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March GA Quiz 6

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

1. Who among the following has recently become the first cricketer to have 100 million followers on Instagram?

- A. Rohit Sharma B. Virat Kohli C. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
D. Kane Williamson E. None of these

2. Which of the following states has recently launched 'Jagrut Tripura' Digital platform to boost e-Governance?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh B. Jharkhand C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Tripura E. None of these

3. Which of the following states has recently partnered with ICRISAT to Support the PVTGs in 12 Districts?

- A. Jharkhand B. Chhattisgarh C. Odisha
D. Andhra Pradesh E. None of these

4. Which of the following states has presented Rs 91,277 crore State budget for 2021-22, on 3rd March 2021?

- A. Bihar B. Odisha C. Chhattisgarh
D. Jharkhand E. None of these

5. Name the Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat who has presented State Budget 2021-22 with an outlay of INR 2.27 Lakh Crore.

- A. Nitin Patel B. Vijay Rupani C. Pradipsinh Jadeja
D. Jitu Vaghani E. None of these



6. Who among the following has become third player to hit six sixes in an international over?

- A. Quinton de Kock B. Rishabh Pant C. Kieron Pollard
D. Ishan Kishan E. None of these

7. Who among the following has won the men's 2021 Uganda International in Kampala?

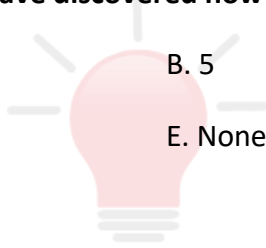
- A. Varun Kapoor B. Namish Taneja C. Gautam Rode
D. Vikram Sakhalkar E. None of these

8. Who among the following has won the women's 2021 Uganda International in Kampala?

- A. Ashmita Chaliha B. Mugdha Agrey C. Rituparna Das
D. Malvika Bansod E. None of these

9. Researchers have discovered how many new Species of Shrub Frogs in Western Ghats?

- A. 4 B. 5 C. 6
D. 7 E. None of these



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10. ISRO's which program is to help Indian space tech startups use agency's resources, facilities?

- A. LEAF B. SEED C. PETAL
D. BUD E. None of these

11. Which company has approved to sell its 61.65% stake in Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) to a consortium of Oil India, Engineers India Ltd (EIL) and Government of Assam for Rs. 9875.96 crore?

- A. Hindustan Petroleum B. Indian Oil Corporation C. Bharat Petroleum
D. Vedanta Limited E. None of these

12. Union Government has planned to sell up to _____ of its stakes in IRCON International through an offer for sale (OFS)?

- A. 10 per cent B. 12 per cent C. 14 per cent
D. 16 per cent E. None of these



13. United Arab Emirates' (UAE) National Central Cooling Company or Tabreed and which firm are set to invest USD 400 Million in Capital deployment in India & South-East Asian countries for building cooling service infrastructure?

- A. International Finance Corporation
- B. World Bank Group
- C. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- D. Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
- E. None of these

14. Markets regulator SEBI has cancelled the certificate of registration of which firm as a sub-broker citing its failure to fulfill the "fit and proper" criteria?

- A. Sahara India Financial Corporation Ltd
- B. LIC Housing Finance
- C. Sundaram Finance Ltd.
- D. Can Fin Homes Ltd.
- E. None of these



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15. Which company has launched 'YIELD' - an online platform to buy and sell bonds as well as debentures in the secondary market?

- A. ICICI Securities
- B. HDFC securities
- C. Axis Securities
- D. EXIM Securities
- E. None of these

16. Which bank has signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Our Food Pvt Ltd, Visakhapatnam, for arranging cost-effective processing units to farmers through the bank loan?

- A. Kerala Gramin Bank
- B. Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
- C. Canara Bank
- D. Union Bank of India
- E. None of these

17. Which bank has inked a USD 10.40 million loan deal with Eswatini (Swaziland) on behalf of the Indian government?

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



18. As per the recent report, which country is remain in FATF's 'greylist' till June, 2021?

- A. Bangladesh B. Iran C. Pakistan
D. Oman E. None of these

19. World's first platypus sanctuary is to come up in which country?

- A. New Zealand B. Australia C. Maldives
D. USA E. None of these

20. IAF is to participate in Multinational Air Exercise 'Desert Flag VI' in which country for the 1st time?

- A. South Africa B. China C. UAE
D. Japan 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

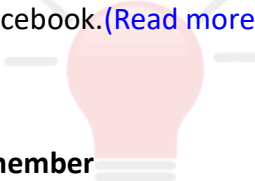
Who: Virat Kohli

What: on becoming 1st cricketer with 100 million Instagram followers: You've made this journey beautiful

When: published on 3rd March 2021

India captain Virat Kohli has reacted after becoming the first cricketer to 100 million followers on Instagram. The 32-year-old on Wednesday, shared a video showing his Instagram images one after the other, and wrote, "You have made this journey beautiful. Feeling blessed and grateful for all the love."

