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May GA Quiz 2

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

1. Which Session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs was held virtually?

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

2. Which firm has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Link Fund, an Philanthropic operational foundation for empowerment of tribal?

- A. Ministry of Tribal B. TRIFED C. APEDA
D. A and C both E. B and C both

3. As per the recent report, Electric Vehicles are going to make up what percent of Indian Auto Sales by 2030?

- A. 25 percent B. 20 percent C. 30 percent
D. 40 percent E. None of these

4. Who among the following has represented India at G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting?

- A. Prakash Javadekar B. Piyush Goyal C. Ravi Shankar Prasad
D. Narendra Singh Tomar E. None of these

5. Which of the following banks has tied-up with Decentro to offer customized business banking APIs?

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

6. Which payments bank has become the first payments bank to enable ₹2 lakh of day-end balance account limit?

- A. Jio Payments Bank B. Paytm Payments Bank C. India Post Payments Bank



D. Airtel Payments Bank E. None of these

7. International Finance Corporation (IFC) part of the World Bank Group has proposed to loan up to _____ to Bajaj Finance Ltd.

A. \$120 million B. \$130 million C. \$140 million
D. \$150 million E. None of these

8. Which company has launched \$200 million Restore Fund to Reduce Carbon?

A. Amazon B. Samsung C. Apple
D. Facebook E. None of these

9. Who among the following has become the first woman to be appointed officer commanding in BRO?

A. Rashmi Verma B. Ranjana Gedam C. Vaishali Hiwase
D. Manu Raut E. None of these

10. To help the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) with required financial support, which organization has launched SHWAS and AROG Loan Schemes?

A. SIDBI B. RBI C. SEBI
D. SBI E. None of these

11. Which of the following states has launched Corona Warriors Scheme?

A. Uttar Pradesh B. Tamil Nadu C. Madhya Pradesh
D. West Bengal E. None of these

12. The Union government has released what amount to states as the first instalment of the central share of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for 2021-22?

A. Rs 9,873.6 crore B. Rs 8,873.6 crore C. Rs 7,873.6 crore
D. Rs 10,873.6 crore E. None of these



13. The Centre has announced what amount to be provided to states as interest-free 50-year loan for spending on capital projects?

- A. Rs 12, 000 crore B. Rs 14, 000 crore C. Rs 15, 000 crore
D. Rs 16, 000 crore E. None of these

14. The country's exports of organic food products has risen by what percent year-on-year to USD 1 billion (Rs 7,078 crore) in 2020-21?

- A. 49 percent B. 50 percent C. 51 percent
D. 55 percent E. None of these

15. As per the report of the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, unemployment rate is likely to be _____ compared to 6.5% in March in India.

- A. 7 percent B. 7.5 percent C. 8 percent
D. 8.5 percent E. None of these

16. International Labour Day 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. May 1 B. April 30 C. May 2
D. April 29 E. None of these

17. Name the person who will be conferred the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays.

- A. Shyamala Ganesh B. Suchitra Ghosh C. Manika Bajaj
D. Ankita Thakral E. None of these

18. Which of the following countries has produced the 1st batch of Covid-19 vaccines for animals?

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

19. Maharashtra Day was observed on which date recently?

- A. April 30 B. May 1 C. April 29
D. May 2 E. None of these



20. World's Oldest Water was found in which country?

A. Russia

B. China

C. Japan

D. India

E. None of these



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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: 5th Session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs

What: held virtually

When: published on 30th April 2021

The Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) has finalised and recommended quality standards for four spices; cloves, oregano, basil, and ginger, during its fifth session held virtually from 20th -29th April 2021. The committee forwarded these four new standards to the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) for adoption at final step 8, as full -fledged Codex standards.

In this session, CCSCH5 unanimously agreed to forward the following four draft standards to Codex Alimentarius Commission for final adoption as Codex standards: dried / dehydrated forms of cloves, oregano, basil and ginger. These standards will shortly join the ranks of the other four standards adopted earlier, to form a body of reference for world spice trade and for member countries to align their national regulations.

The committee also took up the following new work items: to develop Codex standards for small cardamom and turmeric, and to develop the first group standard for spices that fall under the class 'dried fruits and berries'. This grouping approach, on a large scale enough to meet the demands for spices and herbs, will be a pioneering effort by this committee that might result in considerably reducing the time required for finalizing the standards of individual spices.

