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March GA Quiz 23

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

1. Which of the following banks leads peer lenders over mobile transactions despite tech glitches?

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

2. Which of the following has recently become the first Central American country to be declared malaria-free?

- A. Nicaragua B. Guatemala C. Costa Rica
D. El Salvador E. None of these

3. Which of the following countries was/were the most vulnerable to a repeat of the taper tantrum of 2013 as reflation trades were lifting US bond yields, according to global rating agency S&P?

- A. India B. China C. Philippines
D. A and B E. A and C

4. Which state has been recently paired with Delhi under 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' programme?

- A. Tripura B. Assam C. Arunachal Pradesh
D. Sikkim E. None of these

5. The Union Cabinet has approved a MoU between India and which country on Cooperation in Sports & Youth Affairs?

- A. Malaysia B. Sri Lanka C. Maldives
D. Bangladesh E. None of these

6. Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors will become operational in which year?

- A. 2023 B. 2024 C. 2022
D. 2025 E. None of these



7. S Dhanalakshmi has won the gold medal in women's 100m sprint final in the Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships. She is from which of the following states?

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

8. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched the 'UPI-help' on which app as a part of Digi-Help stack by NPCI, to address any issues and complaints that users might have during UPI transactions?

- A. PayTm B. BHIM UPI C. PhonePe
D. Google Pay E. None of these

9. Securities and Exchange Board of India has approved _____ handle to enable fast and seamless payment mandates for IPO applications.

- A. BHIM UPI B. Google UPI C. PhonePe UPI
D. Paytm UPI E. None of these

10. As per data published by the National Payments Corporation of India, which bank was the top remitter on the UPI platform in February?

- A. PNB B. ICICI C. SBI
D. HDFC E. None of these

11. Which of the following state government has decided to set up 100 nursery sports academies to give opportunity to children?

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

12. Marvin Hagler passed away recently, was associated which game?

- A. Long jump B. Cricket C. Hockey
D. Boxing E. None of these



13. Which firm and Allianz Investment Management have tied up to invest in India's private credit market?

- A. Kotak Investment B. Nomura Holdings C. European Central Bank
D. Kotak Securities E. None of these

14. The government of India has collected what amount by decreasing its shareholding in six defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs) in the last five years, according to details provided by minister of state for Defence Shripad Naik in Rajya Sabha?

- A. Rs 24,457 crore B. Rs 25,457 crore C. Rs 26,457 crore
D. Rs 27,457 crore E. None of these

15. Government of India is to set up Winter Sports Institute in which city?

- A. Gulmarg B. Sonamarg C. Sri Nagar
D. Pahalgam E. None of these

16. The 2021 French Language Day was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. March 21 B. March 20 C. March 19
D. March 22 E. None of these

17. Who among the following has bagged the first gold medal for India in the Women's 10 Meter Air Pistol final of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting range?

- A. Manu Bhaker B. Apurvi Chandela C. Anjum Moudgil
D. Yashaswini Singh Deswal E. None of these

18. India has supplied a second batch of 20 thousand litres of Malathion 95 percent ULV pesticide to which country under a Government-to-Government Locust Control Programme?

- A. Oman B. Yemen C. Iran
D. Iraq E. None of these



19. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will establish a 'Space Technology Incubation Centre' (S-TIC) at _____ .

- A. NIT Rourkela B. NIT Mangalore C. NIT Jamshedpur
D. NIT Durgapur E. None of these

20. Which state has got NABARD's Rural Business Incubation Centre?

- A. Rajasthan B. Madhya Pradesh C. Gujarat
D. Jharkhand 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

