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June GA Quiz 23

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

1. 3 Centers of Excellence (COEs) has recently been established in which state under Indo-Israel Agricultural Project (IIAP)?

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

2. Who among the following has recently announced that his first memoir titled as "Will", is set to hit the shelves on November 9?

- A. Trey Smith B. Martin Lawrence C. Mena Massoud
D. Eddie Murphy E. None of these

3. Who among the following has recently launched the book "My Joys and Sorrows - as a Mother of a Special Child" authored by Dr Krishna Saksena?

- A. Harsh Vardhan B. Narendra Modi C. Piyush Goyal
D. Prakash Javadekar E. None of these

4. Nirmal Kaur passed away recently, was related to which sport?

- A. Football B. Volleyball C. Tennis
D. Table Tennis E. None of these

5. Lophopogon prasannae, as new grass species discovered in Nigidi Forest of which state?

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



6. Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) and High Energy Material Research Laboratory (HEMRL) have developed Canopy Severance System (CSS) for safe ejection of Pilots in distress. ARDE is located in which city?

- A. Pune B. Jhansi C. Kanpur
D. Sonipat E. None of these

7. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of an additional equity stake of about _____ shareholding of United Breweries Limited (UBL) by Heineken International BV (HIBV).

- A. 14.40 percent B. 15.40 percent C. 16.40 percent
D. 17.40 percent E. None of these

8. Which company has picked up 54 per cent stake in Hyderabad-based fintech startup Paymatrix by buying out existing investors as part of its added focus on digital payments segment?

- A. Muthoot Fincorp B. India Infoline C. Manappuram Finance
D. Spandana Sphoorty E. None of these

9. Who among the following has recently been sworn in as ICC's chief prosecutor?

- A. Fatou Bensouda B. Serge Brammertz C. Wayne Chang
D. Karim Ahmad Khan E. None of these

10. Who among the following has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of OnePlus wearables which includes the OnePlus Watch and OnePlus Band?

- A. Jasprit Bumrah B. Rohit Sharma C. Mohammed Shami
D. Rishabh Pant E. None of these

11. Nikol Pashinyan is the acting prime minister of which country who won the General Election?

- A. Azerbaijan B. Albania C. Armenia
D. Artsakh E. None of these



12. Who among the following has been named 'Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes' by WWF India?

- A. Lakshmi Manchu B. Upasana Kamineni C. Sneha Reddy
D. Niharika Konidela E. None of these

13. Which ship was adjudged as the 'Best Ship of Eastern Naval Command in Fleet Award Function (FAF) this year while INS Kamorta as the 'Most Spirited Ship' for displaying indomitable spirit and grit?

- A. INS Tarkash B. INS Shivalik C. INS Satpura
D. INS Sahyadri E. None of these

14. Which company has won recognition as India's Best Employers among Nation-Builders 2021?

- A. NTPC Limited B. NHPC Limited C. Power Grid Corporation of India
D. Steel Authority of India E. None of these

15. Bharti Airtel and which company have recently announced a strategic partnership for implementing 5G network solutions for India?

- A. Tata Group B. Wipro C. Infosys
D. HCL Technologies E. None of these

16. FlexiLoans.com has partnered with which company to provide working capital loans to its 100,000+ retailers and distributors pan India?

- A. Retailio B. Smartpaddle C. RetailWhizz
D. TranZact E. None of these

17. Which of the following banks has introduced the instant 'Cardless EMI' facility to online purchases made on e-commerce platforms?

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



18. Which insurance company has signed a corporate agency agreement with IDFC FIRST Bank for distribution of non-life insurance solutions?

- A. New India Assurance
- B. ICICI Lombard
- C. SBI General Insurance
- D. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- E. None of these

19. The government of India has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras(PMBJKs) to 10000 by _____ .

- A. April 2024
- B. March 2024
- C. May 2024
- D. June 2024
- E. None of these

20. Who among the following has recently launched a nationwide “JaanHaiToJahaanHai” campaign to create awareness on Corona vaccination in rural and remote areas of the country?