Many practical aspects and best practices evolved out of this session; these are expected to help other host countries in the Codex fraternity to organize future Codex committee sessions efficiently. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: TRIFED

What: joins hands with The LINK Fund to work towards tribal development

When: published on 30th April 2021

TRIFED, as the nodal agency working for the empowerment of tribals, has been focusing its efforts on finding new ways to improve the lives and the livelihoods of the tribal people. With this objective in mind, TRIFED has now entered into a collaborative project titled "Sustainable



Livelihoods For Tribal Households in India” with The LINK Fund, a philanthropic operational foundation which is mandated to eradicate extreme poverty and mitigate the effects of climate change.

TRIFED and The LINK Fund have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on April 29, 2021 to work together towards Tribal Development and employment generation by providing support to tribals for increasing value addition in their produce and products; Sustainable livelihoods and value addition for increase in income and employment generation through technological intervention for efficiency in value addition for MFPs, produce and crafts diversification, skill training and enhancement of value additions in minor forest produce.

The MoU was signed by Shri Pravir Krishna, Managing Director TRIFED, and Tony Kalm, CEO and Co-founder, The LINK Fund and was attended by senior officials of TRIFED and The LINK Fund. ([Read more](#))

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Electric Vehicles

What: to make up 30% of Indian Auto Sales by 2030 : IEA Report

When: published on 30th April 2021

More than 30 per cent of new vehicle sales in India will be electric by 2030, the International Energy Agency said in its global EV outlook that was released on Thursday.

Under the outlook's stated policies scenario, which takes into account the FAME II policy of the central government, EV deployment in India will mainly be achieved through the electrification of two/three-wheelers, which will reach a sales share of almost 50 per cent, IEA said.

“The rate of electrification of buses and light-duty vehicles is lower, below 15 per cent sales share in 2030,” it added. In 2020, India increased electric bus registrations by 34 per cent to 600. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad

What: represents India at G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting

When: published on 29th April 2021

Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad represented India at the G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting. He spoke about India's efforts to bring digital inclusion and empower ordinary citizens through the use of technology under the Digital India programme.



The Minister also shared India's views on ensuring trust in the digital ecosystem, securing data privacy of users and creating a safe cyber space with the G-7 Digital Ministers. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: ICICI Bank

What: tie-up with Decentro to offer customized business banking APIs

When: published on 27th April 2021

Decentro, has partnered with ICICI Bank to offer customized business banking APIs to fintechs, startups, and corporates and e-commerce companies. Decentro is a full-stack API banking platform.

Decentro, has integrated ICICI Bank's seven business banking APIs from a variety of categories, including deposits, payments, and collections, as part of this collaboration. It has also bundled these APIs together to provide a robust and productive kit to the end user. With this, every fintech, startup, or corporation will now have instant and stable access to customised business banking APIs on top of ICICI Bank. It enables companies to access all business banking solutions seamlessly through Decentro, rather than integrating different business banking APIs. [\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Airtel Payments Bank

What: become the first payments bank to enable ₹2 lakh of day-end balance account limit

When: published on 21st April 2021

Airtel Payments Bank has increased its day-end account balance limit for customers from ₹ 1 lakh to ₹ 2 lakh, becoming the first payments bank in the country to do so. According to a statement shared by Airtel, the move is in line with the guideline from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Airtel Payments Bank is now the first payments bank in the country to enable an amount of ₹ 2 lakh of day-end account balance limit. With this step, customers having an account with the Airtel Payments Bank will be able to save more with the increased limit.

According to the statement, the bank deposits are insured under the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation or DICGC, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India. Airtel Payments Bank has as many as 55 million engaged users. The bank serves its customers through a retail-based distribution network and technology. [\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: IFC

What: loan to increase Bajaj Finance's lending to women led MSMEs



When: published on 21st April 2021

International Finance Corporation (IFC) part of the World Bank Group has proposed to loan up to \$150 million to Bajaj Finance Ltd.

According to IFC, the proposed \$150 million senior loan for up to five years to Bajaj Finance will enable the company to expand its lending to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) and women owned MSMEs.

