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March GA Quiz 26

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

1. Which organizations is to hold “Pabbi-Antiterror-2021” exercise?

- A. North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- B. Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- C. Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- D. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
- E. None of these

2. GV Ramakrishna passed away recently, was former chairperson of which organization?

- A. Securities and Exchange Board of India
- B. Reserve Bank of India
- C. States Bank of India
- D. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- E. None of these

3. Which of the following states has got first formal indigenous knowledge system school?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. None of these

4. Mission Gramodaya was launched in which state?

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

5. Which State Government is to launch ‘Universal Health Scheme’ from May 1, 2021?

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



6. World Water Day 2021 was observed on which dates?

- A. 22nd March B. 21st March C. 23rd March
D. 22th March E. None of these

7. World Puppetry Day 2021 was observed on which dates?

- A. March 20 B. March 21 C. March 22
D. March 23 E. None of these

8. Which organization has launched a Global Integrity Programme as part of the battle against match-fixing, in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)?

- A. UEFA B. FIFA C. ICC
D. FIBA E. None of these

9. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has officially recognized the Indian Style Wrestling Association of India (ISWAI) as a National Sports Federation (NSF) for promotion and regulation of _____ in India

- A. Style of Indian Wrestling B. Wrestling of Indian Style C. Indian Style Wrestling
D. Wrestling in Indian Style E. None of these

10. According to a report 'India Trend Book 2021' released by Ernst Young-Indian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association, India's e-commerce market is expected to be worth USD 99 Billion by which year?

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

11. As per the latest data from the Reserve Bank, Foreign portfolio investors have pumped in a record _____ into equities so far this fiscal up to March 10, which is the highest since FY13.

- A. USD 32 billion B. USD 35 billion C. USD 36 billion
D. USD 38 billion E. None of these



12. NABARD's wholly-owned subsidiary NABSanrakshan Trustee Pvt Ltd (NTPL) has been appointed by the government as a trustee for _____ Credit Guarantee Fund under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF).

- A. Rs 550 crore B. Rs 650 crore C. Rs 750 crore
D. Rs 850 crore E. None of these

13. To bring more people under the ambit of health insurance, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has hiked the maximum cover under the standard health insurance plan "Arogya Sanjeevani Policy" from Rs 5 lakh to what amount?

- A. Rs 8 lakh B. Rs 7 lakh C. Rs 9 lakh
D. Rs 10 lakh E. None of these

14. The reserve bank of India has reported what percent growth in India's Software Services Export in FY20?

- A. 9.1 percent B. 9.2 percent C. 9.3 percent
D. 9.4 percent E. None of these

15. Which states has launched UPFPO Shakti Portal as part of Kisan Kalyan Mission?

- A. Uttarakhand B. Uttar Pradesh C. Tamil Nadu
D. Haryana E. None of these

16. Which state and ITC have signed an MoU to Execute a Watershed Programme?

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

17. Shaheed Diwas 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. March 22 B. March 23 C. March 24
D. March 25 E. None of these



18. World Meteorological Day 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. March 22 B. March 24 C. March 23
D. March 21 E. None of these

19. Which song is announced official song of ICC Women's World Cup 2022?

- A. Look B. Night Bus C. Girl Gang
D. Raise Hell E. None of these

20. CA Rover Holdings, an US based private equity funds has sold what percent of its current stake holdings in SBI Cards and Payment Services worth Rs 3728 crore?

- A. 3 percent B. 4 percent C. 5 percent
D. 6 percent 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	A	B	C	B	A	B	B	C	C	C	C	D	A	B	D	B	C	C	B

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Pak, China

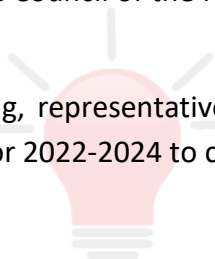
What: to participate in SCO joint anti-terrorism exercise this year

When: published on 22nd March 2021

India, Pakistan, China and other members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) will hold a joint anti-terrorism exercise this year, the eight-member bloc said.

The decision to hold the joint exercise “Pabbi-Antiterror-2021” was announced during the 36th meeting of the Council of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on March 18.