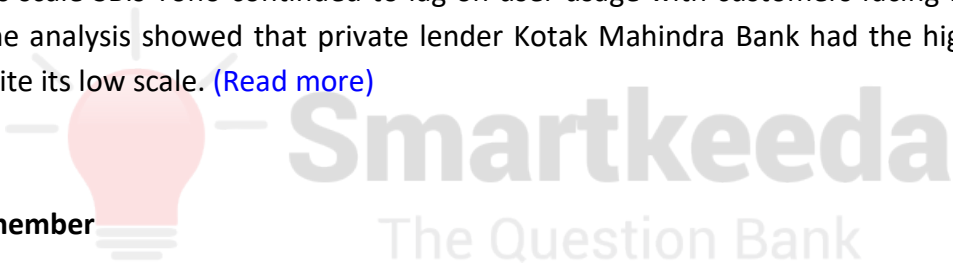
Who: HDFC Bank

What: leads peer lenders over mobile transactions despite tech glitches

When: published on 17th March 2021

Despite facing multiple technical glitches in the past two years, HDFC Bank continues to lead over ICICI Bank and Axis Bank on overall daily and absolute mobile transaction values amongst private banks, almost 1.5-2x times its competitors, data released by advisory and research firm Bernstein showed.

In spite of its scale SBIs Yono continued to lag on user usage with customers facing friction with user interface. The analysis showed that private lender Kotak Mahindra Bank had the highest transaction activity despite its low scale. [\(Read more\)](#)



2. Hints to Remember

Who: El Salvador

What: becomes first central American country to be declared malaria-free

When: published on 6th March 2021

El Salvador has become the first country in central America and the third in all Americas to get the malaria-free certificate from the World Health Organization (WHO) in recent years.

Malaria elimination certificate is awarded to a country when the chain of indigenous transmission of the disease has been disrupted nationwide for at least three consecutive years.

El Salvador, which received the certificate on February 25, 2021, didn't report a single case of malaria that was acquired locally (indigenous) since 2017. It recorded its last malaria death in 1984.

In the three decades between 1990 and 2010, the cases in the country fell from 9,000 to 26. There was only one malaria outbreak in this period in 1996.

The only other countries in the WHO Regions of Americas to have eliminated malaria in recent years are Paraguay (2018) and Argentina (2019).



3. Hints to Remember

Who: India and Philippines

What: most vulnerable to repeat of taper tantrum of 2013: S&P

When: published on 18th March 2021

India and the Philippines were the most vulnerable to a repeat of the taper tantrum of 2013 as reflation trades were lifting US bond yields, according to global rating agency S&P.

Rising inflation in recent months and below average real policy rates could imply quicker capital flight, prompting central banks in the two economies to hike rates, it said in a report on Wednesday.

On the other hand, stronger than normal current account levels acted as a mitigating factor to these risks, S&P said. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Sikkim

What: paired with Delhi under 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' programme

When: published on 17th March 2021

The Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat programme, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, celebrates the diverse culture, traditions and languages of our country. Sikkim has been paired with national capital New Delhi, under which various programmes and activities have been undertaken.

While the COVID19 pandemic has affected the schedule of Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat activities in Sikkim, these programmes have largely moved online over the past year. Webinars, where the youth of Sikkim and Delhi shared their history, tourism and culture, besides learning each others' languages, have taken the campaign forward in recent months. Sikkim director of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Sibasis Banerjee speaks about these activities. ([Read More](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Cabinet

What: approves MoU between India, Maldives on Cooperation in Sports & Youth Affairs

When: published on 16th March 2021

The Union Cabinet was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment of Maldives for cooperation in Sports and Youth Affairs.



The MoU was signed in November last year. Bilateral exchange programmes in the field of sports and youth affairs between India and Maldives will help in expanding knowledge and expertise in the area of sports science, sports medicine, coaching techniques, participation in youth festivals and camps. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors

What: to be operational in 2022

When: published on 16th March 2021

Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors will become operational in 2022 informed Railways's Minister Piyush Goyal today in Lok Sabha.

Participating in discussion on demands for grants of the Ministry of Railways for 2021-22, Mr. Goyal said, two lakh 15 thousand crore rupees have been allocated for Railways in 2021-22 Budget.

He reiterated that the Railways is the property of the country and it will not be privatized.

Highlighting the works done by the Ministry to provide convenient travel to passengers, he said, Railways is planning to start 44 Vande Bharat trains across the country. The Minister said that Railways is focusing on the safety of the passengers and asserted that no passenger was killed due to rail accidents in the last two years. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: S Dhanalakshmi

What: Beats Dutee Chand to Win 100m Gold, Hima Das Disqualified after False Start

When: published on 17th March 2021

National record holder Dutee Chand was beaten to second place by S Dhanalakshmi, while Hima Das was disqualified after a false start in a much-anticipated women's 100m sprint final in the Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old Dhanalakshmi of Tamil Nadu took the gold by clocking 11.39 seconds ahead of Dutee (11.58) of Odisha to become the fastest woman of the championships on the second day of competitions at the NIS Campus.

