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March GA Quiz 16

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

1. Who among the following has recently launched Kindle Version of Swami Chidbhananda's Bhagvad Gita?

- A. Narendra Modi B. Nirmala Sitharaman C. Rajnath Singh
D. Ram Nath Kovind E. None of these

2. S Srimathy has assumed charge as executive director of which bank?

- A. Bank of India B. Indian Overseas Bank C. Syndicate Bank
D. Indian Bank E. None of these

3. Which of the following companies has launched 'Wheels of Love', a Holistic Programme to Support Parenthood?

- A. Tata Motors B. Mahindra & Mahindra C. Maruti Suzuki
D. Ashok Leyland E. None of these

4. The finance ministry is to infuse what amount mainly in the banks that are under the RBI's prompt corrective action framework in the next few days to improve their financial health?

- A. Rs 11,500 crore B. Rs 12,500 crore C. Rs 13,500 crore
D. Rs 14,500 crore E. None of these

5. World famous Swarnim International Shivratri Fair has been started in which city?

- A. Mandi B. Solan C. Una
D. Kangra E. None of these

6. Chemancheri Kunhiraman Nair passed away, was a/an _____.

- A. Scientist B. Musician C. Dancer
D. Actor E. None of these



7. Who among the following has been selected for the first Arjunopaharam, the award instituted in the name of music director M K Arjunan Master?

- A. G. Devarajan B. P. Bhaskaran C. M. K. Arjunan
D. Sreekumaran Thampi E. None of these

8. Who among the following has won his first Golden Globe posthumously?

- A. Michael B. Jordan B. Chadwick Boseman C. Taylor Simone Ledward
D. Letitia Wright E. None of these

9. Who among the following has been appointed as the next director and chief executive of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)?

- A. Deepak Mishra B. Ranjan Gogoi C. Arun Kumar Mishra
D. Ajay Manikrao E. None of these

10. Which of the following companies has acquired 70 per cent stake in Perigord Asset Holdings, a digital workflow and artwork, labelling and BPO services firm?

- A. Tata Consultancy Services B. Tech Mahindra
C. Cognizant D. HCL Technologies E. None of these

11. Which of the following countries has emerged as the fifth most attractive growth destination, slipping one position after being surpassed by the United Kingdom, according to a global survey of CEOs?

- A. Japan B. China C. India
D. Canada E. None of these

12. Which of the following countries has recently overtaken Saudi Arabia as India's second biggest oil supplier?

- A. Brazil B. Iran C. USA
D. China E. None of these



13. China and which country have agreed to jointly build a research station on the moon, expanding the two countries' cooperation in space?

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

14. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in its circular has set a limit for Mutual Funds (MF's) investment to what percent in debt instruments with special features such as perpetual bonds and 5% for single issuers and stated the maturity for perpetual bonds as 100 years?

- A. 15 percent B. 12 percent C. 10 percent
D. 18 percent E. None of these

15. 1st Ever Leader-Level Summit of QUAD Countries held virtually. Which of the following countries was not among which did not participated in the summit?

- A. India B. China C. Japan
D. USA E. Australia

16. New passenger train service between Dhaka and New Jalpaiguri is set to be started from which date?

- A. March 21 B. March 24 C. March 26
D. March 25 E. None of these

17. The Cyberabad Police has launched India's first-ever 'Transgender Community Desk' at the Gachibowli Police Station in which city?

- A. Chennai B. Kolkata C. Hyderabad
D. Kochi E. None of these

18. Who among the following has inaugurated the South Asia Group of Energy (SAGE) at the Research & Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) in New Delhi?

- A. Harsh Vardhan Shringla B. S. Jaishankar C. Riva Ganguly Das
D. Vijay Keshav Gokhale E. None of these



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- A. Narendra Modi B. Nitin Gadkari C. Prakash Javadekar
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Correct answer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	B	A	D	A	C	D	B	A	B	C	C	D	C	B	C	C	A	A	A

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: PM Modi

What: urges youth to read Bhagwad Gita, says it is 'practical guide for life'

When: published on 11th March 2021

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday urged the youth of the country to read the Bhagwad Gita as he launched an e-book version of Swami Chidbhananda's commentaries on the ancient Hindu scripture, which is a part of the epic Mahabharata. "In the middle of the fast-paced life, the Gita will provide an oasis. It is a practical guide for several dimensions of life," PM Modi said as he extending his congratulations on the launch.

The Kindle version was launched to commemorate the sale of more than 500,000 copies of the Swami Chidbhananda's Bhagavad Gita.

