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March GA Quiz 18

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

1. Which firm has approved Paytm Payments Bank Limited's @Paytm unified payments interface (UPI) handle to enable payment mandates for initial public offerings (IPO) application?

- A. RBI
B. NPCI
C. SEBI
D. IRDAI
E. None of these

2. Report titled as "Support for the Sustainable Development Goals: Enabling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through Strategy 2030" has been released by which entity?

- A. New Development Bank
B. Asian Development Bank
C. Reserve Bank of India
D. Soft Bank of Japan
E. None of these

3. RBI has asked banks to implement image-based Cheque Truncation System in all branches by which dates this year?

- A. September 24
B. September 20
C. September 30
D. September 28
E. None of these

4. India's Import of arms has decreased by what percent due to Indigenisation, according to SIPRI Report?

- A. 35 percent
B. 30 percent
C. 33 percent
D. 28 percent
E. None of these

5. Who among the following has unveiled the cover of her second book "What's up with me"?

- A. Tisca Chopra
B. Vipin Sharma
C. Darsheel Safary
D. Tasmina Chopra
E. None of these



6. Bhagat Singh Koshyari is the Governor of which state who has released the eBook “Dawn Under the Dome”?

- A. Karnataka B. Madhya Pradesh C. Maharashtra
D. Kerala E. None of these

7. Who among the following is to publish her Memoir Titled “My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future”?

- A. Indra Nooyi B. Chanda Kochhar C. Chandrika Tandon
D. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw E. None of these

8. Which of the following countries is to host Asian Boxing Championships 2021 from May 21 to 31?

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

9. Centre has deployed a three-member high-level central team to review Medical Care and Public Health arrangements for Kumbh Mela at Haridwar in Uttarakhand. Who among the following will be the head of the team?

- A. S K Singh B. D K Sharma C. M K Rathor
D. V K Meena E. None of these

10. Which of the following companies has recently become a part of the World Economic Forum's Global Lighthouse Network?

- A. Azure Power B. ReNew Power C. Tata Power Solar
D. Vikram Solar E. None of these

11. At the 63rd Grammy Awards, who among the following was awarded album of the year for her lockdown album 'Folklore'?

- A. Demi Lovato B. Ariana Grande C. Katy Perry
D. Taylor Swift E. None of these



12. Which of the following companies has partnered with CRIF India, an RBI-approved credit bureau, to introduce the Good Business Score (GBS)?

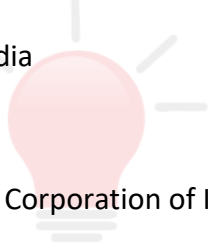
- A. Vayana Network
- B. Aditya Birla Finance Limited
- C. Cholamandalam Investment
- D. Sundaram Finance Limited
- E. None of these

13. Which of the following insurance entities has launched an individual life assurance savings plan 'Bachat Plus'?

- A. Life Insurance Corporation
- B. HDFC Life Insurance
- C. SBI Life Insurance
- D. United India Insurance
- E. None of these

14. Which of the following companies has gone live with "UPI-Help" on BHIM UPI, which will act as a grievance redressal mechanism for the users of the BHIM application?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. State Bank of India
- C. National Payments Corporation of India
- D. Securities and Exchange Board of India
- E. None of these



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15. Which motor company has joined hands with IIT Delhi's Centre for Automotive Research and Tribology (CART) for research in the field of electric and autonomous vehicles?

- A. Hyundai
- B. Mazda Motor
- C. MG
- D. Jeep
- E. None of these

16. According to data presented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to Lok Sabha, 4 states have more than half of the net cultivated farmlands under micro-irrigation in India (12, 908.44 Hectares). Which of the following state is not among them?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Karnataka
- E. Maharashtra



17. Atal Innovation Mission has partnered with which company to support proactively the mission's innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives across the country with an aim to change and improve health care innovations and outcomes?

- A. Aster DM Healthcare B. Apollo Hospitals C. Fortis Healthcare
D. Dr Lal PathLabs E. None of these

18. Which state or UT has approved the proposal of the Housing and Urban Development Department to provide interest-free loan up to Rs 2 lakh to the urban houseless economically weaker section beneficiaries under Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) component of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Urban (PMAY-U)?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir B. Kerala C. Delhi
D. Madhya Pradesh E. None of these

19. Who among the following is the author of the book named as "India's Power Elite: Caste, Class, and Cultural Revolution" to be released in April by Penguin Random House India?

