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May GA Quiz

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

1. Which insurance company has been reclassified as a "public shareholder" of Axis Bank from being a "promoter" earlier?

- A. New India Assurance
- B. United India Insurance
- C. Life Insurance Corporation
- D. National Insurance Company
- E. None of these

2. Who among the following has co-chaired the 23rd ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting via video conference to advance the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership in all dimensions, especially the efforts to respond and recover better from COVID-19?

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

3. Which country has become the First Country to Adopt Self-Driving Cars on Motorways?

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. China
- D. Japan
- E. None of these

4. Which country has announced a contribution of USD 2.4 million to support medical services for coronavirus affected people in India?

- A. Sudan
- B. Germany
- C. Canada
- D. Norway
- E. None of these



5. India and which country have agreed to establish a "2+2 ministerial dialogue" between foreign and defence ministers to add further momentum to the bilateral strategic partnership?

- A. USA B. China C. United Kingdom
D. Russia E. None of these

6. The Cabinet has recently approved the signing of an agreement between India and which country for sharing information and prevent Customs offences?

- A. China B. Russia C. United Kingdom
D. Canada E. None of these

7. Nirmala Sitharaman has recently inaugurated India's first 3D printed house at which IIT?

- A. IIT Kanpur B. IIT Delhi C. IIT Madras
D. IIT Mumbai E. None of these

8. Michael Collins passed away recently, was a/an _____.

- A. Astronaut B. Actor C. Author
D. Architect E. None of these

9. International Jazz Day was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. April 29 B. April 28 C. April 30
D. April 27 E. None of these

10. Ayushman Bharat Diwas was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. April 30 B. April 29 C. April 28
D. April 27 E. None of these

11. NATO military exercises was launched in which country?

- A. UAE B. Albania C. Sudan
D. Cuba E. None of these



12. Who among the following has been appointed new Chairman of Bajaj Auto?

- A. Shekhar Bajaj B. Rajiv Bajaj C. Sanjiv Bajaj
D. Niraj Bajaj E. None of these

13. Which of the following banks has emerged as the top arranger of corporate bond deals in 2020-21 (FY21)?

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

14. Which company has launched a virtual showroom feature to help customers buy its motorcycles and scooters through a seamless digital experience amid rising in COVID-19 cases in the country?

- A. TVS Motor Company B. Bajaj Auto C. Honda Motor Company
D. Hero MotoCorp E. None of these

15. Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal, pledged _____ to help the country in its fight against the rapidly spreading second wave of Covid 19.

- A. Rs 100 crore B. Rs 120 crore C. Rs 150 crore
D. Rs 130 crore E. None of these

16. OneWeb, a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite communications operator, co-owned by Bharti Global and the UK government, launched how many satellites by Arianespace from the Vostochny cosmodrome in Russia?

- A. 30 B. 42 C. 36
D. 40 E. None of these

17. International Dance Day 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. April 30 B. April 29 C. April 28
D. April 27 E. None of these



18. Shravan Rathod passed away at 66 recently, was a/an _____ .

- A. Film director B. Music composer C. Actor
D. Movie Writer E. None of these

19. Soli Sorabjee passed away at 91 after contracting Covid-19, was a/an _____ .

- A. Former attorney general B. Former Chief Minister C. Former director general
D. Member of Parliament E. None of these

20. Who among the following has recently created a national record in 50m backstroke while winning his second gold of the Uzbekistan Open Championship?

- A. Kushagra Rawat B. Virdhawal Khade C. Sajan Prakash
D. Srihari Nataraj 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
A	C	B	D	D	C	C	A	C	A	B	D	B	D	C	C	B	B	A	D

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Axis Bank board

What: okays reclassification of NIACL as "public investor" from "promoter"

When: published on 28th April 2021

Public sector insurer The New India Assurance Co Ltd (NIACL) has been reclassified as a "public shareholder" of Axis Bank from being a "promoter" earlier, the private sector lender said on Wednesday.

Last week, the country's third-largest private sector lender had received a request from NIACL to reclassify it to public category from promoter category investor.

In a regulatory filing, Axis Bank said a letter was placed for the consideration of the board at its meeting held on April 28, 2021. "The board at the meeting has considered and approved the said request received from NIACL to reclassify it to public category from promoter category," .

