3. Which of the following state governments has recently prepared the Ayush-based economic upgradation scheme “Devaranya Yojana” with the twin objectives of improving people’s health and livelihood of tribals?

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

4. Which city has recently become India’s 1st city to provide 24×7 drinking tap water through Sujal Project?

- A. Cuttack B. Bhubaneswar C. Balasore
D. Puri E. None of these

5. 83rd Central Reserve Police Force Raising Day was observed on which date?

- A. July 25 B. July 26 C. July 27
D. July 28 E. None of these



6. Steven Weinberg, who shared the 1979 Nobel Prize for Physics for his theoretical contributions to the Standard Model of particle physics, passed away recently. He was from which country?

- A. Russia
- B. USA
- C. Canada
- D. South Africa
- E. None of these

7. "BionychiurusTamilensis" is a species of _____ .

- A. Wingless reptile
- B. Wingless insect
- C. Wingless fish
- D. Wingless fly
- E. None of these

8. Scientists from which countries are going to collaborate on research that will help develop or repurpose drugs against Covid-19?

- A. India, Russia, Brazil and China
- B. India, Russia, Brazil and Japan
- C. India, Russia, Brazil and Canada
- D. India, Russia, Brazil and South Africa
- E. None of these



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9. C3iHub, the technology innovation hub on cyber security at which IIT has launched the first cohort of start-ups which will develop services and products across the critical cyber security domains of UAV security, block chain, intrusion detection and cyber physical system?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IIT Ropar
- D. IIT Kanpur
- E. None of these

10. Which company has acquired Great Learning for 600 Million USD?

- A. Vedantu
- B. Unacademy
- C. Gradeup
- D. BYJU'S
- E. None of these

11. SBI, Axis Bank, Indian Bank, Yes Bank and IDBI Bank have recently picked up what percent stake each, representing 50,000 shares in IBBIC, for cash at Rs 5 lakh each?

- A. 3.55 per cent
- B. 4.55 per cent
- C. 5.55 per cent
- D. 6.55 per cent
- E. None of these



12. Government of India is to sell _____ stake in HUDCO via OFS to raise around Rs 720 crore.

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

13. Who among the following has recently been named the new Prime Minister of Lebanon?

- A. Tammam Salam B. Fouad Siniora C. Saad Hariri
D. Najib Mikati E. None of these

14. Which bank has launched an overdraft facility for small retailers in partnership with CSC SPV?

- A. ICICI Bank B. HDFC Bank C. YES Bank
D. Axis Bank E. None of these

15. Which country has become first country to approve genetically modified 'golden rice' for commercial production?

- A. Philippines B. Thailand C. Malaysia
D. Vietnam E. None of these

16. LohumCleantech, a lithium-ion (Li-ion) battery maker and a battery recycling solutions company, planned to set up India's largest 3 GWh Li-ion manufacturing as well as recycling plant in _____ .

- A. Faridabad B. New Delhi C. Gurugram
D. Greater Noida E. None of these

17. Which Indian Naval Ship has reached Mombasa to participate in Exercise Cutlass Express 2021?

- A. INS Kolkata B. INS Shivalik C. INS Tarkash
D. INS Talwar E. None of these

18. The Union government will set up over 42 virology research and diagnostic laboratories under a central scheme during the period of 15th Finance Commission (2021-22 to 2025-26) at a cost of _____ .

- A. Rs 224 crore B. Rs 324 crore C. Rs 424 crore
D. Rs 524 crore E. None of these



19. Harappan city of Dholavira in which state has been name the 40th Indian site on UNESCO's World Heritage list?

- A. Rajasthan B. Punjab C. Haryana
D. Gujarat E. None of these

20. 22-year-old Yuto Horigome has recently won the first ever Olympic Gold medal for skateboarding. He is from which country?

- A. China B. Philippines C. Japan
D. Thailand 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: Avigna

What: to invest Rs 837 cr to build industrial parks in Tamil Nadu

When: published on 24th July 2021

Avigna Industrial & Logistics Park on Saturday said it will invest Rs 837 crore in Tamil Nadu to develop industrial parks.

The company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu government for an investment of Rs 837 crore in the state, Avigna said in a statement.

The agreement has been signed between Managing Director Rajasekaran S and Executive Director Abhijit Verma from Avigna Group and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin.

Avigna will utilize the proposed investment to develop modern industrial development parks in various parts of Tamil Nadu in the coming years.

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

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Tata Power distribution arm in Odisha

What: ties up with CSCs to facilitate online bill payments in rural areas

When: published on 27th July 2021

Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Ltd has partnered with authorities of Common Service Centres (CSCs) under the Digital India Programme to facilitate online payment of electricity bills in rural areas, an official said on Tuesday.

