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May GA Quiz 6

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

1. Who among the following has flagged off 1st supply of Used Cooking Oil-based Biodiesel?

- A. Dharmendra Pradhan B. Nitin Gadkari C. Naveen Patnaik
D. S. Jaishankar E. None of these

2. Government has identified how many sites for setting up additional Pressure Swing Absorption (PSA) medical oxygen plants in various states?

- A. 581 B. 555 C. 565
D. 567 E. None of these

3. World Portuguese Language Day was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. May 4 B. May 3 C. May 5
D. May 6 E. None of these

4. The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to select Essar Steel as the joint venture partner for setting up a three million tonne per annum capacity steel plant in _____ district.

- A. Kadapa B. Kurnool C. Anantapur
D. Nellore E. None of these

5. World Hand Hygiene Day was observed on which date?

- A. May 3 B. May 4 C. May 6
D. May 5 E. None of these

6. Who among the following is the UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and founder of the 7 Fund for UNICEF, is going to lead global vaccination drive?

- A. Zinedine Zidane B. Sergio Ramos C. David Beckham
D. Brooklyn Beckham E. None of these



7. International Day of the Midwife 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. May 2 B. May 3 C. May 4
D. May 5 E. None of these

8. Who among the following has announced her book titled as Children's Book 'The Bench'?

- A. Meghan Markle B. Tina Markle C. Oprah Winfrey
D. Princess Eugenie E. None of these

9. Name the woman who was known for her role as the wealthy widow in "Steel Magnolias", passed away recently.

- A. Olympia Dukakis B. Shirley MacLaine C. Daryl Hannah
D. Christina Zorich E. None of these

10. Which of the following state governments has decided to launch "CLAP Scheme" by July 8, 2021?

- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Tamil Nadu C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Andhra Pradesh E. None of these

11. First electric tractor has been tested at Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute in which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh B. Haryana C. Punjab
D. Madhya Pradesh E. None of these

12. According to the Special 301 report, which country has been put on the "Priority Watch List"?

- A. Bangladesh B. Pakistan C. Nepal
D. India E. None of these

13. Reserve Bank of India has announced an on-tap liquidity window of _____ with 3 years of maturity and at repo rate till March 31, 2022 (End of FY-22) under the priority sector classification lending and allowed banks to lend under this scheme?

- A. Rs 30,000 crore B. Rs 60,000 crore C. Rs 50,000 crore
D. Rs 40,000 crore E. None of these



14. Which firm has emerged as the strongest and the tenth most valuable insurance brand globally?

- A. Life Insurance Corporation
- B. SBI Life Insurance
- C. HDFC Standard Life
- D. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- E. None of these

15. Which film has won the Best Film Award at Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival 2021?

- A. Chopsticks
- B. Jungle Cry
- C. English Vinglish
- D. House Arrest
- E. None of these

16. Which company has launched COVID-19 Vaccine Finder Tool in India?

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

17. Scientists have discovered a new type of uranium that is the lightest ever known. What is the name of that Uranium?

- A. Uranium – 212
- B. Uranium – 215
- C. Uranium – 213
- D. Uranium – 214
- E. None of these

18. Which foundation has partnered with the not-for-profit organisation, Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) to launch a community COVID-19 vaccination drive and set up COVID care centres?

- A. Tata foundation
- B. PepsiCo foundation
- C. Reliance foundation
- D. Mahindra foundation
- E. None of these

19. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its in-principle approval for strategic disinvestment along with transfer of management control in which bank?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. HDFC Bank Limited
- C. IDBI Bank Ltd
- D. Federal Bank
- E. None of these



20. Which of the following bank has committed an additional Rs 200 crore to support COVID-19 relief measures in India?

A. Chase Bank

B. Citibank

C. Bank of America

D. Soft Bank

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	A	C	A	D	C	D	A	A	D	D	D	C	A	B	D	D	B	C	B

