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# Current Affairs Questions for CGL Tier 1, IBPS RRB, IBPS Clerk, IBPS PO, LIC AAO, LIC Assistant, RBI Assistant, RBI Grade-B, SBI Clerk and SBI PO Exams

## May GA Quiz 31

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

1. Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) has signed a memorandum of understanding with which institute for providing AI-based interventions?

- A. Wadhvani Institute      B. Eagletfly Solutions      C. National Institute of Robotics  
D. DigiTech Vidya      E. None of these

2. Who among the following has authored a book titled 'Stargazing: The Players In My Life'?

- A. Sunil Gavaskar      B. Anil Kumble      C. Ravi Shastri  
D. Kapil Dev      E. None of these

3. Who among the following is the author of the book titled as "Savarkar: A contested Legacy (1924-1966)"?

- A. Hindol Sengupta      B. Bibek Debroy      C. Manu S. Pillai  
D. Vikram Sampath      E. None of these

4. Tarannum Riyaz passed away recently, was a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Actor      B. Singer      C. Poet  
D. Architect      E. None of these

5. Poul Schlueter passed away recently, was former prime minister of which country?

- A. Sweden      B. Denmark      C. Singapore  
D. Brazil      E. None of these

6. Who among the following has recently launched Directorate General National Cadet Corps (NCC) Mobile Training App Version 2.0 in New Delhi?

- A. Kailasavadivoo Sivan      B. Ajay Kumar      C. G. Satheesh Reddy  
D. Durga Shanker Mishra      E. None of these



**7. Which organization has approved eight Chinese names for features around the area on the Moon where China's spacecraft Chang'e-5 probe landed last year to collect samples from the lunar surface and return to Earth?**

- A. International Astronomical Union
- B. The Planetary Society
- C. International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics
- D. International Mathematical Union
- E. None of these

**8. Which firm has successfully tested India's first privately developed hall-effect thruster, an electric propulsion engine for micro satellites weighing 50-500 kg?**

- A. Dhruva Space
- B. Bellatrix Aerospace
- C. AgniKul Cosmos
- D. Mahindra Aerospace
- E. None of these

**9. Colonel Assimi Goita has been named as the transitional president of which country?**

- A. Brazil
- B. Mali
- C. Cuba
- D. Sudan
- E. None of these

**10. Who among the following has recently won Dublin Literary Award 2021 for 'Lost Children Archive'?**

- A. Valeria Luiselli
- B. Guadalupe Nettel
- C. Fernanda Melchor
- D. Carmen Boullosa
- E. None of these

**11. Who among the following has recently the first Indian to receive Rudolf V Schindler Award?**

- A. D. Nageshwar Reddy
- B. K. I. Varaprasad Reddy
- C. K. Srinath Reddy
- D. A. V. Gurava Reddy
- E. None of these

**12. Which bank has allotted over 203 crore preferential shares to the government in lieu of Rs 2,600 crore capital infusion for 2020-21?**

- A. Syndicate Bank
- B. UCO Bank
- C. Indian Bank
- D. Punjab National Bank
- E. None of these



**13. Which of the following banks has recently announced three loan schemes as part of the fight against the pandemic under which it will offer healthcare credit, business and personal loan to individuals?**

- A. Syndicate Bank                      B. Canara Bank                      C. Indian Bank  
D. Bank of India                      E. None of these

**14. Which company has launched India's 1st lending platform under the cryptocurrency exchange for the investors to invest their coins and earn returns (interest)?**

- A. ZebPay                      B. Coinbase                      C. CoinMonk  
D. Primestack                      E. None of these

**15. Which firm has conducted War Games 'Steadfast Defender 21'?**

- A. United Nations                      B. NATO                      C. European Union  
D. Warsaw Pact                      E. None of these

**16. Which ministry has launched YUVA- Prime Minister's Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors?**

- A. Ministry of Education  
B. Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
C. Ministry of Home Affairs  
D. Ministry of Minority Affairs  
E. None of these