The nod for the reclassification is subject to approval of the stock exchanges, statutory/regulatory authorities and shareholders of the bank. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Thailand Advanced ASEAN-India Strategic

What: Partnership in Co-Chairing the 23rd ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting

When: published on 29th April 2021

The Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs co-chaired the 23rd ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting via video conference to advance the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership in all dimensions, especially the efforts to respond and recover better from COVID-19.

On 28 April 2021, H.E. Mr. Thani Thongphakdi, Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, co-chaired the 23rd ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting with H.E. Ms. Riva Ganguly Das, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs of India via video conference. The Meeting was attended by SOM Leaders and representatives from ASEAN Member States and Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Political Security Community.



The Meeting discussed the advancement of the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership in all dimensions, especially the efforts to respond and recover better from COVID-19. These include enhancing cooperation in the areas of vaccines and medicines, digital development, as well as mitigating the socio-economic impacts on people and the business sector. India also proposed the announcement of 2022 as “ASEAN-India Friendship Year” to celebrate milestone anniversaries, including the 30th anniversary of Dialogue Relations. ([Read more](#))

3. Hints to Remember

Who: UK

What: Is First Country to Green Light Self-Driving Cars on Motorways

When: published on 28th April 2021

The UK government on Wednesday became the first country to announce it will regulate the use of self-driving vehicles at slow speeds on motorways, with the first such cars possibly appearing on public roads as soon as this year.

Britain’s transport ministry said it was working on specific wording to update the country’s highway code for the safe use of self-driving vehicle systems, starting with Automated Lane Keeping Systems (ALKS) – which use sensors and software to keep cars within a lane, allowing them to accelerate and brake without driver input. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Norway

What: announces \$2.4 million aid towards Covid relief in India

When: published on 29th April 2021

Norway on Wednesday announced a contribution of USD 2.4 million to support medical services for coronavirus affected people in India.

Announcing the assistance, the Norwegian government said it stands with India in its fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The Norwegian government has today announced a contribution of 20 million Norwegian Kroners (USD 2.4 million) towards Covid relief in India, to be channelled through the World Health Organization and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies," the Norwegian embassy said. ([Read more](#))



5. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Russia

What: to establish a '2+2 ministerial dialogue' between foreign, defence

When: published on 29th April 2021

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday thanked President Vladimir Putin for Russia's help and support in India's fight against COVID-19 as the two leaders agreed to establish a "2+2 ministerial dialogue" between foreign and defence ministers to add further momentum to the bilateral strategic partnership.

In a statement following a telephonic conversation between Modi and Putin, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said the Russian president expressed solidarity with the people and Government of India and conveyed that Russia would extend all possible support in their fight against the pandemic.

"Prime Minister Modi thanked President Putin and noted that the prompt Russian support to India was a symbol of our enduring partnership," it said. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Cabinet

What: approves signing pact with UK for info sharing, prevent customs offences

When: published on 28th April 2021

The Cabinet on Wednesday approved the signing of an agreement between India and the UK for sharing information and prevent Customs offences. "The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the signing and ratification of an Agreement between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters," an official statement said.

The agreement will help in the availability of relevant information for the prevention and investigation of Customs offences.

It is also expected to facilitate trade and ensure efficient clearance of goods traded between the countries, the statement said. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: India's first 3D printed house

What: by IIT Madras startup



When: published on 30th April 2021

India's first 3D printed house is here. Tvasta Manufacturing Solutions, an IIT Madras alumni founded startup, took the initiative and built it in five days. The house was inaugurated by Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, early this week. Tvasta Manufacturing is part of the ASHA incubator of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs at IIT Madras.

The house, built in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter, is single storey, 600 sq feet and constructed with indigenous concrete 3D printing technology.

Tvasta on its blogpost mentions the intricacies of the technology. Tvasta's goals are to make the structures affordable and sustainable. "The mix is based on ordinary Portland cement, but with lower water-cement ratio, reinforced with either amorphous metal fibers or plastic fibers. The 3D printers are capable of printing with aggregates up to 8 mm," reads the post. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: NASA's Apollo 11 mission astronaut Michael Collins

What: passes away

When: published on 29th April 2021

NASA astronaut Michael Collins, who piloted the historic mission of Apollo 11 spacecraft Columbia in 1969, passed away on Wednesday due to cancer. He was 90.

