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May GA Quiz 9

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

1. Vanraj Bhatia passed away recently, was a _____ .

- A. Music Composer B. Film Producer C. Film Director
D. Cinematographer E. None of these

2. Shesh Narain Singh passed away recently, was a/an _____ .

- A. Journalist B. Scientist C. Architect
D. Author E. None of these

3. World Migratory Bird Day 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. May 9 B. May 7 C. May 8
D. May 10 E. None of these

4. World Thalassaemia Day 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. May 6 B. May 7 C. May 9
D. May 8 E. None of these

5. 2021 World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. May 8 B. May 7 C. May 6
D. May 5 E. None of these

6. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently excluded which bank from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act after it was merged with DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL) last year?

- A. Lakshmi Vilas Bank B. Karur Vysya Bank C. City Union Bank
D. Indian Overseas Bank E. None of these



7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently constituted an advisory group to assist the second Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0). Who among the following is going to head the advisory group?

- A. V Balakrishnan B. S Janakiraman C. M Jaishankara Reddy
D. T Ripudaman E. None of these

8. The Andhra Pradesh Government has entered a partnership with which company for establishing a steel plant in the Kadapa district, with 3 million tonne per annum (mtpa) capacity?

- A. Tata Steel B. Essar Steel C. JSW Steel
D. VISA Steel E. None of these

9. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sri Jai Ram Thakur has launched dedicated COVID-19 'Mukhyamantri Sewa Sanklap Helpline 1100' in which city?

- A. Manali B. Mussoorie C. Nainital
D. Shimla E. None of these

10. Which state has launched an "Ayurvedic Doctors on Call" service to serve the Covid patients in the state?

- A. Haryana B. Punjab C. Rajasthan
D. Gujarat E. None of these

11. Government of India has released what amount as Interest Subvention under Economic Package for revival of Business and Industry in Jammu and Kashmir?

- A. Rs 200 crore B. Rs 250 crore C. Rs 300 crore
D. Rs 350 crore E. None of these

12. V Kalyanam passed away recently, was the Personal Secretary of which person?

- A. Indira Gandhi B. Rajiv Gandhi C. Mahatma Gandhi
D. Sonia Gandhi E. None of these



13. Which state police has come up with “COVID-19 Hospital Transport Service” for free transportation of needy infected patients?

- A. Rajasthan Police
- B. Punjab Police
- C. Haryana Police
- D. Gujarat Police
- E. None of these

14. Rupsi Airport started operating, is located in which of the following states?

- A. Tripura
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Kerala
- D. Assam
- E. None of these

15. Shamim Hanfi passed away recently, was a _____ .

- A. Poet
- B. Writer
- C. Critic
- D. Only A and B
- E. All A, B and C

16. Prateek Chaudhuri passed away recently, was a _____ .

- A. Sitar player
- B. Veena player
- C. Tanpura player
- D. Sarod player
- E. None of these

17. Which board of education has launched a counselling app for class 9 to class 12 students?

- A. Central Board of Secondary Education
- B. National Council of Educational Research and Training
- C. National Informatics Centre
- D. Delhi Public School Society
- E. None of these

18. Who among the following has flagged off the first supply of UCO, Used Cooking Oil based Biodiesel blended Diesel from Indian Oil’s Tikrikalan Terminal, Delhi?