Virat Kohli is the first India, first Asian, 1st cricketer and only the 4th athlete after footballers Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and Neymar to hit the 100 million followers' mark on the social media platform owned by Facebook. [\(Read more\)](#)



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2. Hints to Remember

Who: Tripura

What: launched 'Jagrut Tripura' Digital platform to boost e-Governance

When: published on 3rd March 2021

The Tripura government has come up with a digital platform to help people get benefits from various schemes of the Centre and the state government, an official said on Wednesday.

At least 102 schemes of various departments of both the governments are available on the platform, he said.

Launched by Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, the 'Jagrut Tripura' will empower citizens of the northeastern state, the official said.

The digital platform is one of the many proactive initiatives undertaken by the state government to spur a technology-led innovation ecosystem to make 'Atmanirbhar' (self-reliant) Tripura, he said.

The project was developed by EasyGov, a Jio Group company, and it will be available to all the residents of Tripura. [\(Read more\)](#)



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Odisha govt, ICRISAT

What: join hands to help vulnerable tribal groups in state

When: published on 4th March 2021

To strengthen management of natural resources for the benefit of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in 12 districts, the State government has entered into an agreement with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT).

ICRISAT will undertake capacity building initiatives, water harvesting, recording of hydrological parameters and crop productivity in addition to monitoring land-use and land-cover through remote sensing and GIS in 12 districts.

The collaboration is a part of Odisha's Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups Empowerment and Livelihoods Improvement Programme funded by International Fund for Agricultural Development India. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Jharkhand FM

What: presents State budget for 2021-22

When: published on 3rd March 2021

In Jharkhand, Finance Minister Dr Rameshwar Oraon today presented the budget for the year 2021-22 in the State Assembly at Ranchi.

Dr Oraon presented the State Budget with a total outlay of 91 thousand 277 crore rupees, with an increase of over 7,100 crore rupees in comparison to last year's budget. A provision of Rs 1200 crore has been made in the Budget for waiving off farmers' loans.

The breakup of budget includes a revenue expenditure of Rs. 75755.01 crore and Capital Expenditure of Rs 15521.99 crores. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Gujarat Deputy CM Nitin Patel

What: presents state budget for the year 2021-22

When: published on 3rd March 2021

In Gujarat, the Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel has presented the budget for the year 2021-22 in the State Assembly at Gandhinagar today. Mr. Patel who holds the portfolio of Finance Ministry has



presented the State Budget with the total outlay of two lakh 27 thousand 29 crore rupees. This is the biggest outlay of the State Budget in Gujarat till now.

Delivering his budget speech, Mr. Patel announced the record allocation of 11,323 crore rupees for the health and family welfare. This was significant in view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Patel has also announced the allocation of 7,232 crore rupees for the agriculture, farmer's welfare and cooperative sector. He also announced the allocation of 32,000 crore rupees for the education, while 3,511 crore rupees has been allocated for the woman and child development.

Similarly, an amount of 1,500 crore rupees has been allocated for the Ahmedabad Mumbai bullet train project, while 652 crore rupees have been allocated for the Statue of Unity. According to the budget, an amount of 1,349 crore rupees has been allocated for the tribal development. Mr. Nitin Patel said that Gujarat is now coming out from the COVID-19 pandemic following the rollout of vaccination under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that this year's budget will focus on ongoing development of the state. [\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Kieron Pollard

What: becomes third player to hit six sixes in an international over

When: published on 4th March 2021

Kieron Pollard hit six sixes in an over to guide West Indies to a comprehensive four-wicket win against Sri Lanka in the first game of their three-match T20 series.

Sent in to bat at the Coolidge Cricket Ground in Osbourn, Antigua, Sri Lanka scored 131 for nine, with the debutant Pathum Nissanka top-scoring with 39 from 34 balls.

As the home side began their chase, leg-spinner Akila Dananjaya took a hat-trick in the fourth over in dismissing Evin Lewis for 28 and then Chris Gayle and Nicholas Pooran.