- A. Syed Shahnawaz Hussain
- B. Prakash Javadekar
- C. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
- D. Nitin Gadkari
- 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	E	A	B	D	A	C	A	D	A	C	B	D	A	A	A	D	C	B	C

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: 3 Centers Of Excellence

What: Established In Karnataka Under Indo-Israel Agriculture Project

When: published on 16th June 2021

For taking forward the Israeli technologies in the field of Horticulture, Sh. B. S. Yediyurapp, Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka and Sh. Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India jointly inaugurated the 3 Centers of Excellence (COEs) established in Karnataka under Indo-Israel Agricultural Project (IIAP).

MIDH Division of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India and MASHAV – Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation – are leading Israel's largest G2G cooperation, with 29 operational Centres of Excellence (COEs) across India in 12 States, implementing advanced Israeli Agro-Technology tailored to local conditions.

Out of these 29 fully functional COEs, 3 are from Karnataka, viz., COE Kolar for Mango, COE Bagalkote for Pomegranate and COE Dharwad for Vegetables. These Centres of Excellence generate knowledge, demonstrate best practices and train officers and farmers.

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

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Will Smith

What: to release memoir in November

When: published on 21st June 2021

Hollywood star Will Smith has announced that his first memoir, titled "Will", is set to hit the shelves on November 9.

The book, which Smith has co-written with Mark Manson, will be published by Penguin Press, an imprint of Penguin Random House.

Smith shared the cover art and release date of his memoir via video announcement on Instagram and the book's website.



The actor revealed that he has been working on the book for the past two years.

"It's been a labour of love," Smith said in the video.

As per a press release shared on the website, "the memoir is the product of a profound journey of self-knowledge, a reckoning with all that your will can get you and all that it can leave behind."

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

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Dr Harsh Vardhan

What: unveils Krishna Saksena's book 'My Joys and Sorrows - as a Mother of a Special Child'

When: published on 20th June 2021

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan on Sunday launched the book "My Joys and Sorrows - as a Mother of a Special Child" authored by Dr Krishna Saksena.

"Patriotism can take unexpected forms. This book is an epitome of the bravery and endurance of a mother, in the best tradition of Indian motherhood. Like to the country, we must pay our respects to such a mother. Not just mothers, I expect fathers to read this book to learn about parenting a child and parenting a generation," Dr Harsh Vardhan said on the occasion.

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

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Former Indian Women Volleyball Captain Nirmal Kaur

What: Passed Away

When: published on 14th June 2021

Nirmal Kaur, former Indian women volleyball team captain and wife of sprint legend Milkha Singh, died at a Mohali hospital due to COVID-19 related complications on Sunday. She was 85 and is survived by her husband, one son and three daughters.

"We are deeply saddened to inform you that Mrs Nirmal Milkha Singh passed away after a valiant battle against COVID at 4 PM today," a statement from the spokesperson of the Milkha family said. "A back bone of the Milkha Family, she was 85 years old. It is tragic that the Flying Sikh Milkha Singh ji could not attend the cremation which was conducted this evening itself as he is still in the ICU (of PGIMER in Chandigarh) himself."

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



5. Hints to Remember

Who: Andhra Pradesh: New grass species

What: found in Anantapur forest

When: published on 18th June 2021

A new grass species has been discovered in the Nigidi forest of Anantapur district. The grass species has been named after reputed botanist Dr PV Prasanna, scientist G, Botanical Survey of India (BSI).

Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board research scientist Dr Kothareddy Prasad, who discovered the new species, said: "The new grass species belongs to the genus 'Lophopogon' and rice family. It is named as Lophopogon prasannae." Dr Prasanna is a grass taxonomist and head of office, Deccan Regional Centre, BSI. Lophopogon — a genus of Indian plants in the grass family — is endemic to dry parts of India such as Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Tamil Nadu. It consists of two species only and the recently discovered species is the third species.