- A. B. P. R. Vithal B. Sanjaya Baru C. Ahmed Patel
D. Vijay Gutte E. None of these

20. Who among the following is Co-author of the book titled "Gandhi in Bombay"?

- A. Usha Thakkar B. Madhu Rawat C. Manisha Sisodia
D. Ankita Sharma 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: SEBI

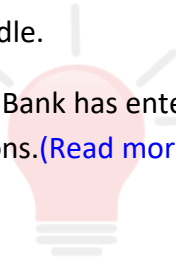
What: approves Paytm UPI handle, helping firm in managing IPO applications

When: published on 15th March 2021

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved Paytm Payments Bank Limited's @Paytm unified payments interface (UPI) handle to enable payment mandates for initial public offerings (IPO) application.

This will allow users to invest in capital markets through various brokerage platforms using their @Paytm UPI handle.

Paytm Payments Bank has entered into a partnership with Paytm Money to enable payment mandates for IPO applications. [\(Read more\)](#)



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2. Hints to Remember

Who: ADB report

What: says new focus on SDGs needed to rebuild after Covid-19 pandemic

When: published on 15th March 2021

A renewed focus on achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be essential as countries seek to rebuild from the Covid-19 pandemic, according to a new report by Asian Development Bank (ADB) released on Monday.

"Achieving SDGs will require vast sums of finance to be mobilised from the widest range of sources in support of agenda at a time when governments face mounting pressure on their budgets and soaring public debt," said ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa.

"In 2021 as we map a path to recovery from the pandemic, we must refocus on SDGs. ADB's investments must meet the highest standards of sustainable development and deliver real results that help countries realise the vision set out in strategy 2030 and rebuild for the SDGs." [\(Read more\)](#)



3. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: asks banks to implement image-based Cheque Truncation System in all branches by Sep 30

When: published on 16th March 2021

Reserve Bank of India has asked banks to implement the image-based Cheque Truncation System (CTS) in all branches by September 30 this year. The move is aimed at faster settlement of cheques resulting in better customer service.

Last month, the RBI had announced pan-India coverage of CTS by bringing all bank branches under the image-based clearing mechanism. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: India's Import of arms

What: decreased by 33% due to Indigenisation: SIPRI Report

When: published on 16th March 2021

India's arms imports fell 33% between 2011-15 and 2016-20, said a report released by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri) on Monday. Here is all you need to know about the report:

It has come at a time the country has taken measures to cut dependence on imported military hardware.

The report on international arms transfers attributed the drop in India's arms imports mainly to an attempt to reduce its dependence on Russian arms and complex procurement processes.

"Russia was the most affected supplier, although India's imports of US arms also fell 46%," the report said.

It added India is planning large-scale arms imports in the coming years.

India's top three arms suppliers during 2016-20 were Russia (accounting for 49% of India's imports), France (18%) and Israel (13%), the report said.

According to Sipri, India accounted for 0.2% of the share of global arms exports during 2016-20, making the country the world's 24th largest exporter of major arms. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Tisca Chopra

What: Unveils Cover Of Her New Book 'What's Up With Me?'



When: published on 16th March 2021

Bollywood actor and author Tisca Chopra unveiled the cover of her new book What's Up With Me on Sunday, March 14. She took to Instagram to share the cover of the book and captioned it, "Thrilled to unveil the cover of my latest book — a friendly, practical and empathetic guide for pre-teen girls and their parents." She also explained what the book is primarily about, "The book demystifies puberty & all the angst it brings, in a fun, yet relatable way, while explaining the biology & science behind it all. Stay tuned for more information and insights from the book!". Take a look at the post here and what her fans and followers reacted to the cover launch.

Tisca Chopra explained the importance of writing her second book What's Up With Me in a recent Outlook interview on Tuesday. Her first book as an author was Acting Smart: Your Ticket To Showbiz, which was originally published by Harper Collins India on February 13, 2014. In the interview, she explained why it was important to come up with a book based on puberty, pimples, period, people and more. [\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor of Maharashtra

What: released the eBook "Dawn Under the Dome"

When: published on 15th March 2021

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari on Monday released a digital book depicting the history of Mumbai General Post Office building.

The e-book, titled "Dawn Under The Dome" has been authored by Post Master General of Mumbai Swati Pandey in collaboration with Orchida Mukherjee, a Raj Bhavan statement said.

Praising the authors, Koshyari said the GPO building was not just a national heritage, but a national asset too.

Speaking on the occasion, Pandey said the Mumbai GPO building was modeled on Gol Gumbaz of Bijapur and was designed by architects John Begg and George Wittet. [\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Indra Nooyi Memoir 'My Life in Full'

What: to focus on her Journey, and Work-Family Balance

When: published on 16th March 2021

Indra Nooyi, the trailblazing former CEO of PepsiCo is writing her memoir that is expected to be released later this year. Titled My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future, carries insight and a call-



to-action from one of the world's most-admired business leaders on how our society can really blend work and family – and advance women – in the twenty-first century.