**17. Centre has allocated Rs. 5,117 crore grants to which state under Jal Jeevan Mission?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh                      B. Chhattisgarh                      C. Jharkhand  
D. Madhya Pradesh                      E. None of these

**18. Which of the following state governments has recently announced Rs 5 lakh fixed deposit for children who lost parents to Covid?**

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



**19. Which of the following states has launched “Sishu Sewa Scheme” for children who lost parents due to COVID-19?**

A. Tripura

B. Kerala

C. Rajasthan

D. Assam

E. None of these

**20. Which state government has launched “Bal-Seva Yojana” for children who lost their parents due to COVID?**

A. Madhya Pradesh

B. Jharkhand

C. Tamil Nadu

D. Maharashtra

E. None of these



**Correct answer:**

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**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** PJTSAU

**What:** signs MoU with Wadhvani Institute for artificial intelligence-based pest management

**When:** published on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

In a bid to empower farmers with advance information about the possible pink bollworm infestation in cotton fields so that they could take preventive and control measures, Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) has signed a memorandum of understanding with Wadhvani Institute for Artificial Learning, Mumbai, for providing AI-based interventions.

As part of the agreement, the AI-based pest/insect management system developed by the Wadhvani Institute would identify the possibility of pink bollworm and other insect/pest infestation on cotton in advance and share the information to farmers in the areas identified for the programme so that farmers could take control measures early.

According to the university officials, the AI-based pest management system would be implemented for the benefit of cotton farmers in Khammam, Adilabad, Karimnagar, Nalgonda, Mahabubnagar and Nagarkurnool districts. Cotton was grown on nearly 20.88 lakh acres in these districts during the last kharif season out of 60.54 lakh acres cultivated in the State. This year, it is expected to go up further.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)

**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Cricket legend Ravi Shastri's book 'Stargazing'

**What:** to release this year

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Cricket legend, commentator and one of Team India's most successful coaches, Ravi Shastri has penned a book titled 'Stargazing: The Players in My Life'. The news was announced by publisher HarperCollins India on Ravi Shastri's birthday on May 27, 2021.

In 'Stargazing: The Players in My Life', Shastri writes about some 60 extraordinary talents he has met from across the world who have inspired him.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. [\(Read more\)](#)



### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Book on Veer Savarkar

**What:** to hit stands in July

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Historian Vikram Sampath's concluding volume on the life and works of Veer Savarkar will hit the stands on July 26, Penguin Random House India announced on the occasion of 138th birth anniversary of the Hindutva ideologue on Friday.

The book, titled "Savarkar: A contested Legacy (1924-1966)", will cover the story of one of the most contentious political thinkers of the 20th century from 1924 to 1966 — the year he died. The first volume, "Savarkar: Echoes from a Forgotten Past" released in 2019, covered Savarkar's life from his birth in 1883 to his conditional release from prison in 1924.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Renowned Urdu Poet & Former Urdu Newsreader Of AIR, Tarannum Riyaz

**What:** Passed Away

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Urdu poet, critic and author Tarannum Riyaz passed away in a Delhi hospital on Thursday due to Covid-19. Her husband, Riyaz Punjabi, who was former Kashmir University vice-chancellor, had passed away in the city last month.

Born in Srinagar in 1960, she was a fiction writer, critic and a former newscaster with All India Radio. She was also a recipient of the SAARC Literature Award.

In 2015, she was part of a panel of Urdu writers and poets from India and Pakistan. Salim Saleem, editorial member of Rekhta, said that "she was a well-known figure in the world of Urdu fiction. She penned over 15 books in which she spoke from the perspective of women in a male-dominated society. Her short stories like 'Shahr' and 'Hum to doobe hain sanam' were great works of literature. She left way too early."

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

### 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Poul Schlueter, longtime Danish prime minister,

**What:** dies at 92



**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Poul Schlueter, Denmark's prime minister for over a decade who negotiated exemptions for his country to a key European Union treaty after Danes rejected the initial text in a referendum, has died. He was 92.