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Petroleum Minister

What: flags off 1st supply of Used Cooking Oil-based Biodiesel from IndianOil's Tikrikalan Terminal

When: published on 5th May 2021

Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, Dharmendra Pradhan, remotely flagged off the first supply of UCO (Used Cooking Oil) based Biodiesel blended Diesel under the EOI Scheme from IndianOil's Tikrikalan Terminal. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas Tarun Kapoor and Chairman, IndianOil S M Vaidya, were also present on the occasion. To create an eco-system for collection and conversion of UCO into Biodiesel and developing entrepreneurship opportunities, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel, along with Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, had initiated Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for "Procurement of Bio-diesel produced from Used Cooking Oil (UCO)" on the occasion of World Biofuel Day on 10th August 2019. And such "Expression of Interest" is being periodically released by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). In the first phase, 11 EOIs were floated between 10.08.2019 to 09.11.2020 for 200 locations. Publication of EOIs has been extended for one more year up to 31.12.2021, for 300 locations across the country. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: identifies 581 sites for setting up medical oxygen plants in various states

When: published on 5th May 2021

Government has identified 581 sites for setting up additional Pressure Swing Absorption (PSA) medical oxygen plants in various states.

In a series of tweets, Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) will be the nodal agency for executing civil and electrical work for these plants and will complete them on war footing.

He said, our engineers will work with the doctors to ensure oxygen supply to needy patients. The Minister said, like record speed in roads, NHAI will construct infrastructure in record speed to save life of every Indian. ([Read more](#))



3. Hints to Remember

Who: World Portuguese Language Day

What: was observed on 5th May 2021

The date of 5 May was officially established in 2009 by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) - an intergovernmental organization that has been in official partnership with UNESCO since 2000, and which brings together peoples with the Portuguese language as one of the foundations of their specific identity - to celebrate the Portuguese language and Lusophone cultures. In 2019, the 40th session of UNESCO's General Conference decided to proclaim 5 May of each year as "World Portuguese Language Day".

The Portuguese language is not only one of the most widespread languages in the world, with more than 265 million speakers spread through all continents, but it is also the most widely spoken language in the southern hemisphere. Portuguese remains, today, a major language of international communication and a language with a strong geographical projection, destined to increase. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: AP

What: picks Essar Steel as JV partner to set up steel plant in Kadapa

When: published on 5th May 2021

The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to select Essar Steel as the joint venture partner for setting up a three million tonne per annum capacity steel plant in Kadapa district.

The state Cabinet cancelled its previous resolution, made on February 23, selecting Liberty Steel India as the JV partner for construction and development of the YSR steel plant.

With Liberty stuck in financial woes, the SBICAP asked the YSR Steel Corporation, the SPV of the state government, that its earlier recommendation be reviewed and proceed with the next qualifying applicant Essar.

The Cabinet considered the proposal and accepted SBICAP's recommendation to select Essar as the JV partner, according to Information Minister Perni Venkataramaiah (Nani). ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: World Hand Hygiene Day



What: is on 5th May

The World Hand Hygiene Day is observed on 5 May, every year. In the present times, this day holds a lot of significance in our lives as we are battling against the COVID-19 pandemic. This day is observed to make people aware of the importance of hand hygiene.

As per the World Health Organisation (WHO), the aim of this day is to 'bring people together' in support of hand hygiene improvement across the world. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham

What: leads global vaccination drive during World Immunization Week

When: published on 26th April 2021

UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and founder of the 7 Fund for UNICEF, David Beckham, is fronting a global initiative to inspire confidence in vaccines and encourage parents around the world to vaccinate their children against deadly diseases.

In a powerful video released ahead of World Immunization Week, Beckham talks about the loss of everyday activities due to COVID-19, such as hugs with family, spending time with friends, and being with the people we love, and encourages parents to vaccinate themselves so that they can be safe. He also urges families to ensure that their children are receiving routine vaccinations to protect them against diseases such as diphtheria, measles and polio.