Bajaj Finance will increase its lending to MSME segment to about \$600 million.

Headquartered in Pune, Bajaj Finance part of the Bajaj Group is the third largest non-banking finance company (NBFC) in India with \$4.9 billion equity base and \$22.3 billion asset base as of December 31, 2020, IFC said. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Apple

What: Launched \$200 million Restore Fund to Reduce Carbon

When: published on 16th April 2021

Apple on Thursday announced a \$200 million (roughly Rs. 1,490 crores) fund to invest in timber-producing commercial forestry projects, with the goal of removing carbon from the atmosphere while also generating profit.

The Restore Fund, launched in partnership with Conservation International and Goldman Sachs, expected to have its first projects targeted later this year.

"Nature provides some of the best tools to remove carbon from the atmosphere," Apple vice president of environment, policy, and social initiatives Lisa Jackson said in a statement. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Vaishali Hiwase From Wardha

What: Becomes First Woman To Be Appointed Officer Commanding In BRO

When: published on 29th April 2021

Vaishali S Hiwase became the first woman officer to be appointed as officer commanding in the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) where she will be responsible for providing connectivity through an Indo-China border road, the BRO said.

"BRO India feels proud to announce the #First woman Officer EE(civ) Vaishali S Hiwase for taking over as Officer Commanding of a Road Construction Company that is responsible to provide connectivity of an Indo-China Border Road," tweeted BRO.



"With two air-maintained detachments located at #10000ft and above the alignment of the road is going through some formidable passes and treacherous terrain of hard rock with vertical cliffs," tweeted BRO. [\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: SIDBI

What: launches loan products for MSMEs to bolster supply for COVID-19 fight

When: published on 30th April 2021

To help the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) with required financial support, SIDBI has launched two loan products at concessional rate for ramping up supply of products used in fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

These products will help augment supply of oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, oximeters and essential drugs by MSMEs, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) said in a statement.

The principal financial institution engaged in the promotion, financing and development of MSMEs has launched SHWAS (SIDBI assistance to Healthcare sector in War Against Second wave of COVID19) and AROG (SIDBI Assistance to MSMEs for Recovery & Organic Growth during COVID19 pandemic), two new quick credit delivery schemes, it said. [\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Madhya Pradesh govt

What: launches Corona Warriors Scheme

When: published on 30th April 2021

In Madhya Pradesh, the state government has launched the Corona Warriors Scheme. The government will take the responsibility of family members of health workers who have passed away while on Corona duty. Their families will be given honorarium of Rs 50 lakhs by the government.

Meanwhile Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the Corona vaccination campaign of people above 18 years of age cannot be started from May 1st due to non-receipt of vaccines from the manufacturing companies. The vaccines are likely to be received in the state on May 3rd.

AIR Bhopal Correspondent reports that the Covid vaccine will be administered free of cost to those above 18 years of age. Chief Minister Mr Chouhan while reviewing COVID condition directed that new vaccination centers should be established in view of Corona infection, vaccination work should not be done in hospitals. [\(Read more\)](#)



12. Hints to Remember

Who: Union govt

What: releases Rs 8873 crore from SDRF for states to tackle COVID-19

When: published on 1st May 2021

The Union government has released Rs 8,873.6 crore to states as the first instalment of the central share of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for 2021-22. The fund will be utilised for various COVID-19 containment measures, including setting up of hospitals and oxygen generation. The Union Home Ministry said as a special dispensation, the Department of Expenditure, under the Ministry of Finance, has released the amount in advance of the normal schedule at its recommendation.

Normally, the first instalment of the SDRF is released in June according to the recommendations of the Finance Commission. However, in relaxation of the normal procedure, not only has the release of the SDRF been advanced but the amount has also been released without waiting for the utilisation certificate of the amount provided to the states in the last financial year. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: to provide ₹15,000 crore to states for capital expenditure

When: published on 30th April 2021

The Centre on Friday announced decision to provide an additional amount of upto ₹15,000 crore to states as interest-free 50-year loan for spending on capital projects.