Nooyi, who was born in Madras and graduated from Madras Christian College, studied management at IIM Calcutta before moving to Yale University in the US for a master's degree.[\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: to host Asian Boxing Championships 2021 from May 21 to 31

When: published on 15th March 2021

International Boxing Association (AIBA) on Monday announced that Asian Boxing Championships 2021 will be hosted by New Delhi, India from May 21-31.

It will be the first boxing tournament in Asia to be held in 2021. In the AIBA Asian Forum which took place virtually on Monday, 32 countries participated, Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) president Anas Al Otaiba delivered a report about the upcoming Asian Elite Men & Women Boxing Championships 2021.[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Centre

What: appoints high-level team to review Medical Care & Public Health arrangements for Kumbh Mela at Haridwar

When: published on 16th March 2021

Centre has deployed a three-member high-level central team to review Medical Care and Public Health arrangements for Kumbh Mela at Haridwar in Uttarakhand. The team is being led by Dr SK Singh, Director, National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). Dr SK Jain, Additional Director and Dr Meera Dhuria, Deputy Director, both from NCDC are the team members.

Ministry of Health said that the team will focus on the status of implementation of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Kumbh Mela issued by it in the context of implementing preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19. The team will also review the implementation of its field level recommendations given to the State during its last visit, a month back.[\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Renew Power

What: becomes part of WEF Global Lighthouse Network



When: published on 16th March 2021

Renewable energy firm ReNew Power on Monday said it has become a part of the World Economic Forum's Global Lighthouse Network. "ReNew Power has been named to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Lighthouse Network, which recognises companies using new technologies to achieve environmentally sustainable, community supportive, profitable growth," the company said in a statement.

The WEF specifically noted the company's recent investments in digital analytics and machine learning to increase the power yield and decrease the downtime of its solar and wind generation assets.

According to the statement, ReNew Power is one of the two Indian companies to be recognised by the Global Lighthouse Network this year.[\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: 63rd Grammy Awards: Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish

What: bag top honours

When: published on 15th March 2021

At the 63rd Grammy Awards, Taylor Swift and Billie Eilish won the top prizes while Beyonce became the most awarded female artist in Grammy history with her 28th win.

Taylor Swift was awarded album of the year for her lockdown album 'Folklore', while Billie Eilish's "Everything I Wanted" won record of the year.

Swift is the first female artist ever to win album of the year three times. She has won the award previously for her album 'Fearless' in 2010 and the pop opus '1989' in 2016. Only three other artists - Frank Sinatra, Paul Simon and Stevie Wonder - have ever won the album of the year prize three times.

Beyoncé and her nine-year-old daughter Blue Ivy Carter won the best music video award for "Brown Skin Girl" making Carter one of the youngest Grammy winners in history. Rapper Megan Thee Stallion and Beyoncé made history as the first pair of women to ever win best rap performance with the remix of Megan Thee Stallion's "Savage." The pair also won an award for best rap song for the same tune.[\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Vayana Network, CRIF India

What: partner to launch tech-enabled tool for MSMEs

When: published on 15th March 2021



Vayana Network, a supply chain financing platform, has partnered with CRIF India, an RBI-approved credit bureau, to introduce the Good Business Score (GBS). It is a tech-based tool to help Indian MSMEs measure and manage their business health effectively.

With more than 60 million micro, small and medium enterprises, the MSME sector is one of the largest contributors to India's economy. However, measuring the success of these businesses has always been a challenge, with credit scores being one of the only available factors.[\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: LIC of India

What: launches Bachat Plus, may be taken to avail LTC Scheme benefit

When: published on 15th March 2021

The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has launched Bachat Plus, a non-linked, participating, individual life assurance savings plan. The applicants may either pay the premium in lump sum (single premium) or may avail the 5-year limited premium paying option.

With the taxpayers searching for options to save tax, this close ended plan – available for sale for a maximum period of 180 days – would not only provide the tax-saving option u/s 80C, but would also provide an ideal opportunity for people availing the single premium option to avail the LTC Scheme benefits.[\(Read more\)](#)



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14. Hints to Remember

Who: NPCI

What: launches UPI-Help on BHIM app

When: published on 15th March 2021

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the umbrella entity for digital payments in India, has gone live with “UPI-Help” on BHIM UPI, which will act as a grievance redressal mechanism for the users of the BHIM application.

The application will enable the users to check the status of the pending transactions, raise complaints against transactions that have not been processed or the money has not reached the beneficiary, and raise complaints against merchant transactions.[\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: MG Motor

What: partners IIT Delhi for research in electric, autonomous technologies



When: published on 16th March 2021

MG Motor India on Monday said it has joined hands with IIT Delhi's Centre for Automotive Research and Tribology (CART) for research in the field of electric and autonomous vehicles.