During the 1969 Apollo 11 mission, Collins remained in lunar orbit while fellow crew members Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin descended to the moon's surface in the lunar module.

When Armstrong and Aldrin descended to the moon's surface on July 20, Collins was orbiting 65 miles above them and was momentarily almost forgotten as the world's attention focused on his two crewmates below. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: International Jazz Day 2021

What: was observed on 30th April

International Jazz Day is observed annually on April 30 to draw public attention to jazz and its extraordinary heritage throughout the month of April.

The day is actually the culmination of Jazz Appreciation month which brings together communities, schools, artists, historians, and jazz enthusiasts across the world to celebrate and learn about jazz and its origins.

The day also aims to 'raise awareness about the need for intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding and to reinforce international cooperation and communication'. ([Read more](#))



10. Hints to Remember

Who: Ayushman Bharat Diwas

What: was observed on 30th April 2021

Ayushman Bharat Yojna was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018, to provide healthcare benefits to crores of Indians who can't afford proper medical facilities. The flagship scheme of the Narendra Modi government was launched along the lines of a universal health coverage to meet one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations - "leave no one behind." According to Health Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan, India has operationalised 75,532 Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres (HCW) so far despite the COVID-19 pandemic and is on track to functionalise 1.5 lakh HWCs by December 2022. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: NATO Military Exercises

What: Launched in Albania

When: published on 29th April 2021

NATO has launched joint military exercises in Albania with thousands of military forces from the United States and other countries in the first such large-scale drills since World War II in the Western Balkans, a U.S. army official said Thursday.

Col. Joseph Scrocca said "a staunch NATO ally since 2009, Albania is a valued security partner — both regionally and globally."

Albania is playing a critical part in the DEFENDER-Europe 21 exercise with Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore operations taking place "for the first time in Europe since World War II at the Port of Durres," Scrocca said in an online briefing.

The sealift ship USNS Bob Hope will demonstrate the unloading of heavy equipment onto smaller vessels that will transfer the cargo to shore for onward movement. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Niraj Bajaj

What: appointed new Chairman of Bajaj Auto as Rahul Bajaj resigns

When: published on 30th April 2021

Rahul Bajaj, one of the most successful business leaders in the country, has finally decided to hang his boots at Bajaj Auto, the company he nurtured and steered to one of the leading firms in two and three-wheeler space. The non-executive chairman of the Pune-based two and three-wheeler



maker has tendered his resignation which would come into effect from close of business hours on April 30, 2021, Bajaj Auto said in a regulatory filing.

In place of Rahul Bajaj, the company has appointed Niraj Bajaj, 67, as Chairman with effect from May 1, 2021, it added.

A cousin of Rahul Bajaj, Niraj's career spans more than 25 years. After doing a short stint at Bajaj Auto and Bajaj Electricals, he has been associated with Mukand Ltd, in various positions and is now its Chairman and Managing Director.[\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC Bank

What: top arranger of corporate bond deals in FY21

When: published on 29th April 2021

HDFC Bank has emerged as the top arranger of corporate bond deals in 2020-21 (FY21).

Axis Bank came in second, while ICICI Bank third.

However for the last quarter of FY21, i.e January- March 2021, Axis Bank was the top arranger of corporate bond deals while HDFC was second in the last quarter.

Axis Bank managed 16 deals worth Rs. 106.6 billion while HDFC Bank had 19 deals worth around Rs 70.4 billion.

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Hero MotoCorp

What: launches virtual showroom to sell vehicles amid coronavirus pandemic

When: published on 29th April 2021

The country's top two-wheeler maker Hero MotoCorp on Thursday said it has launched a virtual showroom feature to help customers buy its motorcycles and scooters through a seamless digital experience amid rising in COVID-19 cases in the country.

The virtual showroom would enable customers to discover, engage and purchase the company's motorcycles and scooters digitally, Hero MotoCorp said in a statement.

Providing a 360-degree view of both the space and the product, the feature allows customers to easily browse and explore the design, features, and technical details of each model right from the comfort of their homes, it added.[\(Read more\)](#)



15. Hints to Remember

Who: Anil Agarwal

What: pledges Rs 150 crore to fight against Covid-19

When: published on 30th April 2021

Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal, pledged Rs 150 crore to help the country in its fight against the rapidly spreading second wave of Covid 19. This is over and above Rs 201 crore that was spent by the Vedanta group last year. Vedanta is India's leading producer of Metals, Oil and Gas.