Schlueter, who was prime minister from 1982-1993, died Thursday surrounded by his family, the leader of the party that he once headed said Friday in a statement.

"The family has lost a dear member, and our country has lost one of the most important people of our time," Soeren Pape Poulsen, who heads the opposition Conservatives, said in a statement.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Defence Secretary

**What:** launches DG NCC Mobile Training App 2.0

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar launched Directorate General National Cadet Corps (NCC) Mobile Training App Version 2.0 in New Delhi on May 28, 2021.

The app will assist in conducting countrywide online training to NCC cadets during the COVID-19 pandemic conditions. It is aimed at providing NCC-related basic information and entire training material (Syllabus, Précis, Training Videos, Frequently Asked Questions) on one platform. It provides the NCC cadets easy access to training material and assists in carrying out training during the pandemic.

Speaking on the occasion, the Defence Secretary congratulated NCC for continuing to impart training to its cadets through online mode, in line with COVID-19 protocols. He said the NCC Training App Version 2.0 will be useful to the cadets in digital learning, overcoming the difficulties posed by COVID-19 restrictions on physical contact. Using this app, the cadets will be able to attend online training, appear in certificate exams and prevent loss of academic year. Complimenting the NCC staff for developing the app, Dr Ajay Kumar said it will certainly be a positive step towards automation of NCC training, in line with 'Digital India' vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** International Astronomical Union

**What:** approves Chinese names to identify areas on Moon

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021





The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has approved eight Chinese names for features around the area on the Moon where China's spacecraft Chang'e-5 probe landed last year to collect samples from the lunar surface and return to Earth.

The Chang'e-5 space mission is China's maiden attempt to retrieve materials from an extra-terrestrial body. It was launched on November 24 last year.

It was the first attempt to bring the lunar samples in over 40 years after the US sent astronauts to the Moon to collect samples.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Bellatrix Aerospace

**What:** successfully tests India's first privately developed hall-effect thruster

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Space technology startup Bellatrix Aerospace has successfully tested India's first privately developed hall-effect thruster, an electric propulsion engine for micro satellites weighing 50-500 kg.

The thruster will be ready for commercial use by the end of this year, the company said.

Bellatrix said it has completed ground tests for the new thruster in line with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and European Space Agency (ESA) standards at its lab at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Colonel Assimi Goïta

**What:** named as the Transitional President of Mali

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Mali's constitutional court has named the colonel who led a military coup this week as the country's new interim leader.

The ruling, issued late on Friday, said Assimi Goita would "lead the transition process to its conclusion" and carry the title of "president of the transition, head of state".

The court said it had made the decision due to the "vacancy in the presidency" following the resignation of caretaker President Bah Ndaw.



Goita, 38, was previously Ndaw's deputy, and had ordered the former leader's arrest on Monday following a cabinet reshuffle that stripped two soldiers of their ministerial posts.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Valeria Luiselli

**What:** wins €100,000 Dublin literary award for Lost Children Archive

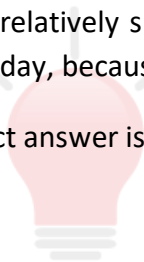
**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Novel, which weaves together the stories of Mexican migrants with those of a US family on a road trip south, was picked for the prize by a Barcelona library

Earlier this year, a library in Barcelona submitted a nomination for its favourite book of the year: Mexican author Valeria Luiselli's Lost Children Archive. On Thursday, thanks to Biblioteca Vila De Gràcia, Luiselli was named winner of the world's richest prize for a novel published in English, the €100,000 (£86,000) Dublin literary award.

"It's a beautiful, relatively small library in Barcelona who nominated me," said Luiselli. "I'm going to kiss its rocks one day, because I probably won't be able to kiss its librarians because of Covid."