"In the last year, COVID-19 has shown us how much we take for granted but it has also reminded us about the power of vaccines," said Beckham. "Vaccines work, saving millions of lives every year. I have learned through my work with UNICEF just how important they are for the health of our loved ones. Yet too many children around the world don't get the routine vaccines they need to be safe from deadly diseases. That's why this World Immunization Week, I'm so proud to be joining UNICEF and partners to encourage parents to vaccinate themselves and their children." ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day of the Midwife 2021

What: was observed on May 5

"Follow the data, invest in midwives – that's the theme of the 2021 International Day of the Midwife, and it is through this lens that ICM will lead the ongoing and growing efforts to centre midwives as fundamental to ending preventable maternal and newborn death and achieving SDG 3.1 (reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100 000 live births by 2030).

This year's IDM will also coincide with the launch of the State of the World's Midwifery Report – an updated evidence base and detailed analysis of the midwifery workforce across the globe. The



report will be leveraged by ICM and its global and regional partners as well as midwives' association to stimulate policy dialogue and inform policy change. With these goals in mind, this year's IDM represents a pivotal opportunity to ensure SoWMy and other evidence on the impact of midwives is clearly communicated and widely circulated amongst global and national decision-makers. " - International Confederation of Midwives.[\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Meghan Markle

What: Announces Her Children's Book 'The Bench' Inspired By Prince Harry And Son Archie; Netizens Accuse Her Of Plagiarism

When: published on 5th May 2021

Meghan Markle has made it to the headlines once again. This time, it's again for all the wrong reasons. The Duchess of Sussex turned author with her new children's book titled 'The Bench'. She recently announced that she is to publish a children's book inspired by Prince Harry and son Archie. But, before the book's release, it has landed up into trouble. Many users on social media called out Meghan Markle's for plagiarism. Netizens accused Markle of copying content from a children's book titled 'The Boy and The Bench', written by author Corrinne Averiss, that released in 2018.

Speaking of Meghan Markle's book cover, it shows a tree next to a brown bench. The book cover reads, "'The Bench' by Meghan, The Duchess of Sussex" Talking about Averiss' book, it sees a boy sitting with his father on a bench in a park. The cover is green and surrounds children playing on a slide. Netizens pointed out how both the books appear to feature almost alike colourful illustrations. Apart from that, the story of both books is also based around the special bond between a father and son.[\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Olympia Dukakis, Oscar-Winning 'Moonstruck' Actress,

What: Dies at 89

When: published on 1st May 2021

Olympia Dukakis, a character actress best known for her Oscar-winning supporting turn in Norman Jewison's "Moonstruck" and for her role as the wealthy widow in "Steel Magnolias," has died. She was 89.

Dukakis' brother, Apollo Dukakis, confirmed her death to Variety. Apollo Dukakis announced her death in a Facebook post, writing: "My beloved sister, Olympia Dukakis, passed away this morning in New York City. After many months of failing health she is finally at peace and with her Louis."



The actress was 56 when she came to prominence overnight thanks to her Oscar-winning turn in “Moonstruck,” the 1987 film in which she played, with an extraordinary comic ethnic gusto characteristic of the movie as a whole, the mother of Cher’s character. The Washington Post singled out Dukakis for praise: Cher and Nicolas Cage are “backed by an equally quirky cast of marvelous supporting players — especially Olympia Dukakis, whose role as Loretta’s world-weary mother Rose is expected to get Oscar’s attention.” ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Andhra Pradesh Govt

What: Plans to Begin CLAP Scheme by July 8, 2021

When: published on 30th April 2021

The State government will launch CLAP (Clean Andhra Pradesh) Jagananna Swachha Sankalpam programme on July 8, marking the birth anniversary of former chief minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy. During a review meeting held on Swachha Sankalpam, YSR Jala Kala, Jal Jeevan Mission, Jagananna Palle Velugu and construction of roads in villages at his camp office at Tadepalli on Thursday, the Chief Minister said sanitation at rural and urban areas is very important and directed the officials to take steps to keep villages clean and focus on the slums.