The collaboration will help rural consumers of the joint venture company between Tata Power and the Odisha government pay their power bills to CSCs and Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs), he said.

"It has always been our prime focus to enhance customer experience through numerous initiatives. In this journey, the collaboration with CSCs will make our bill payment process convenient for rural customers," TPCODL chief executive officer M Shenbagam said.

Over 5,800 CSCs and VLEs are operating in areas where the power utility supplies electricity.

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



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Madhya Pradesh govt

What: prepares Ayush-based economic upgradation scheme – Devaranya Yojana

When: published on 27th July 2021

In Madhya Pradesh, the State Government has prepared the Ayush-based economic upgradation scheme – Devaranya Yojana with the twin objectives of improving people’s health and livelihood of tribals.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that wellness tourism will be promoted in state. For this, medicinal plants should be cultivated in the beautiful plains of the villages. He was addressing a workshop on the scheme. AIR correspondent reports that Chief Minister said that more than 360 new AYUSH health and wellness centers are being established in the state.

Ayush Super Specialty Hospitals are being constructed in Indore and Bhopal. He informed that upgradation of Ayurvedic and Yunani dispensaries is also being done in the state. AYUSH and tourism will be brought together to boost employment opportunities in tribal areas under the scheme.

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

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Puri

What: becomes 1st Indian city to get 24x7 clean and filtered piped drinking water supply

When: published on 26th July 2021

Puri, which attracts two crore tourists every year, has now earned the unique distinction of becoming the first Indian city to get round-the-clock piped pure drinking water.

Launching the ambitious project under the banner of ‘Sujal - drink from tap mission’ through the virtual platform, Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday said Puri has now joined the league of international cities like London, New York and Singapore in supplying quality piped drinking water from taps 24/7.

"The launch of ‘Sujal: drink from tap mission’ in Puri is a new chapter in Odisha’s development. It makes the heritage city the first in India to achieve this milestone, matching the standards of supply of drinking water in many foreign cities. Around 2.5 lakh people of Puri town and two crore tourists visiting the city every year can now get quality drinking water from taps, doing away with the need to store and filter water,” Naveen said in his address.

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



5. Hints to Remember

Who: 83rd Central Reserve Police Force Raising Day

What: was observed on 27th July 2021

When: published on 27th July 2021

India's largest Central Armed Police Force, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is observing its '83rd Raising Day' today. The day marks the immense and unparalleled contribution of the force in upholding the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of the nation.

On the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended greetings to the force's personnel and their families.

In a tweet, PM Modi lauded the CRPF personnel for their valor and professionalism and said that their contribution to the nation's unity is unparalleled.

"Greetings to all courageous CRPF personnel and their families on the force's Raising Day. The CRPF is known for its valor and professionalism. It has a key role in India's security apparatus. Their contributions to further national unity are appreciable," read one of the tweets of the Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, the CRPF also hailed its personnel and extended their best wishes on the occasion. "Best wishes to all the CRPF Bravehearts and their families on the 83rd CRPF Raising Day. With its glorious history as a guiding light, the force is resolutely committed to serve the nation with all its might," the CRPF said on Twitter.

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

6. Hints to Remember

Who: US Nobel-prize-winning physicist Steven Weinberg

What: dies aged 88

When: published on 26th July 2021

The US physicist Steven Weinberg, who shared the 1979 Nobel Prize for Physics for his theoretical contributions to the Standard Model of particle physics, died on 23 July aged 88. In the 1960s Weinberg's work was instrumental in understanding the weak interaction in particle physics, which is best known for its role in nuclear decay. He shared the 1979 Nobel prize equally with Sheldon Glashow and Abdus Salam.

Born in New York on 3 May 1933, Weinberg attended the Bronx High School of Science, which has seen seven former pupils go on to win physics Nobels. In 1954 Weinberg received a degree in physics from Cornell University and after a year at the Institute for Theoretical Physics in Copenhagen (now the Niels Bohr Institute), he returned to the US to complete his PhD at Cornell University, graduating in 1957.

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



7. Hints to Remember

Who: New insect species

What: discovered in biodiversity-rich Nilgiris

When: published on 6th July 2021

Researchers from the molecular biodiversity laboratory in the department of Zoology and Wildlife Biology in the Government Arts College in Ooty have discovered a new wingless insect in the Nilgiris.

A research paper on the new species has been published in international journal *Biologia* published by Springer Nature. "The 1mm-long flightless insect has been named *Bionychiurus tamilensis* as it was recorded in Tamil Nadu," said associate professor and laboratory head R Sanil. "There are only six species under this genus reported so far across the world and reported only from cold high-altitude regions of Switzerland, China and Korea."