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)



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## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Dr D Nageshwar Reddy

**What:** becomes first Indian to receive Rudolf V Schindler Award

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Rudolf V Schindler Award is the highest category in the prestigious Crystal Awards named after Dr Schindler who is considered as "the father of gastroscopy"

The American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) has honoured Dr D Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman, AIG Hospitals, with the renowned Rudolf V Schindler Award. The award was presented at the ASGE's annual Crystal Awards virtual ceremony.

With this, Dr Reddy becomes the first Indian medical practitioner to win this award.

Rudolf V Schindler Award is the highest category in the prestigious Crystal Awards named after Dr Schindler who is considered as "the father of gastroscopy."

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)



## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** UCO Bank

**What:** allots over 203 crore preferential shares to govt for Rs 2,600 crore capital infusion

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

UCO Bank on Friday said it has allotted over 203 crore preferential shares to the government in lieu of Rs 2,600 crore capital infusion for 2020-21.

"We hereby inform that the competent authority this day allotted 203,76,17,554 equity shares of Rs 10 each to Government of India at an issue price of Rs 12.76 per share against capital contribution of Rs 2,600 crore received by the Bank on 31.03.2021," UCO Bank said in a BSE filing.

On Thursday, the bank said its board has approved a proposal to raise up to Rs 3,000 crore equity capital in 2021-22 through various means including preferential issue, follow on public offer or qualified institutional placement.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Canara Bank

**What:** announces 3 loan schemes amid fight against coronavirus

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

State-run Canara Bank on Friday announced three loan schemes as part of the fight against the pandemic under which it will offer healthcare credit, business and personal loan to individuals.

The Canara Chikitsa healthcare credit facility will offer loans from over Rs 10 lakh to Rs 50 crore to registered hospitals, nursing homes, medical practitioners, diagnostic centres, pathology labs and all other units engaged in the servicing healthcare infrastructure.

The loan to be offered at a concessional rate of interest will have tenor of 10 years with moratorium up to 18 months, Canara Bank said in an advertisement.

The Canara Jeevanrekha healthcare business loan will offer loan up to Rs 2 crore at a concessional interest rate for manufacture and supply of healthcare products such as medical oxygen and oxygen cylinders and oxygen concentrators to registered hospitals and nursing homes or other manufacturers and suppliers.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))



#### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** ZebPay

**What:** launches first crypto-based lending platform in India

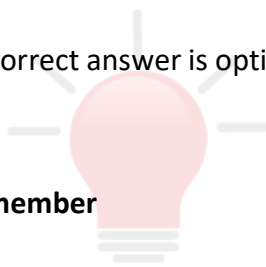
**When:** published on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

One of the oldest crypto companies in India, ZebPay, today launched a new lending platform for crypto asset exchange. The company says that the platform is a “first of its kind” crypto lending model in India and will allow users to lend their cryptocurrency to ZebPay, earning interest on the same. Of course, the returns will depend on the token in question, its value during a particular period, and how long it’s loaned for.

“The ZebPay Lending Platform generates returns on users’ crypto investments if they lend select cryptos thus, providing an opportunity to earn a passive income by adding on to the returns gained from rise in crypto prices,” the company said.

At launch, the lending feature will only support Bitcoin, Ethereum, Tether, and Dai tokens. “Depending on the term of deposit, users will be able to generate returns of upto 3% on their Bitcoin (BTC), upto 7% on Ethereum (ETH) and Dai (Dal) and upto 12% on Tether (USDT),” the company said in its announcement.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)



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#### 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** NATO

**What:** conducts massive war games; British Navy’s pride HMS Queen Elizabeth makes maiden deployment

**When:** published on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

As tensions with Russia simmer, thousands of NATO troops, several warships and dozens of aircraft are taking part in military exercises stretching across the Atlantic, through Europe and into the Black Sea region.

The war games, dubbed Steadfast Defender 21, are aimed at simulating the 30-nation military organization’s response to an attack on any one of its members. It will test NATO’s ability to deploy troops from America and keep supply lines open.