The Prime Minister also said the Gita inspires us to question and makes us think. "It encourages debate and keeps our minds open. Anybody who is inspired by Gita will always be compassionate by nature and democratic in temperament," he added. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: S Srimathy

What: assumes charge as executive director of Indian Overseas Bank

When: published on 13th March 2021

S Srimathy has assumed charge as executive director of Chennai-based public sector lender Indian Overseas Bank (IOB). Prior to this, she was serving as chief general manager at Canara Bank. She had been deputed to Nabard as chief vigilance officer immediately before her appointment at IOB.

Srimathy joined Canara Bank as a probationary officer in November 1986. She has over 34 years of banking experience across categories of branches from rural to metro, and is well exposed to various verticals like branch operations, mid & large credits, human resources and risk management. She has worked across several locations in the country. [\(Read more\)](#)



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Tata Motors

What: launches 'Wheels of Love', a Holistic Programme to Support Parenthood

When: published on 10th March 2021

Tata Motors today announced the launch of 'Wheels of Love', a holistic programme that supports new parents in their exciting journey both as a parent and also as a valued employee while promoting a progressive culture of care, inclusion and sensitization within the organization across levels.

Also presented in the form of a specially curated book, 'Wheels of Love' puts forth various tenets to enable new and expectant parents successfully manage the need to focus on their growing family while also fulfilling their career goals. In addition to guiding parents, the books also provides valuable insights for managers to support their team members as they progress through the various stages of parenthood.[\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: FinMin

What: to infuse Rs 14,500 cr in banks under RBI's prompt corrective action framework soon

When: published on 13th March 2021

The finance ministry is likely to infuse Rs 14,500 crore mainly in the banks that are under the RBI's prompt corrective action framework in the next few days to improve their financial health.

Indian Overseas Bank, Central Bank of India and UCO Bank are currently under this framework that puts several restrictions on them, including on lending, management compensation and directors' fees.

The ministry has almost finalised its names of probable candidates for capital infusion, sources said.

The infusion will be made in the next few days, the sources said, adding the biggest beneficiary of this round of capital infusion would be the banks that are under the prompt corrective action (PCA).

The capital infusion will help these banks to come out of the Reserve Bank of India's enhanced regulatory supervision or PCA framework.[\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: HP CM

What: inaugurates Swarnim International Shivratri Fair in Mandi; announces 5 percent increase in honorarium of Bajantries



When: published on 12th March 2021

World famous Swarnim International Shivratri Fair of Mandi began on Friday with Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur formally announcing the opening of the Mela at historic Paddal ground in Mandi.

Earlier, the Chief Minister, after paying obeisance at the temple of principal deity Madho Rai, participated in the traditional 'Jaleb', Shobha Yatra, which started from Shri Raj Madhav Rai temple and culminated at Paddal ground.

Thousands of people dressed in their traditional attire participated in the procession carrying their local deities dancing all the way upto Paddal ground. Over 150 deities participated in the 'Jaleb', the traditional Shobha Yatra from almost all parts of the district. Earlier, the Chief Minister participated in the Pagri Ceremony and performed Puja at Shri Raj Madhav Rai Temple.[\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Veteran Kathakali maestro Chemancheri

What: dies at 105

When: published on 16th March 2021

Kathakali maestro Guru Chemancheri Kunhirmann Nair, one of the oldest practitioners of the ancient dance drama art form of Kerala, died following old age-related ailments at his residence near Cheliya in Koyilandy early Monday morning. He was 105.

Nair was honoured with Padma Shri in 2017 in recognition for his role in promoting classical dance forms, including Kathakali.[\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Arjunan Master

What: award for Sreekumaran Thampi

When: published on 7th March 2021

Lyricist, script writer and director Sreekumaran Thampi has been selected for the first Arjunopaharam, the award instituted in the name of music director M K Arjunan Master. Thampi has been selected for the award considering his contributions to Malayalam movie industry.

The award carries a cash prize of 125,000, a plaque designed by Artist Sujathan and a citation, said award committee chairman Vidyadharan Master. The award committee included script writer Renji Paniker and lyricist R K Damodaran. The award has been constituted by cultural organisation Asha in association with Medical Trust Hospital.[\(Read more\)](#)



8. Hints to Remember

Who: Chadwick Boseman

What: wins his first Golden Globe posthumously

When: published on 28th February 2021

It was a bittersweet moment at the Golden Globes when the award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture – Drama went to the late Chadwick Boseman for Ma Rainey's Black Bottom.