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

6. Hints to Remember

Who: ARDE & HEMRL

What: develop CSS for safe ejection of Pilots in distress

When: published on 22nd June 2021

All modern aircraft are equipped with a Canopy Severance System (CSS), which is an escape path clearance system for the pilot in case of emergencies occurring on the aircraft. State-of-the-art CSS has been developed ab-initio at Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune in association with High Energy Material Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Pune, for the indigenously developed LCA Tejas and Trainer Aircraft, HJT-36 Aircraft and HTT-40 Aircraft. It provides safe passage by pre-weakening/severing the canopy to facilitate the smooth escape of the pilot in the shortest possible time.

A Transfer of Technology (ToT) Certificate Award Ceremony was held yesterday evening at ARDE in the gracious presence of Distinguished Scientist and Director General of Armament and Combat Engineering P.K. Mehta of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Director, ARDE Dr V. Venkateswara Rao and Director, HEMRL KPS Murthy handed over the certificate to Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) S. Pramanik and General Manager (GM) R Chandra of M/s GOCL Corporation Ltd., effecting Transfer of Technology (ToT) for the Production of CSS for the indigenously developed aircraft.

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



7. Hints to Remember

Who: CCI

What: Approved Heineken's Additional Stake Acquisition in United Breweries

When: published on 23rd June 2021

United Breweries share price paired gains after opening in the green on June 23, a day after CCI okayed Heineken's additional equity stake acquisition in the company.

According to CNBC-TV18, around 3.96 crore shares of United Breweries traded on BSE at Rs 1,471.25 per share. Heineken is likely to have acquired an additional 14.99 percent stake via a block deal.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on June 21 said it has approved Heineken International BV's proposed acquisition of an additional equity stake in United Breweries Ltd (UBL).

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

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Muthoot Fincorp

What: acquires 54% stake in Paymatrix

When: published on 21st June 2021

Gold loan company Muthoot Fincorp has picked up 54 per cent stake in Hyderabad-based fintech startup Paymatrix by buying out existing investors as part of its added focus on digital payments segment.

"We now hold majority in Paymatrix, having given full exit to many of the existing investors. We've acquired 54 per cent equity shareholding in the startup through a combination of primary and secondary investments," Muthoot Pappachan Group chairman Thomas John Muthoot told PTI on Monday, refusing to share the deal value citing confidentiality clause.

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

9. Hints to Remember

Who: British lawyer Karim Khan

What: sworn in as ICC's chief prosecutor

When: published on 16th June 2021

British lawyer Karim Khan was sworn in Wednesday as the new chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Court, pledging to reach out to nations that are not members of the court and to try to hold trials in countries where crimes are committed.



Khan, a 51-year-old English lawyer, has years of experience in international lawyer as a prosecutor, investigator and defense attorney. He takes over from Fatou Bensouda of Gambia, whose nine-year term ended Tuesday.

“The priority for me, and I believe that's the principle of the Rome Statute, is not to focus so much on where trials take place, but to ensure that the quest for accountability and inroads on impunity are made,” Khan said, referring to the treaty that founded the court, in his first speech after taking his oath of office.

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

10. Hints to Remember

Who: OnePlus

What: roped in Jasprit Bumrah as brand ambassador for wearables

When: published on 18th June 2021

Premium smartphone brand OnePlus on Friday said it has roped in cricketer Jasprit Bumrah as the brand ambassador for its wearables category.

"The partnership with Bumrah reiterates the brand philosophy of 'Never Settle' and the company's pursuit towards perfection. For young India today, Bumrah represents a passion for a healthy, fit, and an active lifestyle while believing in constantly becoming better, a philosophy that truly resonates with what OnePlus stands for," a statement said.

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

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Armenia PM Pashinyan's Civil Contract

What: claims victory in snap poll

When: published on 21st June 2021

Nikol Pashinyan, the acting prime minister of Armenia, has claimed victory in a snap parliamentary election he had called in an effort to defuse a political crisis following a disastrous war with Azerbaijan.

With 75 percent of results declared, Pashinyan's Civil Contract party had 55.61 percent of the vote on Monday. The electoral alliance of his top rival, former President Robert Kocharyan, had 20 percent of the vote, according to the Central Election Commission (CEC).