At the meeting, representatives of the SCO member states also approved the draft programme of cooperation for 2022-2024 to counter-terrorism, separatism and extremism. ([Read more](#))



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2. Hints to Remember

Who: Former Sebi chairman GV Ramakrishna

What: passes away

When: published on 21st March 2021

Former chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) GV Ramakrishna passed away on Saturday morning in Chennai after a brief illness. He was 91. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

Born in 1930 in Bengaluru, he started his career as a biochemist and then opted for civil services in 1952. In his 50 years of government service, he headed several assignments, including diplomatic, like the minister of economic affairs at the embassy in Washington in 1972 and ambassador to the European Economic Community (European Union) in 1989. ([Read more](#))



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Arunachal Pradesh

What: gets first formal indigenous knowledge system school

When: published on 21st March 2021

ITANAGAR: Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has inaugurated the state's first formal indigenous language and knowledge system school in East Kameng district, an official release said on Sunday.

The first-of-its-kind school called 'Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko' was inaugurated at Rang village near Seppa on Saturday.

Khandu said the school will help in promoting and preserving indigenous traditions, culture and language, it said.

He lauded the Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable Trust for the initiative and Pai Dawe for donating land for the Gurukul-type institution.

Khandu said his government is committed to preserving the indigenous culture of the state and has established the Department of Indigenous Affairs, for which he has earned the praise of people from even the neighbouring states. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Mission Gramodaya

What: launched in Madhya Pradesh

When: published on 19th March 2021

In Madhya Pradesh, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan have launched the Mission Gramodaya in the state.

Under the Gramodaya mission, besides providing housing facilities in rural areas, basic and fundamental infrastructure will also be expanded. Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar while addressing the state-level programme of Gramodaya Mission virtually said that rural development schemes, especially Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana are being effectively implemented in Madhya Pradesh. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Rajasthan Government

What: to launch 'Universal Health Scheme' from May 1, 2021



When: published on 19th March 2021

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday announced that his government's much anticipated Universal Health Scheme (UHS) will be launched on May 1 this year.

In his reply to the budget debate in the Assembly, Gehlot said that it will be named Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Yojana. In his budget speech on February 24, Gehlot had announced UHS with Rs 3,500 crore in the upcoming financial year wherein cashless health services up to Rs 5 lakh will be provided to all families in the state. Gehlot said that registration for those not included in the National Food Security Act (NFSA)/Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) beneficiary list will begin from April 1.

In another important announcement, Gehlot increased the MLA Local Area Development (MLA LAD) fund from Rs 2.25 crore to Rs 5 crore annually, following demand by both Congress and Opposition MLAs. The announcement was welcomed by MLAs across party lines by tapping their tables. The CM, however, did not state when will this be implemented.

6. Hints to Remember

Who: World Water Day 2021

What: was observed on 22nd March

World Water Day, held on 22 March every year since 1993, focuses on the importance of freshwater.

World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. A core focus of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: World Puppetry Day 2021

What: was observed on March 21

Every year on March 21st, World Puppetry Day seeks to recognize puppetry as a global art form. It's also a day to honor puppeteers around the world.

You are probably familiar with puppets. If you're like most people, you have probably seen a puppeteer in action. You may have even played with a puppet yourself. You may be surprised to discover, however, just how old the art of puppetry is. Puppets date all the way back to the 5th century BCE. China, India, and other places in Asia even had puppet theaters. Native Americans also used puppet-like figures in certain rituals.

In 1929, the Union Internationale de la Marionnette – International Puppetry Association (UNIMA) was created in Prague. In the United States, puppeteers kept their art a secret. It wasn't until the first half of the 20th century that puppeteers began sharing more information about their work. They also



began holding public puppet shows. This was largely thanks to Tony Sarg, a famous puppeteer at that time. When puppets became public, it led to the founding of the Puppeteers of American in 1937. In 1966, Jim Henson founded UNIMA-USA. UNIMA Australia, UMIMA Pakistan, British UNIMA, and UNIMA-France followed suit. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: FIFA

What: launches Global Integrity Programme in fight against match-fixing

When: published on 17th March 2021

FIFA has launched a Global Integrity Programme as part of the battle against match-fixing, in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The new initiative aims to provide all 211 Member Associations with enhanced knowledge and tools to fight and prevent match manipulation.

The programme is designed to improve education and build integrity capacity within all FIFA's governing bodies by sharing advanced know-how and resources with integrity officers through a series of virtual workshops involving three modules that started this month.

The first edition of the programme, dedicated to the Member Associations from the Asian Football Confederation.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino said: "Match-fixing is an issue that is very real and threatens the integrity and credibility of football in many countries around the world. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Style Wrestling Association officially

What: recognized as national sports federation by government

When: published on 21st March 2021

The Indian Style Wrestling Association of India (ISWAI) has officially been recognised as a National Sports Federation (NSF) by the Sports Ministry, making it eligible to receive fund and support from the government.