Accepting the award on his behalf was his wife Taylor Simone Ledward who, in addition to listing the people Boseman would've thanked like director George C. Wolfe, producer Denzel Washington, and costar Viola Davis, said, "He would say something beautiful, something inspiring, something that would amplify that little voice inside of all of us that tells you you can, that tells you to keep going, that calls you back to what you are meant to be doing at this moment in history."[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: World Bank's Deepak Mishra

What: appointed as ICRIER director, chief executive

When: published on 13th March 2021

Deepak Mishra, practice manager in the World Bank's macroeconomics, trade, and investment global practice has been appointed as the next director and chief executive of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), the economic think tank said on Saturday.

He will take over from Rajat Kathuria who has been the director & chief executive of ICRIER since September 1, 2012.

Mishra has held various positions at the World Bank, including co-director of the World Development Report 2016 (Digital Dividends), Country Economist for Ethiopia, Pakistan, Sudan and Vietnam, the ICRIER statement added.

His research work has been published in various academic journals including the Journal of Development Economics, the Journal of International Economics and the Journal of Agriculture Economics.[\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Tech Mahindra

What: acquires majority stake in Perigord Asset Holdings

When: published on 16th March 2021



Tech Mahindra has acquired 70 per cent stake in Perigord Asset Holdings, a digital workflow and artwork, labelling and BPO services firm.

The acquisition will help Tech Mahindra to augment expertise in the global pharmaceutical, healthcare and life science (HLS) sectors, the company said in a statement.

The IT software major will leverage Perigord's expertise and offerings to extend capabilities towards delivering efficiency and automation levers across sectors including consumer-packaged goods, medical devices and over the counter (OTC) products to enable growth and scalability in future. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: fifth most attractive growth destination after UK: Survey

When: published on 12th March 2021

India has emerged as the fifth most attractive growth destination, slipping one position after being surpassed by the United Kingdom, according to a global survey of CEOs.

The United States is the number one market that CEOs (Chief Executive Officers) are looking to in terms of growth over the next 12 months and China is at the second spot.

The findings are part of leading consultancy PwC's 24th Annual Global CEO Survey that covered 5,050 CEOs in 100 countries and territories, including India. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: US

What: becomes India's second biggest oil supplier, Saudi plunges to fourth spot

When: published on 15th March 2021

The United States overtook Saudi Arabia as India's second biggest oil supplier last month, as refiners boosted cheaper US crude purchases to record levels to offset Opec+ supply cuts, data from trade sources showed.

The switch in supplies, triggered by lower US crude demand, coincided with Saudi Arabia's voluntary extra 1 million bpd output cut on top of an agreement by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies (Opec+) to maintain lower production. ([Read more](#))



13. Hints to Remember

Who: Russia and China

What: just agreed to build a research station on the moon together

When: published on 12th March 2021

The race to expand research opportunities on the moon is heating up. Russia and China are partnering on a project they're calling the International Lunar Research Station, or ILRS.

The China National Space Administration (CNSA) announced earlier this week that it's signed an memorandum of understanding with Russian space agency Roscosmos for the joint construction of a lunar station.

The agreement is short on details, including exactly where the station would be. The wording suggests the project could be a base on the surface of the moon, an orbital station, or a combination of the two. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: SEBI

What: limited MF's investment in Debt Instruments to 10% and Banned close-ended schemes investment in perpetual bonds

When: published on 10th March 2021

SEBI, in its latest circular, has capped mutual fund investments in debt instruments with special features like that of being able to convert into equity upon trigger of a pre-specified event (for loss absorption). Additional Tier I and Tier 2 bonds fall under the above-mentioned category. Effective from 1st April, no scheme can invest more than 10 per cent of its debt assets in such bonds and not more than 5 per cent in the bonds of a single issuer. Further, the watchdog said that no AMC, under all its schemes, will invest more than 10 per cent of its debt assets in such bonds issued by a single issuer. As an important implication, the set limits will ensure that funds don't go overboard with exposures to riskier bonds in pursuit of yields.