But in the sixth over the spinner was pummelled in all directions by Pollard, who joins India's Yuvraj Singh in hitting six sixes in a T20 international over. He also became the third player – along with Herschelle Gibbs – to record the achievement in any format of the game at international level. [\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian shuttlers Varun, Malvika

What: win Uganda International titles

When: published on 1st March 2021



Indian shuttlers Varun Kapur and Malvika Bansod registered hard-fought wins to clinch the men's and women's singles titles respectively at the 2021 Uganda International in Kampala.

Varun had to sweat it out to get the better of seventh-seeded Sankar Muthusamy 21-18 16-21 21-17 in the men's singles final, while second seed Malvika notched up a come-from-behind 17-21 25-23 21-10 victory over compatriot Anupama Upadhyaya in the women singles summit clash.

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9. Hints to Remember

Who: Researchers

What: Discover 5 new Species of Shrub Frogs in Western Ghats

When: published on 4th March 2021

Five new species of shrub frogs have been discovered from the Western Ghats by researchers from India and the US. Western Ghats are one of the globally recognised biodiversity hotspots.

The frogs belong to the Old World tree frog family Rhacophoridae.

As per a report in news agency PTI, they were discovered by researchers from University of Delhi, Kerala Forest Research Institute and University of Minnesota. The discovery is part of a long comprehensive study on the Shrub frogs (genus Raorchestes) of the Western Ghats, carried out over a period of nearly 10 years. ([Read more](#))



10. Hints to Remember

Who: ISRO's SEED program

What: to help Indian space tech startups use agency's resources, facilities- Technology News,

When: published on 22nd February 2021

ISRO has embarked on a mission to bring space startups into a higher orbit with a series of initiatives to help them realize their business potential. He is keen to formulate an exclusive space startup program – "Space Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development (SEED)", said K Sivan, secretary of the Space Department and president of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). SEED is designed as a competitive incentive program for start-ups and MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises) wishing to develop products / services in areas of interest to ISRO, the space agency helping them to use its facilities, officials said.

A formal mechanism for the program is expected to be announced soon, they said. [\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: BPCL

What: to pay shareholders from Rs 9,876 crore Numaligarh Refinery stake sale

When: published on 2nd March 2021

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) may use Rs 9,876 crore proceed from stake sale in Numaligarh Refinery to pay a special dividend to shareholders, the biggest being Government of India, BPCL director (finance) N Vijayagopal said on Tuesday. The Board of BPCL on Monday approved the sale of the company's 61.65 per cent stake in Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) to a consortium of state-owned Oil India, consultancy firm Engineers India Ltd (EIL) and Government of Assam for Rs 9,875.96 crore.

The offer by the OIL-led consortium was "above the reserve price we had set for the stake sale," he told reporters.

BPCL will seek approval of the shareholders at a meeting on March 25 and plans to sign the sale pact within two days of that and conclude the transaction before month-end, he said. [\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Government

What: has plans to sell up to 16 per cent of its stakes in IRCON International through an offer for sale (OFS)

When: published on 3rd March 2021



Union Government has plans to sell up to 16 per cent of its stakes in IRCON International through an offer for sale (OFS) today, i.e. March 3, 2021. The government seeks to raise around Rs 662 crore through stake sales. The floor price for the offer has been fixed at Rs 88 per share.

The base issue size of the OFS is 10 per cent or over 4.70 crore equity shares, with a green-shoe option to retain over-subscription of 6 per cent or over 2.82 crore shares. The total issue size, including the green-shoe option, comes to 16 per cent or over 7.52 crore shares. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Tabreed, IFC

What: to invest \$400 mln to develop cooling infra in India, Southeast Asia

When: published on 3rd March 2021

UAE's National Central Cooling Company or Tabreed, and International Finance Corporation (IFC) on Wednesday announced plans to invest USD 400 in India and South-East Asian countries to build cooling service infrastructure. Tabreed and IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, have formed a joint venture to establish a district energy investment platform in Singapore, as per an official statement.

The JV will invest in district cooling, trigeneration and cooling as a service offering with a primary focus on India followed by other South-East Asian countries, it said. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Sebi

What: cancels Sahara India Financial Corp's registration as sub-broker

When: published on 3rd March 2021

Markets regulator Sebi on Wednesday cancelled the certificate of registration of Sahara India Financial Corporation Ltd as a sub-broker citing its failure to fulfill the "fit and proper" criteria.

The regulator had appointed a designated authority in 2018 to enquire whether Sahara India Financial violated provisions of Intermediaries Regulations.