The partnership through Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi aims at furthering the automaker's focus on CASE mobility (Connected Autonomous Shared Electric); through enabling supporting research for the deployment of electric and autonomous vehicles in the urban landscape in the country, MG Motor India said in a statement.[\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka & Maharashtra

What: lead in usage of Drip Irrigation : Ministry of Agriculture

When: published on 15th March 2021

Up to 60 per cent of water used for sugarcane, banana, okra, papaya, bittergourd and few other crops could be saved if a drip irrigation system is employed for cultivation. But only four States — Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra — have more than half of the net cultivated farmlands under micro-irrigation. 27 States (including UTs) in India have less than 30 per cent micro-irrigation system out of which 23 have less than 15 per cent micro-irrigation.[\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Atal Innovation Mission

What: Partners With Aster DM Healthcare To Transform Health Care Innovations In India

When: published on 15th March 2021

Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog has partnered with Aster DM Health care to support proactively the mission's innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives across the country with an aim to change and improve health care innovations and outcomes.

A Statement of Intent (Sol) of a strategic partnership between AIM and Aster was signed and exchanged between the two for the same. The purpose of Sol aims to support the various initiative of AIM programs and AIM beneficiaries in India to promote innovation and entrepreneurship amongst the aspiring entrepreneurs in the area of digital health care.

A unit of Aster DM Healthcare Group, Aster Digital Health Incubator (ADHI) will play a major role in supporting various Atal Incubation Centers (AICs), Established Incubation Centres (EICs), Atal Community Innovation Centres (ACICs) and Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) amongst other initiatives of AIM within the country.[\(Read more\)](#)



18. Hints to Remember

Who: Jammu & Kashmir

What: approves Rs 2 lakh interest-free loan for PMAY-U beneficiaries

When: published on 15th March 2021

The J&K Administrative Council, which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of the Housing and Urban Development Department to provide interest-free loan up to Rs 2 lakh to the urban houseless economically weaker section beneficiaries under Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) component of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Urban (PMAY-U).

The beneficiaries under the BLC component of PMAY-U have experienced the difficulty in mobilising their contribution as they come from economically weaker sections and have to contribute higher share as compared to other States/UT, as a result of which the construction of dwelling units under this component of PMAY-U could not achieve the desired targets.

The beneficiaries of this component have demanded enhancement of assistance in their favour so that they can complete their houses within the targeted date of the mission. In view of practical difficulties faced by the beneficiaries in arranging financial resources, the government agreed to provide interest subsidy to all the eligible beneficiary. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Sanjaya Baru's

What: "India's Power Elite: Caste, Class, and Cultural Revolution", to be released in April

When: published on 17th March 2021

Sanjaya Baru, former advisor to Manmohan Singh, will take readers from the corridors of Parliament to Delhi's hidden durbars as he tells the "untold story" of Indian society in his new book.

In "India's Power Elite: Caste, Class and Cultural Revolution", to be released in April by Penguin Random House India under its Viking imprint, Baru will unveil the emerging dynamics of the power elites in contemporary India. Baru, who currently teaches at the Indian School of Public Policy, has followed up his account of power politics in "The Accidental Prime Minister" with a new book that dissects the fault lines and power struggles dominating our political, economic and social institutions, the publishers said.

"Offering us a ringside view of the shifts in power in 'Lutyens' Delhi' and across India, Baru pulls the curtains back on the nerve centres that shape the nation's destiny," a statement said. Commenting on his book, Baru said, "When 'The Accidental Prime Minister' was published, it was received enthusiastically by readers who felt it offered them an insight into the dynamics of power in Lutyens' Delhi. However, most members of the 'Delhi Durbar' criticised me for doing precisely that – opening a window to the outside after having entered its door." [\(Read more\)](#)



20. Hints to Remember

Who: Ministry of Tourism

What: organizes online Book Reading Session “Gandhi in Bombay” as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

When: published on 16th March 2021

As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, the Indiatourism Mumbai, Regional Office of Ministry of Tourism in the Western Region organized an online book reading session of “Gandhi in Bombay” by the authors Dr.(Mrs) Usha Thakkar and Ms. Sandhya Mehta on 15th March 2021.

During this book reading session, the authors turned as story tellers and kept their audience engrossed with reading interesting lines from selected chapters from the book and there by transporting the participants back in time when Mahatma Gandhi walked the streets of Bombay, now Mumbai.

The authors mentioned how Mumbai the then Bombay, the nerve centre of Gandhi’s many political activities, earned an enviable place in India’s freedom struggle under his leadership. The authors recounted his days in Mani Bhavan and how in 1919, Gandhi initiated his first nationwide protest, the satyagraha against the Rowlatt Act, in this city, which propelled him to the position of a pre-eminent political leader. The authors also spoke about the other important movements launched by Mahatma Gandhi ji from Bombay namely Non-Cooperation Movement of 1920 and Quit India Movement in 1942 etc. [\(Read more\)](#)



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