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

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Scientists from India, Russia, Brazil, South Africa

What: will collaborate on Covid research

When: published on 26th July 2021

Scientists from India, Russia, Brazil and South Africa will collaborate on research that will help develop or repurpose drugs against Covid-19.

According to an official statement on Monday, the collaborative effort involving experts from bioinformatics, organic chemistry, medicinal chemistry, drug screening and parasitologists would be of great value for the search of new efficient drugs against Covid-19.

The consolidation of efforts, knowledge and experience of scientists and specialists from different areas will lead to the optimisation of the health system and health care in BRICS countries, the Department of Science and Technology said in the statement.

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

9. Hints to Remember

Who: C3iHub, IIT-K

What: launch first cohort of cyber security start-ups, R&D investigators

When: published on 24th July 2021



C3iHub, the technology innovation hub on cyber security at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K) on Friday launched the first cohort of start-ups which will develop services and products across the critical cyber security domains of UAV security, block chain, intrusion detection and cyber physical system.

The first cohort includes a select group of 13 start-ups and 25 R&D principal investigators for incubation and research programs respectively which were selected after a rigorous application process. The presence of cutting-edge technology in cyber security is accompanied by an increasing need to protect digital assets and deploy solutions for the common public as well as government and industry.

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

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Byju's

What: acquires Great Learning for USD 600 million

When: published on 26th July 2021

Edtech major Byju's on Monday said it has acquired Singapore-headquartered Great Learning for USD 600 million (about Rs 4,466 crore), and will invest an additional USD 400 million to strengthen its position in the professional and higher education segment. The development comes just days after Byju's had announced the acquisition of US-based digital reading platform Epic for USD 500 million (around Rs 3,729.8 crore), and an additional USD 1 billion (about Rs 7,459.7 crore) investment in the North American market.

Byju's has acquired Great Learning – a global player in the professional and higher education segment – in a transaction valued at USD 600 million comprising cash, stock and earnout, a statement said. Byju's, which has 100 million registered students on its flagship learning app, has earmarked an additional USD 400 million of investment into this segment towards accelerating Great Learning's growth, it added.

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

11. Hints to Remember

Who: SBI, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, others

What: buy stakes in fintech firm IBBIC

When: published on 27th July 2021

Six banks – State Bank of India, Axis Bank, Indian Bank, Yes Bank, IDBI Bank, and ICICI Bank – on Tuesday said they have bought equity stakes in financial technology platform IBBIC.



SBI, Axis Bank, Indian Bank, Yes Bank and IDBI Bank picked up 5.55 per cent stake each, representing 50,000 shares in IBBIC, for cash at Rs 5 lakh each.

In their separate regulatory filings on Tuesday, these lenders said they have subscribed to 50,000 equity shares of a face value of Rs 10 each fully paid up of IBBIC Private Ltd for a consideration of Rs 10 per equity share constituting 5.55 per cent of the issued and paid-up capital of IBBIC.

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

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: to Sell 8% Stake in HUDCO via OFS to Raise Around Rs 720 crore

When: published on 27th July 2021

The Central government's upto eight percent stake sale in the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) at a floor price of Rs 45 apiece will open for institutional investors.

The sale of over 16.01 crore shares, or a total of eight percent stake, would fetch around Rs 720 crore to the exchequer.

The government is selling over five percent stake or over 11.01 crore shares, with an option to retain over-subscription of 2.5 percent or over five crore shares, through an offer-for-sale (OFS).

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

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Former PM Najib Mikati

What: named Lebanon's prime minister-designate

When: published on 26th July 2021

Lebanon's president has appointed Najib Mikati as the country's new prime minister-designate after the billionaire businessman won the approval of a majority of lawmakers.

The two-time prime minister secured 72 of 118 votes following consultations between members of parliament and Lebanese President Michel Aoun at the Baabda Palace on Monday.

His naming follows Saad Hariri's announcement on July 15 that he would be stepping down as prime minister-designate after failing to form a Cabinet. On Monday, the veteran Sunni politician endorsed Mikati as his replacement and told reporters "the country has a chance today."

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



14. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC Bank, CSC

What: launch overdraft scheme for small retailer

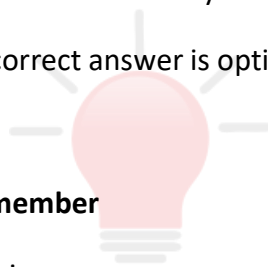
When: published on 27th July 2021

Private lender HDFC Bank has launched an overdraft facility for small retailers in partnership with CSC SPV. Known as 'Dukandar Overdraft Scheme', this facility will help shopkeepers and merchants ease their cash crunch.