Another Tamil Nadu runner Archana Suseendran was third in 11.76. This was after Hima, who was running in the shorter sprint races of 100m and 200m instead of her per event 400m, was disqualified after a false start. ([Read more](#))



8. Hints to Remember

Who: UPI-Help

What: launched on BHIM App for digital payments, All you need to know

When: published on 15th March 2021

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on Monday launched the 'UPI-help' on BHIM UPI app as a part of Digi-Help stack by NPCI, to address any issues and complaints that users might have during UPI transactions.

Now, users can register any transaction-related complaint online using their BHIM UPI App using UPI-Help. The new feature will also resolve complaints online for person-to-person transactions.

In case of pending transactions where no action is taken by the user, the UPI-Help shall also proactively attempt to auto update the final status of the transactions on the app. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Sebi

What: approves Paytm UPI handle for IPO applications

When: published on 15th March 2021

Digital payments firm Paytm Payments Bank on Monday said Securities and Exchange Board of India has approved Paytm UPI handle to enable fast and seamless payment mandates for IPO applications.

Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) has also entered into a partnership with Paytm Money to enable payment mandates for IPO applications. Paytm Money has the aim to bring 10 million Indians to equity markets by the financial year 2022.

"By enabling @paytm UPI to apply for IPO, we are giving millions of investors the ease of seamless, secure, and rapid payments to help enhance their financial portfolio. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: SBI, Paytm Payments Bank, PhonePe

What: lead in UPI transactions in Feb

When: published on 16th March 2021

SBI was the top remitter on the UPI platform in February, while Paytm Payments Bank led the chart in the beneficiary segment, as per data published by the National Payments Corporation of India. PhonePe topped the app category on the UPI platform in terms of volume and amount involved in the transactions that it facilitated.



According to the data published by NPCI, State Bank of India (SBI) recorded 656.92 million remittance transactions in February, that is money was sent out from the bank using the UPI platform. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Rajasthan govt

What: to set up 100 nursery sports academies to give opportunity to children: Chandna

When: published on 17th March 2021

The Rajasthan government will set up 100 nursery sports academies to give an opportunity to children to play in their districts in the academies, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Ashok Chandna said.

In response to the discussion on the cut motion in the state assembly, he said that 100 nursery academies will be set up in the state. Children will be given opportunity to play in their districts in the academies, which will be developed from the available resources.

He informed that a large number of private sports academies are running in the state, and complaints of charging arbitrary fees is common.

To curb such activities, now rules and provisions will also be made by the Sports Department for private sports academies so that there is no injustice to the players, Chandna said. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Boxing legend 'Marvellous' Marvin Hagler

What: dies aged 66

When: published on 14th March 2021

American boxing legend Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight champion from 1980 to 1987, has died, his wife said. He was 66.

In a posting on the famed fighter's Facebook page, Kay G Hagler said her husband passed away on Saturday at the family home in Bartlett, New Hampshire.

"I am sorry to make a very sad announcement. Today unfortunately my beloved husband Marvellous Marvin passed away unexpectedly at his home here in New Hampshire," she wrote. "Our family requests that you respect our privacy during this difficult time." ([Read more](#))



13. Hints to Remember

Who: Kotak Investment, Allianz Group

What: tie-up for India's private credit market

When: published on 15th March 2021

Kotak Investment Advisors (KIAL), the fund manager of Kotak Mahindra Group and Allianz Investment Management — the investment management arm of Germany's Allianz Group — said on Monday that they have tied up to invest in India's private credit market.

In February 2021, Allianz made its maiden investment of \$150 million in KIAL's 11th real estate debt fund that achieved a closure of \$380 million. KIAL's real estate fund primarily focuses on financing early- and late-stage projects across India.