- A. Dharmendra Pradhan
- B. Pratap Chandra Sarangi
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Prakash Javadekar
- E. None of these



19. Name the woman who has won the gold medal in women's 50kg at World Olympic Qualifier at Sofia in Bulgaria.

- A. Geeta Khosla B. Ruchita Ponia C. Seema Bisla
D. Ankita Sharma E. None of these

20. Who among the following has created new record of climbing Mt Everest for the 25th time?

- A. Kami Rita Sherpa B. Apa Sherpa C. Phurba Tashi
D. Lhakpa Sherpa 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	D	A	A	B	B	D	D	B	C	C	D	E	A	A	A	C	A

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

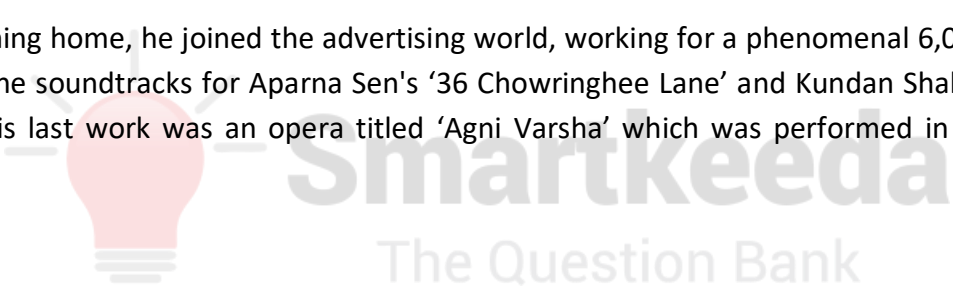
Who: Veteran Music Composer Vanraj Bhatia

What: passes away at 93

When: published on 8th May 2021

Veteran music composer Vanraj Bhatia died in Mumbai yesterday after a brief illness. The 93-year-old Padma Shri awardee, who scored the music for Shyam Benegal classics like 'Ankur' and 'Bhumika' and TV series 'Yatra' and 'Bharat Ek Khoj' lived alone at his apartment at the Napean Sea Road in Mumbai. After graduating from the Elphinstone College in Mumbai, he trained in western classical music in London and Paris.

On returning home, he joined the advertising world, working for a phenomenal 6,000 ad jingles. He created the soundtracks for Aparna Sen's '36 Chowringhee Lane' and Kundan Shah's 'Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro'. His last work was an opera titled 'Agni Varsha' which was performed in New York. ([Read more](#))



2. Hints to Remember

Who: Senior journalist Shesh Narain Singh

What: passes away due to coronavirus

When: published on 7th May 2021

Senior journalist Shesh Narain Singh passed away due to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) on Friday. He was undergoing treatment for the disease at a hospital in Noida.

A columnist, political commentator and an expert on foreign policy, Shesh Narain Singh had a career spanning over two decades.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his condolences to the members of Shesh Narain Singh's family and said that he would be remembered for his significant contribution to the journalism world. ([Read more](#))

3. Hints to Remember



Who: World Migratory Bird Day 2021

What: was observed on May 8

Saturday, May 8, 2021, is World Migratory Bird Day, which raises awareness for conservation efforts needed for migratory birds and their flight patterns, according to the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

AZGFD lists some ways to get involved at home:

Make a bird-friendly backyard.

Go birdwatching. This is a fun and inexpensive activity for the entire family.

Participate in one of the world's largest, biodiversity-related science projects on May 8 by signing up for eBird, a free app and online database that provides real-time data about bird distributions and abundance.

Get involved with a local Audubon chapter to learn more about fun, bird-related activities. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: World Thalassemia Day 2021

What: was observed on 8th May

May 8 is observed as World Thalassemia Day every year. The day commemorates the struggles of the patients suffering from this genetic disorder and raise awareness about the disease and its symptoms. This global observance also honours the longstanding efforts of doctors, other medical staff dedicated to better the lives of patients from the disease and scientists bringing new advancements in the field to eradicate the disease.

In the year 1994, the Thalassemia International Federation established May 8 as International Thalassemia Day. The day was declared an International observance in the loving memory of George Englezos and all thalassemia patients who fought the disease and while confronting the social stigma attached to it achieved both personal and professional success in life. George was the son of thalassemia International Federation's (TIF) president and founder, Panos Englezos and worked as a scientist. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: 2021 World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day

What: was observed on 8th May 2021

World Red Cross Day is also known as Red Crescent Day is celebrated on May 8 every year. This date marks the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who is the founder of the International



Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). He is also a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. He was born on May 8, 1828.