SEBI has grandfathered the current investments by AMCs in such instruments in excess of the specified limits. But such funds cannot make any fresh investment until their investment comes below the specified limits. Further, the funds with investments in such bonds will have to ensure enablement of the side-pocketing provision in their scheme information document (SID). Now, enabling the side-pocketing provision will work towards safeguarding the interest of existing investors in case of any unfortunate event. [\(Read more\)](#)



15. Hints to Remember

Who: 1st Ever Leader-Level Summit of QUAD Countries

What: held virtually

When: published on published on 9th March 2021

The first-ever Quad--India, Japan, Australia and US leaders' summit will take place virtually on March 12, Friday, marking a significant geopolitical moment. The summit will see the participation of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with Australian PM Scott Morrison, Japan's PM Yoshihide Suga and US President Joseph R Biden.

India's Ministry of External Affairs, in a statement, said, "The leaders will discuss regional and global issues of shared interest, and exchange views on practical areas of cooperation towards maintaining a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region".

It explained, "The Summit will provide an opportunity to exchange views on contemporary challenges such as resilient supply chains, emerging and critical technologies, maritime security, and climate change."[\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: New passenger train service between Dhaka and New Jalpaiguri

What: set to start from 26th March

When: published on 2nd March 2021

A new passenger train service between Dhaka and New Jalpaiguri is set to start from 26th of March marking the 50th Anniversary of the liberation of Bangladesh. According to an official release by the Bangladesh Rail Ministry, the direct train between Dhaka and New Jalpaiguri will run through the Chilahati-Haldibari cross border rail route. However, other details like the schedule of the train, fair and immigration and its name will be decided later through discussion between the officials of the two countries.

There are two passenger trains currently running between Bangladesh and India. The Maitree Express runs between Dhaka and Kolkata and Bandhan Express links Khulna with Kolkata.[\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: India's First 'Transgender Community Desk'

What: Opens In Hyderabad's Gachibowli Police Station

When: published on 7th March 2021



The Cyberabad Police on Saturday launched India's first-ever 'Transgender Community Desk' at the Gachibowli Police Station in Hyderabad. This desk is the first-of-its-kind gender-inclusive community policing initiatives in the country. The desk was formally inaugurated on Saturday by Cyberabad Police chief VC Sajjanar in a ceremony that was attended by over 200 transgender people.

Sajjanar said, "We get hurt for small things that happen occasionally. But the transgender community has been suffering discrimination all through their life. The help desk is a small step towards a great journey. It will herald a huge difference." The desk has been set up by Cyberabad Commissionerate in collaboration with Society for Cyberabad Security Council and Prajwala.[\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

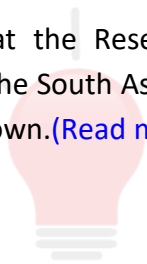
Who: India

What: promoting the sub-region as an energy hub, says Foreign Secy Shringla

When: published on 10th March 2021

India is working to promote the sub-region comprising Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar as an energy hub, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said here on Wednesday.

In his address at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) for the inauguration of the South Asia Group on Energy (SAGE), he said the role of energy in the development matrix is well known.[\(Read more\)](#)



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19. Hints to Remember

Who: Railways Minister Piyush Goyal

What: flags off 3000 HP Cape Gauge Locomotive for export to Mozambique

When: published on 10th March 2021

Minister of Railways Piyush Goyal today flagged off 3000 HP Cape Gauge Locomotive indigenously developed by Banaras Locomotive Works, Varanasi through video conferencing along with Minister of Transport and Communications of Mozambique Janfar Abdulai.

Union Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey and other dignitaries were present at the event site.

The export of locomotives to Mozambique shall boost the Indo-African relationship and pilot the economic empowerment through export.

Indian Railways is exporting first batch of 2 locomotives as part of total order of 6 locomotives of 3000 HP cape gauge locomotive and 90 stainless steel passenger coaches to Mozambique.[\(Read more\)](#)



20. Hints to Remember

Who: PM

What: inaugurates curtain raiser activities of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' India@75

When: published on 12th March 2021

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi flagged off the 'Padyatra' (Freedom March) from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad and inaugurated the curtain raiser activities of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (India@75).

He also launched various other cultural and digital initiatives for the India@75 celebrations. Governor of Gujarat Acharya Devvrat, Union MoS (I/C) Prahalad Singh Patel and Chief Minister of Gujarat Vijay Rupani were present on the occasion.

Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav is a series of events to be organised by the Government of India to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence. The Mahotsav will be celebrated as a Jan-Utsav in the spirit of Jan-Bhagidari.

Addressing the gathering at Sabarmati Ashram, the Prime Minister noted the launch of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' 75 weeks before 15 August 2022 which will continue till 15 August, 2023. He paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi and great personalities who laid down their lives in the freedom struggle. [\(Read more\)](#)



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