Sewage water must be sent to treatment plants and an SOP should be prepared as to how to dispose of solid waste, Jagan said. They were instructed to administer vaccines to sanitary workers in village panchayats and municipalities and provide them additional uniform, gloves, masks and coats. The cleanliness programmes should be conducted with the motto “We shall make our villages clean.”

Jagan said the maintenance of e-vehicles procured for collecting garbage should not become a burden to the government and emphasised that the priority should be given to sanitation, drinking water and street lights in the villages and more funds should be spent on these aspects. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: First electric tractor in India

What: tested at Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute

When: published on 29th April 2021

Central Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute, Budni (MP) has tested the first-ever electric Tractor in the Institute. The institute received the application for an electric tractor under Confidential Test initially. Accordingly, the institute has tested the tractor & released the Draft Test Report in February, 2021. After the release of the draft test report, the manufacturer has requested for conversion of the nature of the test from “Confidential to Commercial” and the competent



authority has accepted the request of the manufacturer. Accordingly, the Test Report was released as a Commercial Test Report. Electric tractor will be more environment friendly than other types of tractors.

Central farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute, Budni (MP) has obtained the NABL Certificate of Accreditation for CMVR Test Laboratory on 30th March, 2021.

Accreditation is the third-party attestation related to a conformity assessment body conveying the formal demonstration of its competence to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks. Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) is a body that includes Testing including Medical Laboratory, Calibration Laboratory, Proficiency Testing Provider, Certified Reference Material Producer. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: IP protection: US

What: puts India on Priority Watch List

When: published on 1st may 2021

The United States on Friday placed India and eight other countries on the Priority Watch List for IP protection and enforcement.

The other countries that have been put on the list are Argentina, Chile, China, Indonesia, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine and Venezuela.

In its “Special 301 Report” on the adequacy and effectiveness of US trading partners’ protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, US Trade Representative Katherine Tai said these countries will be the subject of intense bilateral engagement during the coming year. ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Covid-19: RBI Governor

What: announces measures to tackle 2nd wave, promises more steps

When: published on 5th May 2021

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday announced a slew of measures to help India tackle the unprecedented Covid-19 crisis during the second wave.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das started off his address by saying that the Indian economy was at an advantageous position after the first wave subsided in 2020 but added that the “situation has been altered drastically” in the wake of the deadlier Covid-19 wave that hit the country in April.



The first measures announced by Shaktikanta Das was 'Term Liquidity Facility' of Rs 50,000 crore to ease access to emergency health services. The RBI has also proposed "On-tap liquidity" of Rs 50,000 crore with tenor up to three years at repo rate, said the RBI governor. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: LIC

What: is 10th most-valuable insurance brand, third-strongest globally

When: published on 1st May 2021

State-owned insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation has emerged as the strongest and the tenth most valuable insurance brand globally. According to a report by London-based consultancy firm Brand Finance, the total value of the world's top 100 most valuable insurance brands dipped 6 per cent from \$462.4 billion in 2020 to \$433.0 billion in 2021.

"As predicted, insurance brands have taken a hit this year as they negotiate the fallout from the pandemic - from the near standstill of the global economy and prolonged low interest rates to slowing development across the sector in general. They have, however, fared better than our initial predictions at the outbreak of last year, demonstrating the resilience of the world's top insurance brands," said Declan Ahern, Director, Brand Finance. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: 'Jungle Cry'

What: Wins Best Film Award At Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival 2021

When: published on 3rd May 2021

Jungle Cry won the Best Film (Jury) award at the 11th Dada Saheb Phalke International Film Festival 2021. Based on the inspiring true story of 12 students from Kalinga Institute (KISS) 'Jungle Cry' follows their triumphant journey to the International Junior Rugby Tournament held in the UK in 2007.