Already in recent years, the United States and its allies have deployed troops and equipment in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland to try to reassure those members neighboring Russia that their partners will ride to the rescue should they come under attack.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. [\(Read more\)](#)



## 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Ministry of Education

**What:** launches YUVA- Prime Minister's Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The Ministry of Education today launched YUVA- Prime Minister's Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors. It is an Author Mentorship programme to train young and budding authors belows 30 years. The launch of YUVA (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) is in tune with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to encourage young writers to write about India's freedom struggle. It was during Mann ki Baat in January this year that Prime Minister Modi called upon the young generation to write about freedom fighters, and incidents associated with freedom struggle.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Centre

**What:** allocates Rs. 5,117 crore grant to Madhya Pradesh under Jal Jeevan Mission

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The Centre has allocated Rs 5,117 crore to Madhya Pradesh under the Jal Jeevan Mission, a four-fold rise than last year, and released its first tranche of Rs 1,184 crore, the Jal Shakti ministry said on Saturday.

Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat had two rounds of detailed review meeting with Madhya Pradesh Chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

During the review, Chouhan said that he will regularly review the planning and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission.

The Madhya Pradesh chief minister also assured that instead of the deadline of 2024, the state will ensure tap water connection and assured potable piped water supply to every rural home by 2023, the ministry said.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. ([Read more](#))

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Tamil Nadu govt

**What:** announces ₹5 lakh fixed deposit for children who lost parents to Covid

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021



The Tamil Nadu Government has announced that an amount of Rs. 5 lakh would be deposited on the account of each orphaned child and would be given to the child with interest when the child attains 18 years of age. Chief Minister M.K.Stalin today led a meeting with top officials of the Government to review the Covid situation.

The Government stated that the orphaned children would be given priority in Government homes and hostels. The Government would take care of their education fees. The statement also said that families who have been left with single parents due to Covid will also be given an immediate benefit of Rs. 3 lakh to enable them to take care of their children. The Government also plans to pay Rs 3000 per month to the relatives who have the custody of the orphaned. The Statement also said that children living with single parents before Covid 19 and had lost their parents due to Covid will also be given Rs. 5 lakh in their account till they reach 18 years of age. Their bank accounts will be monitored by the committee set up at districts exclusively for the purpose. Single parents due to Covid will be given priority in Government welfare schemes. The Government also plans to release a regulation with regard to the safety and protection of those who have been orphaned due to Covid.

Hence, the correct answer is option D.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Assam govt

**What:** announces CM's Sishu Sewa Scheme for children who lost parents due to COVID-19

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The Assam government has announced Chief Minister's Sishu Sewa Scheme for the welfare of those children who lost parents due to COVID-19.

Talking to newsmen in Guwahati, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the scheme would be launched on the occasion of the seven years' completion of the Modi government.

Mr. Sarma said that monthly scholarship of Rs. 3,500 per month would be given to those children who lost their parents or the bread earner, but have their extended family members.

On the other hand, those children who do not have extended family members they would get free residential educational facilities.

Hence, the correct answer is option D.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Uttar Pradesh Government

**What:** Launches Welfare Scheme For Children Who Lost Parents To COVID

**When:** published on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday launched a welfare scheme for children who have lost either one or both parents to Covid. Under the 'Uttar Pradesh Mukhyamantri Bal Seva Yojana', the state government will provide financial assistance to a child's guardian while those who do not have anyone to look after them will be sent to children's homes, an official spokesperson said.

Launching the scheme here, Mr Adityanath said the state government will take care of the upbringing and education of children orphaned by Covid. As part of the scheme, the government will provide a monthly financial assistance of Rs 4,000 to a child's guardian or caretaker till he or she attains adulthood, the spokesperson said.

Children below 10 years who do not have any family member will be taken care of by the state government children's homes. Currently, such homes are functional in Mathura, Lucknow, Prayagraj, Agra and Rampur, he said.

Hence, the correct answer is option E. ([Read more](#))





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