It is an annual celebration of their principles. The day is celebrated by the Red Cross society across all the countries. It works for the welfare of people. World Red Cross Society provides for food shortages, natural disasters, wars as well as diseases of an epidemic. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: excludes Lakshmi Vilas Bank from second schedule of RBI Act

When: published on 6th May 2021

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday said it has excluded Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act after it was merged with DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL) last year.

"We advise that the "Lakshmi Vilas Bank Ltd" has been excluded from the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 with effect from November 27, 2020, vide Notification DOR.PSBD.No.1849/16.01.067/2020-21 dated December 17, 2020, which is published in the Gazette of India (Part III - Section 4) dated January 16 – January 22, 2021," RBI said in a notification on Thursday.

A bank mentioned in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act is known as 'Scheduled Commercial Bank'. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: sets up panel to assist regulatory review authority

When: published on 7th May 2021

The RBI on Friday said an advisory group has been constituted to assist the second regulatory review authority (RRA 2.0) which was constituted by the central bank earlier this month to streamline regulations and reduce the compliance burden of regulated entities.

Headed by SBI managing director S Janakiraman, the advisory group will assist the RRA by identifying regulations, guidelines, and returns that can be rationalised.

The RBI has set up the second regulatory review authority (RRA 2.0), initially for a period of one year from May 1, 2021, with a view to streamline regulations and reduce the compliance burden of regulated entities. ([Read more](#))



8. Hints to Remember

Who: Andhra Pradesh govt

What: ties up with Essar to develop steel plant in Kadapa

When: published on 6th May 2021

The Andhra Pradesh (AP) Government has entered a partnership with Essar Steel for establishing a steel plant in the Kadapa district, with 3 million tonne per annum (mtpa) capacity.

On February 23, the state Cabinet withdrew its previous decision, electing Liberty Steel India as the JV associate to construct the YSR Steel Plant.

According to Information Minister Perni Venkataramaiah, the State Cabinet considered the proposal and accepted SBICAP's recommendation to pick Essar Steel as the JV partner.

The outlined capital expenditure of the project is Rs 11,606 crore. The government set up the YSR Steel Corporation for the progress and operation of a new steel plant in the Kadapa district and invited bids last November from prominent firms for recruiting as a joint venture partner. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur

What: launches dedicated COVID-19 'Mukhyamantri Sewa Sanklap Helpline 1100' in Shimla

When: published on 6th May 2021

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched dedicated COVID-19 Helpline 'Mukhyamantri Sewa Sanklap Helpline 1100' for facilitating the people regarding COVID related issues in Shimla today.

While appreciating the efforts of the Information Technology Department, the Chief Minister said, this helpline is unique in itself by ensuring effective use of technology in facilitating the people.

The callers can call on toll free number 1100 from 7 am to 10 pm for seeking help regarding COVID related issues. The call executive would register the complaint and contact concerned authorities for providing necessary help to the person regarding various issues such as test, vaccination, home quarantine, medicines, ambulance and Oxygen. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember



Who: Gujarat Unit of Ayurveda Vyaspeeth

What: launches “Ayurvedic Doctors on Call” service to serve Covid patients

When: published on 7th May 2021

Gujarat Unit of Ayurveda Vyaspeeth has launched an “Ayurvedic Doctors on Call” service to serve the Covid patients in the state. Under this service, 170 Ayurvedic doctors will give free Ayurvedic consultations to the Covid patients on phone calls. The President of Gujarat Unit- Ayurvedacharya Dr. Hitesh Jani said that the aim of this service is to provide proper guidance to the patients, so that the burden on the hospitals can be eased. Dr. Jani said that similar services will be launched in Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore and Hyderabad very soon. [\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Government

What: releases Rs 250 crore as Interest Subvention under Economic Package for revival of Business & Industry in J&K

When: published on 6th May 2021

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today approved the further release of Rs 250 crore as Interest Subvention, part of economic package for revival of business and industry in J&K, and handed over a cheque of the said amount to Jammu and Kashmir Bank as third instalment of the 5% Interest Subvention.