The ISWAI informed about the development in a statement issued on Saturday.

"The Ministry of Sports has been pleased to grant us recognition as a National Sports Federation and privileges and benefits as enjoyed by other federations will also be admissible to Indian Style Wrestling Association of India, such as rail concessions, recruitment against to wrestlers of Indian style and also participation of leading international wrestlers in our competitions," it said in the statement.



"We will have to line up to the norms and expectations of Ministry of Sports by expanding our activities...", the statement issued by ISWAI secretary general Gaurav Sachdeva added. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: India's e-commerce sector

What: to touch \$99 bn by 2024

When: published on 20th March 2021

Be it shopping for apparel, medicines, furniture, or grocery, Indian consumers are increasingly developing an appetite for online shopping fuelled by cheaper data and increased mobile penetration across the country. The numbers are telling: The country's e-commerce sector is expected to reach \$99 billion by 2024, growing at a CAGR of 27% over 2019-24, with grocery and fashion/apparel likely to be the key drivers of incremental growth, finds the EY-IVCA India Trend Book 2021 report.

The EY report, released in collaboration with the Indian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association, adds that online penetration of retail is expected to reach 10.7% by 2024, versus 4.7% in 2019, while online shoppers in India are expected to reach 220 million by 2025.

The report further points out that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought forward the e-commerce industry in India by a decade, revolutionising the way brands operate, run, and grow their businesses, as well as how consumers choose to shop and pay. According to Nielsen India's e-commerce consumer panel, there was a double rapid increase in average spend of online shoppers for various categories, the report, released on Friday, adds. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: At \$36 billion, FPI

What: inflows into equities at record high since FY13: RBI report

When: published on 21st March 2021

Foreign portfolio investors have pumped in a record USD 36 billion into equities so far this fiscal up to March 10, which is the highest since FY13, shows the latest data from the Reserve Bank.

On the other hand, net foreign direct investment inflows jumped to USD 44 billion, till end January, up from USD 36.3 billion a year ago, driven by the massive inflows in November and December, with the last month of the year getting a record USD 6.3 billion.

But the inflows moderated in January due to lower inflows into equities, shows the latest data from the March issue of RBI Bulletin released over the weekend.

"Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) made net purchases in the equity segment so far this fiscal, while have been net sellers in the debt market during the period. Cumulatively, FPIs have pumped in a



record USD 36 billion into equities so far this fiscal up to March 10, which is the highest since FY13,” says the bulletin. [\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Nabard arm

What: appointed as trustee for credit guarantee fund

When: published on 19th March 2021

Nabard's wholly-owned subsidiary NABSanrakshan Trustee Pvt Ltd (NTPL) has been appointed by the government as a trustee for Rs 750 crore Credit Guarantee Fund under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF). The government has set up AHIDF with a corpus of Rs 15,000 crore as part of the Aatmanirbhar package. The Credit Guarantee Fund will provide credit guarantees to eligible entities assisted under AHIDF, a release said on Friday. The fund shall be operationalised under a trust - Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Animal Husbandry and Dairying (CGFTAHD). [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: IRDAI

What: hikes maximum cover under Arogya Sanjeevani Policy to Rs 10 lakh

When: published on 20th March 2021

To bring more people under the ambit of health insurance, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has hiked the maximum cover under the standard health insurance plan -- Arogya Sanjeevani Policy – from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh.

The insurance regulator has made it mandatory for insurers to offer a sum insured between Rs 50,000 to Rs 10 lakh under the Arogya Sanjeevani policy as against the previous range of Rs 1 lakh - Rs 5 lakh. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: Reported 9.1% Growth in India's Software Services Export in FY20

When: published on 17th March 2021

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the data related to the 2019-20 round of its annual survey on exports of computer software and information technology enabled services. For the 2019-20 round of the survey, 6078 software export companies were contacted, of which 1475 companies responded,



which included most of the large companies. The responding companies accounted for around 82.7% of the total software services exports during the year.

India's export of software services stood at US\$ 128.6 billion during 2019-20, registering 9.1% growth over the previous year. Exports of computer services and ITES/BPO services contributed 66.6 per cent and 33.4%, respectively, of the total software services exports.