Voter turnout was about 50 percent, with some 2.6 million people eligible to vote.

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



12. Hints to Remember

Who: Upasna Kamineni

What: takes on a new role as “Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes” at WWF India

When: published on 21st June 2021

Frontline workers have always played a vital if unsung role. Whether in the hospitals fighting the pandemic and saving human lives or deep in the forests protecting wildlife and habitats.

The efforts put in by the field level forest staff often go unrecognized. Many of us see and appreciate the natural areas like forest and wetlands and even increase in wildlife numbers. However, we often miss the fact that these areas and species have been conserved due to the efforts of forest department staff who have tirelessly been protecting and managing these areas. Along with state forest departments, WWF India is working continuously to provide support to these often-invisible foot soldiers through capacity building and providing relevant technical and infrastructure support. With the aim to appreciate the efforts of these unsung heroes, WWF India welcomes Upasna Kamineni, Director Apollo Hospitals, as “Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes.” The focus of this will be on several states across the country covering most eco-regions.

Upasna Kamineni shares her thoughts on taking on the new role, “I have been on the side where frontline workers in the hospitals are tirelessly working to save lives. On the other hand, the forest field staff often work night and day in extreme conditions such as scorching heat and biting cold and torrential rains. On average, they walk up to 15–20 km a day to patrol the forests, facing the dangers of encountering wild animals or poachers. I am committed as WWF India’s ‘Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes’ to support and draw attention towards the people who are the pillars of nature and wildlife conservation.”

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

13. Hints to Remember

Who: INS Sahyadri

What: adjudged Best Ship of Eastern Naval Command at FAF

When: published on 20th June 2021

Indian Navy on Sunday said that its warship INS Sahyadri adjudged as the ‘Best Ship of Eastern Naval Command in Fleet Award Function (FAF) this year while INS Kamorta as the ‘Most Spirited Ship’ for displaying indomitable spirit and grit.

Similarly, INS Kiltan and Khukri were given the Best Corvette trophy for undertaking a plethora of challenging missions.



Fleet Awards Function marks the culmination of the Operational Cycle of the Eastern Fleet and recognises accomplishments of the 'Sword Arm' of the Eastern Naval Command (ENC).

The FAF 2021 was held to celebrate the operational achievements of the Eastern Fleet during the last year on Saturday and this year the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, ENC Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh was the Chief Guest at the event hosted by Rear Admiral Tarun Sobti Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet.

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

14. Hints to Remember

Who: NTPC

What: wins recognition of India's best employers, among top 50 Great Place to Work

When: published on 19th June 2021

For the first time, National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) won recognition as India's Best Employers among Nation-Builders 2021. It has been recognized as the 'Great Place to Work' for the 15th straight year by the Great Places to Work Institute.

NTPC is the only Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) to consistently feature in India's top 50 best workplaces. The PSU comes under the ministry of power.

"NTPC is the only PSU to consistently feature in India's Top 50 Best Workplaces. This year NTPC ranked 38th up from 47th position last year. It also won its first-ever recognition of India's Best Employers among Nation-Builders 2021," a statement by the Union ministry of power read on Saturday.

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

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Airtel, Tata Group

What: partner for 'Made in India' 5G network solutions

When: published on 21st June 2021

The announcement underscores a push for indigenous 5G solutions in India, as the world's second-largest telecom market gears up for fifth-generation mobile networks that would enable connecting virtually everything together including machines, objects, and devices at ultra-high speeds.

Notably, the partnership with Tata Group allows telecom operator Airtel to take head-on, rival Jio's pitch on homegrown 5G solutions. Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Jio is accelerating the rollout of digital platforms and indigenously-developed next-generation 5G stack.



On Monday, Airtel and Tata Group/TCS announced a collaboration for 'Made in India' 5G. Tata Group has developed O-RAN (Open Radio Access Network) based Radio and core elements and integrated a totally indigenous telecom stack, while Airtel will pilot and deploy this indigenous solution as part of its 5G rollout plans in India, with a pilot beginning in January 2022, as per the norms formulated by the government.