Arun Kumar Mehta, Financial Commissioner, Finance Department and RK Chhibber, Chairman and MD J&K Bank were present on the occasion.

Government of J&K had already released Rs 500 crore so far, and today another instalment of Rs 250 crore as 5% Interest Subvention was released as part of the overall package of Rs 1353 crore. The Interest Subvention has so far provided immense relief to 3.44 lakh borrowers in the current Covid-19 crisis.

The J&K government had announced a mega Relief and Revival Package of Rs 1353 crore on September 19th, 2020 to help J&K business sector to tide over the Covid-19 crisis and other difficulties. [\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Mahatma Gandhi’s Personal Secretary Kalyanam

What: passes away

When: published on 7th May 2021



V Kalyanam, best known as the man who served as Mahatma Gandhi's personal secretary between 1944 and 1948, passed away in the city at 99.

It was exactly 77 years ago, on another sweltering May afternoon that Kalyanam had met 'Bapu' for the first time in Bombay. The latter had just been released from prison and was undergoing a treatment of naturopathy in the city. But Kalyanam had soaked in the Gandhian ideology before that by working at the Sevagram Ashram for about a year and serving eight months in jail for participating in the Quit India Movement. "He was caught by the police in Delhi slipping pamphlets under doors of homes. He was fresh out of college and was doing his bit," says Kalyanam's biographer Kumari S Neelakandan. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Haryana Police

What: comes up with "COVID-19 Hospital Transport Service" for free transportation of needy infected patients

When: published on 7th May 2021

The Haryana Police has come up with "COVID-19 Hospital Transport Service" (COV-HOTS) for free transportation of needy infected patients from their homes to hospitals or nursing homes and back. The service is free and exclusively meant for COVID patients.

Haryana Director General of Police (DGP), Manoj Yadava said that a total of 440 vehicles are being provided for this service and every police district would get 20 SUVs for this purpose.

"These vehicles are being provided after the instances of either shortage of ambulances or overcharging by private ambulance service providers came to the notice of the police", DGP said.

He said, 126 COV-HOTS vehicles have already been provided to all the districts across the state and 70 SUVs would reach the districts today. The remaining 244 would be delivered by Sunday evening, he added. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Rupsi Airport in Assam

What: starts operating

When: published on 8th May 2021

Rupsi Airport in the district of Dhubri, Assam, is all set to be operational from today (May 8, 2021). A trial flight was conducted by Flybig Airlines on the Guwahati-Rupsi-Guwahati route earlier this week. The trial run of the flight was completed safely and timely on Wednesday with extended support from the state government as well as concerned agencies.



The airport has been developed under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN and flight operations by Flybig Airlines are scheduled to start between Guwahati-Rupsi-Kolkata route from Saturday. The flight is scheduled to operate on the route on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Flybig airline has opened bookings for the route.[\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Veteran Urdu Critic, Professor Shamim Hanfi

What: passes away at 82

When: published on 7th May 2021

Veteran Urdu Critic, writer and poet, Professor Shamim Hanfi is no more. He was 82. He passed away in New Delhi after battling coronavirus-related complications. Professor Hanafi was associated with Jamia Millia Islamia as Professor Emeritus. A proponent of the modernist movement in Urdu literature, Professor Hanafi authored several books on literary criticism, plays and books for children. He also translated Abul Kalam Azad's book 'India Wins Freedom'.[\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Sitar player Prateek Chaudhuri

What: passes away at 49

When: published on 8th May 2021

Pt Debu Chaudhury died on Friday last week due to Covid-related complications, his son, sitar player Prateek Chaudhuri, who himself was admitted to GTB Hospital at the time, wrote on Facebook the next day, "Great Loss to the world of sitar and Indian music, which can never be filled."