In an effort to support the tremendous efforts being made by the Government of India and State governments, Vedanta Ltd will create additional capacity of 1,000 critical care beds in 10 cities pan-India.

The critical care beds will be placed in state-of-the-art 'field hospitals' which will be attached to recognised and reputed hospitals. Each facility will have 100 beds in an air-conditioned tent with full electrical support and designed specifically for Covid care, informed an official.

The critical care facilities will have 90 beds equipped with oxygen support while the remaining will have ventilator support, he said. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: OneWeb

What: launches another 36 LEO satellites from Russian cosmodrome

When: published on 26th April 2021

OneWeb, a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite communications operator, co-owned by Bharti Global and the UK government, launched another batch of 36 satellites by Arianespace from the Vostochny cosmodrome in Russia.

The latest launch takes OneWeb's total in-orbit constellation to 182 satellites. These would form part of OneWeb's 648 LEO satellite fleet that will deliver high-speed, low-latency global connectivity.

The latest launch of LEO satellites will enable OneWeb to offer services across the UK, Alaska, Northern Europe, Greenland, Iceland, the Arctic seas and Canada, and will be switched on before the end of the year. OneWeb intends to make global service available next year, including in India.

OneWeb CEO Neil Masterson, in an official statement Monday, said the company is "rapidly building momentum, launching more satellites, demonstrating the network and announcing more distribution signings around the globe". [\(Read more\)](#)



17. Hints to Remember

Who: International Dance Day 2021

What: was observed on 29 April

International Dance Day is celebrated on April 29 every year to encourage participation and education in dance. Several dance events and festivals held on this date all over the globe. The International Dance Day 2021 theme is: 'Purpose of dance'.

International Dance Day was created by the Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute ITI, the main partner for the performing arts of UNESCO. Since its creation in 1982, the International Dance Committee and the International Theatre Institute ITI select an outstanding dance personality to write a message for International Dance Day each year. This day is a celebration day for those who can see the value and importance of the art form "dance", and acts as a wake-up-call for governments, politicians and institutions which have not yet recognised its value to the people and to the individual and have not yet realised its potential for economic growth.[\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Composer Shravan Rathod of Nadeem-Shravan duo

What: dies of Covid complications at 66 in Mumbai

When: published on 23rd April 2021

Music composer Shravan Rathod of Nadeem-Shravan duo died of Covid-19 complications in Mumbai's S L Raheja Hospital on Thursday evening. The veteran musician was diagnosed with Covid-19 recently and he had multiple medical problems. He was kept on ventilator support. Confirming the news, Dr Kirti Bhushan of Raheja Hospital said that the cause of death is cardiomyopathy with multiple organ failure due to Covid-19. Several Bollywood celebrities took to social media to pay tribute to the late composer.[\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Ex-attorney general Soli Sorabjee

What: passes away at 91 after contracting Covid-19

When: published on 30th April 2021

Veteran lawyer and former attorney general Soli Sorabjee passed away on Friday morning after contracting the coronavirus disease (Covid-19). Sorabjee was 91. He was admitted to a private hospital in Delhi.



Sorabjee, a Padma Vibhushan recipient, began his legal practice in 1953 in Bombay High Court and he was designated senior counsel of the Supreme Court in 1971. He became the attorney general of India first from 1989-90 and then from 1998-2004. He was appointed by the United Nations as a Special Rapporteur for Nigeria in 1997 to report on the human rights situation in that country. Following this, he became a member and later chairman of the UN Sub Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights from 1998 to 2004. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Swimmer Srihari Nataraj

What: creates national record, wins second gold in Uzbekistan

When: published on 18th April 2021

Ace Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj created a national record in 50m backstroke while winning his second gold of the Uzbekistan Open Championship here.

The 20-year-old clocked 25.11 seconds to bag the top prize in the FINA-accredited Olympic qualifying event on Saturday night.

Indian swimmers enjoyed a rich haul of 29 medals -- 18 gold, seven silver and four bronze -- in the meet.

It was Srihari's third national record in two days as the Bengaluru swimmer had rewritten the national marks twice in 100m backstroke, his pet event, earlier this week.





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