Allianz's total private credit investments in the country is worth about \$650 million and it is looking to increase it to \$1 billion in 2021, KIAL said. A number of global investors such as Canada's CPPIB, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and Baring Private Equity are betting big on private credit in the country. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: collects Rs 26,457 crore by decreasing stakes in six DPSUs in last 5 years

When: published on 15th March 2021

The government has collected Rs 26,457 crore by decreasing its shareholding in six defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs) in the last five years, according to details provided by minister of state for Defence Shripad Naik in Rajya Sabha on Monday.

Responding to a question, Naik said a total of Rs 14,184.70 crore was collected by decreasing stakes in Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) while the amount was Rs 8,073.29 crore from Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Rs 2,371.19 crore from Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).

Similarly Rs 434.14 was fetched from Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI), Rs 420.52 crore from Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRESE) and Rs 974.15 crore was collected from Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL). ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Government

What: to set up Winter Sports Institute in Gulmarg, says Kiren Rijiju

When: published on 15th March 2021



Youth Affairs & Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has said that the government is working to set up a Winter Sports Institute in Gulmarg, Kashmir. Replying to a question in Rajya Sabha today Mr. Rijiju informed that the Khelo India Winter Games this season witnessed unprecedented participation of Kashmiri youth. He added that the government is committed to promote and ensure active participation of people from Kashmir in all Olympic sports along with other games including football and Cricket. Mr. Rijiju said that though organizing International cricket matches in Kashmir Valley does not come under the purview of the Sports Ministry, the government has a specific roadmap to work towards promoting and training Kashmiri youth in all major sports domains. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: French Language Day

What: was observed on 20th March 2021

French Language Day is on March 20 and we're more than excited to celebrate with some French culture, language, and history as we ask...parlez vous Francais? Even if you don't speak the language there's a lot of aspects of French culture to learn about. This occasion is meant to respect multilingualism and cultural diversity. When most people think of French they think of France, but it's actually Africa that has the most French speakers. There are an estimated 120 million Africans from 29 countries that speak the language alongside their indigenous languages.

17. Hints to Remember

Who: ISSF World Cup: Yashaswini Deswal

What: wins 1st gold medal for India in Women's 10 Meter Air Pistol final

When: published on 20th March 2021

Yashaswini Deswal bagged the first gold medal for India in the Women's 10 Meter Air Pistol final of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup today at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting range .

Deswal accumulated 238.8 points to lead in her category. Another Indian shooter Manu Bhaker won a silver medal with 236.7 points.

Earlier in the day, world number one shooter Divyansh Singh Panwar clinched the bronze medal in 10m Air Rifle (men's category) and opened India's medal account in the competition. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: supplies 2nd batch of 20,000 litres of Malathion 95% ULV pesticide to Iran

When: published on 18th March 2021



India has supplied a second batch of 20 thousand litres of Malathion 95 percent ULV pesticide to Iran under a Government-to-Government Locust Control Programme.

The consignment reached Chabahar Port today and was handed over to Plant Protection Organization, Iran.

External Affairs Ministry said India had approached Iran and Pakistan for a coordinated regional response to the threat to approaching swarms of desert locusts. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: ISRO

What: to set up 'Space Technology Incubation Centre' at NIT Rourkela

When: published on 19th March 2021

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will establish a 'Space Technology Incubation Centre' (S-TIC) at the National Institute of Technology in Rourkela to carry out research and product development in space technology and applications, officials said on Friday.

The ISRO and NIT signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Thursday for setting up the centre which will enable start-ups to build applications and products that could be used in future space missions.

"Space technology-related research and the products from the S-TIC will be utilised in future space missions and will help nation building through 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' in space technology and applications domain," said ISRO Chairman K Sivan. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Gujarat

What: gets Nabard's Rural Business Incubation Centre

When: published on 19th March 2021

To promote and encourage startups in agriculture and allied sectors, a rural business incubation centre (RBIC) is being set up at Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University in Banaskantha, with a total project outlay of Rs 10.3 crore.

The incubation centre will be supported by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard), which will provide a grant of Rs 7.81 crore for a project period of 5 years.

The centre, according to Nabard, will support startups in areas such as agriculture and allied activities as well as off-farm sector activities such as organic foods, seed ventures, soil and water management, farm mechanization, medicinal and aromatic plants and agri bio-technology, among others. ([Read more](#))





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