Retailers operating for a minimum of three years can avail the overdraft facility by providing 6 months bank statement from any bank. Based on the statement, the bank may approve an overdraft limit from a minimum of Rs 50,000 to a maximum of Rs 10 lakhs. No collateral security, business financials and income tax returns would be required to apply for this facility.

Retailers, shopkeepers and village level entrepreneurs are eligible for this facility. The bank has simplified the process by minimizing paperwork and time required to avail of the scheme. The new scheme has been created keeping in mind the current situation of small traders. The upper limit for shops operational for less than 6 years is Rs 7.5 lakhs and Rs 10 lakh for establishments that have been in business for more than 6 years.

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



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15. Hints to Remember

Who: Philippines

What: becomes first country to approve genetically modified 'golden rice' for commercial production

When: published on 23rd July 2021

The Philippines has become the world's first country Friday to approve the commercial production of genetically modified "golden rice".

Crops such as rice, wheat, and soybeans, as well as fruits and vegetables have a naturally occurring "glitch" in the way they photosynthesize that causes the plants to use up energy and resources, drastically suppressing productivity.

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

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Lohum

What: Plans to Set up India's Largest 3 GWh Li-ion Battery Factory



When: published on 23rd July 2021

Lohum, which claims to be the world's leading Li-ion battery player, is going to set up India's largest factory for the same. The Noida-based company says that it will set up a manufacturing as well as recycling plant in Greater Noida. This feat will be completed within the next 18 months. The total installed capacity of this integrated facility will be 3 GWh/ 3000 MWh Li-ion batteries per annum. This factory will also integrate the battery manufacturing capacity of 1 GWh/ 1,000 MWh and 2GWh/ 2,000 MWh of recycling per annum. More than Rs 300 crore will be invested in this facility. Currently, Lohum operates two co-located factories of 300 MWh for manufacturing new Li-ion batteries, and 200 MWh for recycling them. Further, the company is also looking at introducing a new recycling facility in Kandla, Gujarat.

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

17. Hints to Remember

Who: INS Talwar

What: reaches Mombasa to participate in Exercise Cutlass Express 2021

When: published on 27th July 2021

Indian Naval Ship (INS) Talwar is participating in Exercise Cutlass Express 2021, which commenced on July 26 along the East Coast of Africa, to improve combined maritime law enforcement capacity and increase interoperability between the regional navies. The exercise will conclude on August 6.

The exercise is an annual maritime exercise conducted to promote national and regional maritime security in East Africa and the Western Indian Ocean, an official statement from the Ministry of Defence said.

The 2021 edition of the exercise involves the participation of 12 Eastern African countries, US, UK, India and various international organisations, like International Maritime Organisation (IMO), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Interpol, EurEuropean Union Naval Forc (EUNAVFOR), Critical Maritime Routes Indian Ocean (CRIMARIO) and EUCAP Somalia.

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

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Centre

What: to invest Rs324 crore to expand laboratory testing infra

When: published on 23rd July 2021



The Union government will set up over 42 virology research and diagnostic laboratories under a central scheme during the period of 15th Finance Commission (2021-22 to 2025-26) at a cost of Rs324 crore.

The scheme under the Department of Health Research (DHR), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) aims to help boost coverage of timely diagnosis and identification of viruses during an epidemic outbreak, generation of data about viral diseases for facilitating quick deployment of resources and measures to save human lives.

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

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Dholavira in Gujarat

What: is on UNESCO World Heritage list

When: published on 27th July 2021

The Harappan city of Dholavira, in present-day Gujarat, was on Tuesday named the 40th Indian site on UNESCO's World Heritage list.

UNESCO's announcement came just days after another site, Ramappa Temple in Telangana, was admitted to the list on Sunday.

"The ancient city of Dholavira is one of the most remarkable and well-preserved urban settlements in South Asia dating from the 3rd to mid-2nd millennium BCE (Before Common Era). Discovered in 1968, the site is set apart by its unique characteristics, such as its water management system, multi-layered defensive mechanisms, extensive use of stone in construction and special burial structures," UNESCO said.

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

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Japan's Own

What: Wins First Skateboarding Medal At Tokyo Olympics

When: published on 25th July 2021

In the neighborhood where he grew up skateboarding, 22-year-old Yuto Horigome won the first ever Olympic Gold medal for skateboarding.

In the street skate competition, Horigome expertly flipped his board in the air, sailed over staircases and glided on rails. On the fourth trick of the final he accomplished a most difficult one: a "nollie 270 noselide." After taking off, he flipped his board, then slid it down the rail on its nose.



Though he now lives in Los Angeles, Horigome won his medal in a city where skateboarding is still frowned upon and considered a renegade hobby. There are signs around Tokyo posted that read "No skateboarding."

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





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