They go on to win the prestigious U14 Rugby World Cup in England. Jungle Cry is a story that defines nothing is impossible and promotes that education, sports and helps eradicate poverty and create patriotism for every nation, as KISS does. The Rugby film, helmed by Sagar Ballary of "Bheja Fry" fame and Prashant Shah of Bollywood Hollywood Productions chronicles the journey of 12 students of KISS. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Facebook



What: Launches COVID-19 Vaccine Finder Tool for India

When: published on 5th may 2021

American technology conglomerate Facebook has partnered with the Indian government to roll out a vaccine finder tool on its mobile app in India, which will help people identify places nearby to get vaccinated.

According to Mashable, earlier this week, Facebook announced a \$10 million (roughly Rs. 74 crores) grant for emergency response efforts for the COVID-19 situation in the country. The vaccine tracker tool will allow users to find the nearest vaccine centre locations and their hours of operation as shared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

The tracker tool will also aggregate and display walk-in options (for 45 years and above) along with a link to register on the CoWIN portal and schedule vaccination appointments.

Facebook said in a post on its platform, "Partnering with the Government of India, Facebook will begin rolling out its Vaccine Finder tool on the Facebook mobile app in India available in 17 languages to help people identify places nearby to get the vaccine." ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Lightest-known form of uranium

What: has been created

When: published on 2nd May 2021

Scientists have discovered a new type of uranium that is the lightest ever known. The discovery could reveal more about a weird alpha particle that gets ejected from certain radioactive elements as they decay.

The newfound uranium, called uranium-214, is an isotope, or a variant of the element, with 30 more neutrons than protons, one fewer neutron than the next-lightest known uranium isotope. Because neutrons have mass, uranium-214 is much lighter than more common uranium isotopes, including uranium-235, which is used in nuclear reactors and has 51 extra neutrons.

This newfound isotope isn't just lighter than others, but it also showed unique behaviors during its decay. As such, the new findings will help scientists better understand a radioactive decay process known as alpha decay, in which an atomic nucleus loses a group of two protons and two neutrons — collectively called an alpha particle. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: PepsiCo Foundation



What: partners SEEDS to set up COVID care centres, launch vaccination drive

When: published on 3rd May 2021

PepsiCo Foundation, the philanthropic arm of PepsiCo, on Monday said it has partnered with not-for-profit organisation, Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) to launch a community COVID-19 vaccination drive and set up COVID care centres.

Under the partnership, over 1 lakh vaccines doses will be provided to communities, to be administered through the local healthcare system, while five COVID care centres will be set up for three months that will be equipped with beds and medical facilities, including oxygen cylinders, PepsiCo India said in a statement.

Moreover, over 100 oxygen concentrators will be provided to the Central government for distribution to various government hospitals across states, it added. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Cabinet

What: approves strategic disinvestment, transfer of management control in IDBI Bank

When: published on 5th May 2021

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its in-principle approval for strategic disinvestment along with transfer of management control in IDBI Bank Ltd on Wednesday.

"The extent of respective shareholding to be divested by GoI and LIC shall be decided at the time of structuring of transaction in consultation with Reserve Bank of India," said the government in a statement. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Citibank

What: announces additional Rs 200 cr aid for COVID relief efforts in India, Wells Fargo to donate USD 3 million

When: published on 5th May 2021

American banking major Citibank on Wednesday committed an additional Rs 200 crore to support COVID-19 relief measures in India. The Rs 200 crore amount will be spent over the next three financial years, and a sum of Rs 75 crore will be allocated towards immediate medical and humanitarian needs, an official statement said.



India has been experiencing shortage of oxygen, medical equipment and other health infrastructure amid a sharp rise in COVID cases and a slew of multinational companies have rushed with necessary support.

Citi said the immediate support of Rs 75 crore will focus on procurement of oxygen supplies, adding beds to hospitals, diagnostic testing systems, personal protection kits and other supplies for India's frontline healthcare workers.

The funds will also be utilized towards food and hygiene supplies for low-income families, it added.[\(Read more\)](#)





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