According to the designated authority's report, considering the antecedents of Subrata Roy Sahara and the various judicial pronouncements against him and other group companies of Sahara, it is determined that Sahara India Financial (noticee) is not a "fit and proper person" to continue as a sub-broker in the securities market. [\(Read more\)](#)



15. Hints to Remember

Who: Axis Securities

What: launches platform to make investment in bond, debenture hassle free

When: published on 3rd March 2021

Axis Securities on Wednesday announced the launch of 'YIELD' - an online platform to buy and sell bonds as well as debentures in the secondary market.

With a simple investment process, YIELD is the first-of-its-kind initiative that allows retail investors direct access to the debt instruments. This removes the hassle of filling up physical forms or the need for separate KYC with the bond institutions, the brokerage house said in a statement.

To facilitate transactions only in secure options, it aggregates only 'AAA' to 'A' rated quality debt instruments available for investment in the secondary market.

By offering competitive rates and technical know-how, YIELD would empower the investors to make the right investment decision. The trades and settlement of transactions executed will be reported on the BSE NDS (new debt segment) platform. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: KVGB

What: inks pact with Our Food for arranging processing units to farmers

When: published on 3rd March 2021

The Dharwad-headquartered Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Our Food Pvt Ltd, Visakhapatnam, for arranging cost-effective processing units to farmers through the bank loan.

A statement by the bank said on Wednesday that the vendor will ensure supply, delivery and installation of high-quality, standardised and branded equipment / machinery as per the requirement of the farmer / farmer franchisee and also will ensure purchase of processed products.

After executing the MoU on Wednesday, P Gopi Krishna, Chairman of KVGB, emphasised the need for having MoUs with big companies for technology and marketing. He observed that the lack of such agreements will create problems for marketing agricultural produces. Through the bank loan Our Food Pvt Ltd not only assists in setting up processing units, but also procures the processed materials and sells them to bulk buyers, he said, and stressed the need for involving women self-help groups in food processing and marketing. [\(Read more\)](#)



17. Hints to Remember

Who: Exim Bank

What: Inks USD 10.40 Mn Soft Loan Pact With Eswatini

When: published on 3rd March 2021

Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) on Wednesday said it has inked a USD 10.40 million (Rs 75.99 crore) loan deal with Eswatini (Swaziland) on behalf of the Indian government.

Exim Bank, on behalf of the Indian government, has extended a Line of Credit (LoC) of USD 10.40 million to the government of the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland) for the construction of disaster recovery site, the bank said in a release.

With the signing of this agreement, Exim Bank, till date has extended three LoCs to Eswatini, taking the total value to USD 68.30 million.

Exim Bank said the Indian government's soft loan to Eswatini covers projects in sectors including information technology, disaster management and agriculture. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Pakistan

What: to remain in FATF's 'greylist' till June, 2021

When: published on 25th February 2021

Global terror financing watchdog, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on Thursday retained Pakistan on its "grey list" till June after concluding that Islamabad failed to address its strategically important deficiencies, to fully implement the 27 point action plan that the watchdog had drawn up for Pakistan.

The global watchdog had in October last year asked Pakistan, which has been on the FATF grey list over issues related to terror financing, to deliver on all 27 points by this February. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: World's first platypus sanctuary

What: to come up in Australia

When: published on 3rd March 2021

Australian conservationists on Wednesday unveiled plans to build the world's first refuge for the platypus, to promote breeding and rehabilitation as the duck-billed mammal faces extinction due to climate change.



The Taronga Conservation Society Australia and the New South Wales State government said they would build the specialist facility, mostly ponds and burrows for the semiaquatic creatures, at a zoo 391 km (243 miles) from Sydney, by 2022, which could house up to 65 platypuses.

"There is so much to learn about the platypus and we know so little," Taronga CEO Cameron Kerr told reporters. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: IAF

What: to participate in Multinational Air Exercise 'Desert Flag VI' in UAE for the 1st time

When: published on 3rd March 2021

The Indian Ministry of Defence (MoD) has announced that the Indian Air Force (IAF) will take part in the Exercise Desert Flag-VI.

The country is participating for the first time in the exercise and will join the airforces of France, the US, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Bahrain.

Starting on 3 March, the exercise will run until 27 March at Al-Dhafra airbase in the UAE.

According to a statement issued by the MoD, the IAF will participate with six Su-30 MKI, two C-17 and one IL-78 tanker aircraft in the exercise.

The Sukhoi Su-30MKI is a multirole combat fighter aircraft jointly developed by the Sukhoi Design Bureau and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for IAF. [\(Read more\)](#)





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