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

16. Hints to remember

Who: Flexiloans.Com

What: Partners With Retailio

When: published on 21st June 2021

FlexiLoans.com has partnered with Retailio, a B2B healthcare marketplace to provide working capital loans to its 100,000+ retailers and distributors pan India.

This partnership aims to fund over 15,000+ pharma retailers in the next 18 months. It will enable the pharmacies to cater to the increased demand for healthcare products and stock holding period by ensuring that funding for their working capital needs are taken care of digitally within 24- 48 hours of them applying for a loan.

The seamless lending integration with Retailio took less than 2 weeks given FlexiLoans.com's robust plug & play Architecture. The retailers on Retailio will benefit from FlexiLoans's Co-lending platform - BiFrost with access to a wide range of lenders and seamless digital on-boarding.

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

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Icici Bank

What: extends instant 'Cardless EMI' for online shopping

When: published on 21st June 2021

ICICI Bank today announced that it has introduced the instant 'Cardless EMI' facility to online purchases made on e-commerce platforms.

The facility enhances affordability to millions of the Bank's pre-approved customers, as it allows them to instantly buy products or services online through Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) in just a few clicks by using their mobile phone and PAN. Customers can convert the transactions up to Rs. 5 lakh into easy monthly instalments by simply entering their registered mobile number, PAN and OTP (received on mobile number) at the check-out section of the e-commerce website or app. The facility



can be availed across a host of categories such as electronics, home appliances, laptops, mobile phones, travel, fashion apparels, sports-wear, education and home décor.

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

18. Hints to Remember

Who: SBI General Insurance

What: enters into bancassurance tie-up with IDFC FIRST Bank

When: published on 21st June 2021

SBI General Insurance, one of the leading general insurance companies in India, has signed a corporate agency agreement with IDFC FIRST Bank for distribution of non-life insurance solutions.

Under this strategic agreement, SBI General Insurance will offer insurance products such as health, personal accident, home, motor and travel along with the commercial line of insurance products such as property, marine and engineering insurance to the bank's customers.

Amar Joshi, head of emerging business lines, SBI General Insurance, said, "We are happy to further strengthen our distribution network through this partnership and look forward to achieve new milestones. This will help us extend our range of products to a larger customer base. Our overall aim continues to remain the same; i.e., to enhance insurance penetration in the country by ensuring access to all."

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

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Center Targets

What: to Increase the Number of PMBJKs to 10000 by March 2024

When: published on 15th June 2021

The government is looking to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) in the country to 10,000 by March 2024, Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya said on Monday.

The minister stated the government's expansion plan for the PMBJKs while virtually inaugurating an outlet at Pragpur in the Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh.

As on June 11, 2021, there were 7,836 PMBJK outlets across the country.

In Himachal Pradesh alone, there are already 66 Jan Aushadhi Kendras, Mandaviya noted.



He added that under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), all the districts of the country are being covered.

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

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Minority Affairs Minister Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

What: launches a nationwide “JaanHaiToJahaanHai” campaign to create awareness on Corona vaccination in rural and remote areas of the country

When: published on 21st June 2021

The Minority Affairs Minister Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi today launched a nationwide “JaanHaiToJahaanHai” awareness campaign to create awareness on Corona vaccination in rural and remote areas of the country and also to “Crush and Curb” the rumours and apprehensions, being spread by some vested interests regarding the on-going vaccination drive.

Launching the campaign from the Primary Health Centre, Chamraua in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh, Shri Naqvi said that “Hesitation to Vaccination is Corona Invitation”.

Shri Naqvi said that some vested interests are trying to spread rumours and apprehensions regarding Corona vaccines in some areas of the country. Such elements are enemies of the health and well-being of the people.

The Minister said that the Ministry of Minority Affairs along with various socio-educational organisations, NGOs and Women Self Help Groups have launched the awareness campaign which will be organised across the country in the coming days. Under the campaign various religious leaders, prominent people from social, educational, cultural, medical, science and other fields are giving effective messages to the people to get vaccinated and street plays will also be organised across the country.

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





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