Less than a week later, Prateek also died due to Covid and cardiac arrest. He was 49. He is survived by wife Runa, daughter Rayana and son Adhiraj.

Prateek was admitted along with his father last week. He was improving and was to cremate his father on Monday but his vitals began to deteriorate and he was admitted to the ICU where he could not pull through and died of a cardiac arrest.[\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: CBSE

What: launches counselling app for students from class 9 to 12



When: published on 8th May 2021

The Central Board of Secondary Education has launched a counselling app for class 9 to class 12 students. The counselling app is named Dost for life. The purpose of this app is to improve students' psycho-social wellness. Keeping the current covid-19 situation in mind, this counselling app will help students to deal with depression, anxiety, internet addiction disorder, specific learning disability and more. CBSE will start its annual counselling programme on May 10.

Through this app, CBSE will conduct free live counselling sessions for the students. This new app of CBSE will simultaneously facilitate students/ parents from all over the world who belong to CBSE schools. Live counselling sessions will be held on Wednesday and Friday. These sessions have a total of 83 volunteers, of which 66 are from India and 17 are from Saudi Arabia, UAE, Nepal, Oman, Kuwait, Japan and the USA. The counselling slot will be from 9.30 AM to 1.30 PM and from 1.30 PM to 5.30 PM. Parents and students will be able to join counselling through the chatbox. [\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan

What: flags off 1st supply of UCO based Biodiesel blended Diesel

When: published on 4th May 2021

Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan today remotely flagged off the first supply of UCO, Used Cooking Oil based Biodiesel blended Diesel from Indian Oil's Tikrikalan Terminal, Delhi.

Centre had initiated Expressions of Interest for "Procurement of Bio-diesel produced from Used Cooking Oil" on the occasion of World Biofuel Day on 10th August 2019.

Such "Expressions of Interest" are being periodically released by Oil Marketing Companies.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Pradhan complimented the Oil industry on the stellar role played by them in keeping the fuel lines running despite the stiff challenges of the pandemic.

He also lauded the OMCs for going beyond the usual business imperatives by extending support for medical oxygen supply to the nation in this crisis. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Wrestler Seema Bisla

What: wins gold in women's 50kg at World Olympic Qualifier at Sofia in Bulgaria

When: published on 8th May 2021

Seema Bisla added a gold medal to her Olympic qualification but India's Greco Roman wrestlers failed badly at the World Olympic Qualifiers as none of them could earn a Tokyo Games quota, in



Sofia, Bulgaria on Saturday. Seema, who secured her Olympic qualification on Friday, took the 50kg gold without getting on mat as her rival from Ecuador, Lucia Yamileth Yopez Guzman withdrew from the final due an injury. It is first international title for 29-year-old Seema since she triumphed at the Yasar Dogu event in July 2019.

In the Greco Roman competition, India's brightest hope was Gurpreet Singh but he was ousted after losing his 77kg pre-quarterfinal in just 48 seconds to 2020 European champion Rafig Huseynov from Azerbaijan. Huseynov pulled off a quick four-point move to stun Gurpreet. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Kami Rita Sherpa

What: creates new record, climbs Mt Everest for the 25th time

When: published on 8th May 2021

A 52-year-old Nepali Sherpa climbed the world's highest peak, Mt Everest, for the 25th time on Friday, breaking his own record for summiting the mountain most number of times.

Kami Rita Sherpa, leading 11 other Sherpas, had undertaken the mission of fixing climbing ropes ahead of the climbing season which begins later in the month, said Mingma Sherpa, Chairperson of Seven Summit Treks which organised the expedition.

The group successfully reached the summit of Mt Everest on Friday evening, helping Kami better his own record of climbing the peak for the 25th time. ([Read more](#))





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