The Ministry of Finance, Government of India has decided to provide an additional amount of upto ₹15,000 crore to States as interest free 50 year loan for spending on capital projects. The Department of Expenditure has issued fresh guidelines in this regard on the "Scheme of Financial Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure" for the financial year 2021-22. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: India's organic food products exports

What: rise 51 pc to USD 1bn in 2020-21

When: published on 27th April 2021

The country's exports of organic food products rose by 51 per cent year-on-year to USD 1 billion (Rs 7,078 crore) in 2020-21, the commerce ministry said on Tuesday.



The main goods which recorded healthy growth in exports include oil cake meal, oilseeds, fruit pulps and purees, cereals and millets, spices and condiments, tea, dry fruits, sugar, pulses, coffee, and essential oil.

India's organic products have been exported to 58 countries including the USA, European Union, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, Switzerland, Israel, and South Korea.

Organic products are currently exported from India only if they are produced, processed, packed, and labelled as per the requirements of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP).

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Unemployment rate likely

What: to be 8% compared to 6.5% in March in India: CMIE

When: published on 29th April 2021

The unemployment rate in India has shot up in the first two weeks of April and the monthly unemployment rate is likely to be close to 8% compared to 6.5% in March with lower absorption of labour in the market, says the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy.

As per CMIE data, unemployment rates in India in April stood at 8.2%, 8.6%, 8.4% and 7.4% in the first four weeks of the month. "The unemployment rate has dropped in the third and fourth week. Nevertheless, it is likely to be close to 8% during the month of April after closing March at 6.5%," CMIE said in its weekly analysis. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: International Labour Day 2021

What: was observed on May 1

International Labour Day is celebrated on May 1 all over the world. It's a celebration of labourers and the working class.

The International Labour Organisation (ILO), an agency of the United Nations deals with Labour issues and mainly works towards raising standards of labourers across the world. ILO celebrates Labour Day with rallies and demonstrations over the globe and spreads awareness about the key issues it tackles, like eradicating forced labour, demand for the minimum wage law, protecting the rights of migrant workers, among others. ([Read more](#))



17. Hints to Remember

Who: Japan

What: to confer Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays decoration to Bengaluru teacher

When: published on 30th April 2021

Bengaluru teacher Shyamala Ganesh, the former director of the Japanese Language School, will be conferred the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays. In a press release, Consulate-General of Japan, Bengaluru highlighted Ms. Ganesh's contribution to the spread of the Japanese language and culture in Karnataka.

The decision to confer the decoration is the first of its kind since the establishment of the Consulate-General of Japan in Bengaluru, the release stated. Ms. Ganesh is also former President of the Bengaluru Chapter of Ohara-ryu Ikebana, and helped popularise not just the language but also other cultural traditions such as Ikebana, Japanese flower arrangements, and hosting exchange events. [\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Russia

What: produces 1st batch of Covid-19 vaccines for animals

When: published on 30th April 2021

Russia has produced the world's first batch - 17,000 doses - of COVID-19 vaccines for animals, its agricultural regulator said on Friday.

Russia registered Carnivac-Cov in March after tests showed it generated antibodies against COVID-19 in dogs, cats, foxes and mink. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Maharashtra Day

What: was observed on 1 May

May 1 is celebrated as Maharashtra Day. Along with Maharashtra Day, Gujarat Day is also celebrated on May 1 each year as the states of Maharashtra and Gujarat were formed on May 1.

It was in the year 1960 when the state of Bombay was divided to create two new states namely Maharashtra and Gujarat. It was under the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 that the boundaries of the state were defined.

The core issue was linguistic as there was too much of difference between those who spoke Marathi, Gujarati and Konkani languages. [\(Read more\)](#)



20. Hints to Remember

Who: World's oldest water

What: found in Canada, Oxford researchers say it dates back 1.6 billion years

When: published on 2nd May 2021

A team from the University of Toronto in Canada has discovered what could be the 'oldest' water on Earth.

The researchers found the samples of water from a mine in Ontario in 2009. Tests conducted by researchers at the University of Oxford found that the mean age of the samples was 1.6 billion years old, making it the oldest water sample ever found on Earth.

The team also found microbes in the water samples, which survived in trace amounts of hydrogen and sulfate. While such life forms are known to exist on the ocean floor, this is the first time that such microbial life has been found deep within continents. ([Read more](#))





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