Private limited companies accounted for more than half of the total export of software services. The USA was the major destination for software exports with 56.6% share. Europe had 27.6% share, nearly half of which was in the UK. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: UP CM Yogi Adityanath

What: launches UPFPO Shakti Portal to benefit farmers at grassroots level

When: published on 22nd March 2021

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday launched UPFPO Shakti Portal as part of Kisan Kalyan Mission at an event in Gorakhpur.

The portal, which is the first of its kind in the country, is aimed at benefitting the farmers at the grassroots level. The Farmer Producer Organization-centric (FPO-centric) portal will bring farmers, producer groups, traders and the agriculture and other allied departments of the UP government on one platform.

At the launch, CM Yogi Adityanath lauded the efforts of the agriculture department. "The department has been making tireless efforts to support the farmers and FPOs in the state. Just as in the past, UP had taken precedence in introducing various agri reforms, it has now launched the country's first portal fully dedicated to its farmers," Adityanath said at the event, which saw a footfall of nearly 3000 farmers. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt of Karnataka & ITC

What: Signed an MoU to Execute a Watershed Programme

When: published on 23rd March 2021

ITC will create a consortium of experts to train the government team to apply the company's drought-proofing framework for planning, implementation, and monitoring of the programme.

Diversified conglomerate ITC has entered a partnership with the Karnataka government to execute a watershed development programme, covering over one million acres and 100 watersheds in the state.



The memorandum of understanding, signed between ITC's social investments programme Mission Sunehra Kal and the Karnataka Watershed Development Department on March 5, will be in effect for three years. The agreement is part of the state government's 'Watershed development for drought proofing' programme, which aims at covering 1.16 million acres of watershed area in 29 districts, a statement by ITC said on Monday. ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Shaheed Diwas

What: is celebrated on March 23 in India

When: published on 23rd March 2021

Shaheed Diwas Significance, History, Importance: It's known that India gained its independence back from Britishers in 1947 but this did not come as easy. Many people gave their lives in order to get this freedom back. In order to pay homage to these heroes, India celebrates Shaheed Diwas. It can be noted that this day is celebrated on many days in India- especially on March 23 and another on January 30 (which is Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary). Each year on this day, people talk about the heroic tales of such young fighters who fought with bravery and valour and the tales are being passed among generations. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: World Meteorological Day

What: was observed on 23rd March 2021

Every year, World Meteorological Day is celebrated to commemorate the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). It will be globally marked on March 23, 2021. The day highlights the importance of the behaviour of Earth's atmosphere.

The day is celebrated every year with a different theme or slogan. The theme this year is devoted to "The ocean, our climate, and weather". The ocean, which covers around 70 per cent of the earth's surface plays an important role in climate change. The ocean drives the world's climate and anchors food security and global economy. Climate change is also increasing hazards for hundreds of millions of people.

National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and researchers constantly monitor the ocean and how it is changing. This year's theme celebrates the World Meteorological Organization's focus on connecting the ocean, climate, and weather within the system. ([Read more](#))



19. Hints to Remember

Who: 'Girl Gang'

What: announced official song of ICC Women's World Cup 2022

When: published on 18th March 2021

Girl Gang, a track by New Zealand singer Gin Wigmore, has been announced as the official song of the 2022 ICC Women's World Cup. The tournament is set to be hosted in New Zealand from March 4 to April 3, 2022.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) made the announcement in an event on Wednesday at Mt Maunganui Beach with Wigmore skydiving to the beach with the World Cup trophy in her hands.

"When you send a song out to the world you never really know what will happen," Wigmore said, who when not performing goes by the name Virginia Butler.

"You do certainly have hopes for it. I guess I had thought it would make a great theme song for something. So when the ICC called I was like 'heck yeah, that is so cool'. I'm really thrilled. It's so exciting," she said. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: CA Rover

What: Holdings sells 4% stake in SBI Cards for Rs 3728 crore

When: published on 17th March 2021

SBI Cards and Payment Services shares tanked 4 per cent as US private equity fund CA Rover Holdings, an affiliate of Carlyle Asia Partners, was looking to sell a 4 per cent stake worth \$514 million or Rs 3,728 crore through a block deal on Wednesday, according to a term sheet issued by the sole book-runner, BofA Securities.

The stock fell 4.4 per cent to hit a low of Rs 977.20 on BSE.

With a return of nearly 970 per cent in four years, SBI Card investment would be the best exit by a PE fund on an Indian investment. ([Read more](#))





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