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November GA Quiz 17

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

1. What amount has recently been released by NABARD to the District Cooperative Banks in Karnataka under Special Liquidity Facility for the farmers in distress due to the pandemic?

- A. Rs 1700 cr B. Rs 1200 cr C. Rs 1000 cr
D. Rs 1500 cr E. None of these

2. The government has recently approved the revamped viability gap funding (VGF) scheme envisaging a total outlay of _____ for encouraging investment in social as well as economic infrastructure projects.

- A. Rs 9,900 crore B. Rs 9,200 crore C. Rs 8,100 crore
D. Rs 8,700 crore E. None of these

3. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman asked banks to ensure all accounts are Aadhaar-seeded and linked with Permanent Account Number (PAN) by _____ .

- A. January 31, 2021 B. April 1, 2021 C. March 1, 2021
D. March 31, 2021 E. None of these

4. Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved what percent stake to be picked up by Google in Mueskh Ambani-led Jio Platforms for ₹33,737 crore?

- A. 7. 98% B. 7. 73% C. 7. 34%
D. 7. 09% E. None of these

5. Nitish Kumar took oath as the chief minister which state?

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

6. The union government has extended the tenure of Sanjay Kumar Mishra as director of which of the following organizations by one year?

- A. Securities and Exchange Board of India
B. Competition Commission of India
C. Enforcement Directorate
D. Reserve Bank of India
E. None of these

7. Queen of which of the following countries was announced as the individual laureate for the 2020 United Nations Population Award?

- A. Bhutan B. Sri Lanka C. Thailand
D. Malaysia E. None of these



8. Which of the following districts has been conferred with National Award for water conservation under Jeevika Project launched by the District Administration?

- A. Udaipur B. Kangra C. Udhampur
D. Jalandhar E. None of these

9. Which state was adjudged the best state in water conservation efforts in the country in National Jal Shakti Awards for the year 2019?

- A. Chhattisgarh B. West Bengal C. Jharkhand
D. Tamil Nadu E. None of these

10. Which of the following state/UT governments has recently launched the Jeevan Seva app to aid Covid patients and their families for a safe commute to hospitals and healthcare facilities in the city?

- A. Delhi B. Rajasthan C. Jammu and Kashmir
D. Himachal Pradesh E. None of these

11. Jerry Rawlings passed away recently, was the former president of which country?

- A. Kenya B. Ghana C. Senegal
D. Nigeria E. None of these

12. Haryana's first woman MP and which UT's former Lt. Governor Chandrawati passed away?

- A. Chandigarh B. Puducherry C. Delhi
D. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
E. None of these

13. Who among the following is the author the book titled "Insomnia: Army Stories"?

- A. Rachna Bisht Rawat B. Uma Chakravarti C. Shobha Deepak Singh
D. Anvita Abbi E. None of these

14. Which of the following states has recently decided to observe the National Unity Week from 19th to 25th of November in order to increase social harmony in the state, everyone should participate in this programme?

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

15. On 9th November 2020, India and Maldives have signed four agreements, in which one was a connectivity project with how much grant?

- A. \$200-million B. \$100-million C. \$500-million
D. \$400-million E. None of these

16. Which of the following countries has hosted the 15th East Asia Summit virtually?

- A. Cambodia B. Singapore C. Vietnam
D. Malaysia E. None of these



17. Which of the following countries has recently hosted the 8th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial meeting virtually?

- A. Brazil B. Russia C. India
D. South Africa E. None of these

18. Which of the following cities has been named as the World Book Capital for the year 2022?

- A. Kuala Lumpur B. Tbilisi C. Athens
D. Guadalajara E. None of these

19. Which which of the following banks is going to set up a neo banking platform to reach out to customers?

- A. SBM Bank India B. HSBC Bank India C. Barclays Bank India
D. Standard Chartered Bank India E. None of these

20. Which of the following companies is going to acquire the shares of Postbank Systems AG, the technology services unit of Frankfurt-based Deutsche Bank AG and absorb its 1,500 employees?

- A. Wipro B. Tech Mahindra C. TCS
D. ITC Limited E. None of these



Correct answer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	C	D	B	B	C	A	C	D	A	B	B	A	C	B	C	B	D	A	C

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Centre

What: sanctioned Rs 1700 crore under Special Liquidity Facility

When: published on 16th November 2020

The Karnataka minister for Cooperation, S T Somasekhar has informed that the Central Government has sanctioned an amount of 1700 crore rupees under Special Liquidity Facility. This amount was released by NABARD to the District Cooperative Banks in the state to provide loans to the farmers in distress due to the pandemic.

Speaking to media persons in Davangere today, the minister said that they have a target to distribute loans of 15,300 crore rupees to 24 lakh farmers in this year. Till date, he added, 10,000 crore rupees credit is extended to 15 lakh farmers. ([Read more](#))



2. Hints to Remember

Who: Cabinet

What: approves revamped VGF scheme with outlay of Rs 8,100 cr

When: published on 11th November 2020

The government on Wednesday approved the revamped viability gap funding (VGF) scheme envisaging a total outlay of Rs 8,100 crore for encouraging investment in social as well as economic infrastructure projects

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved continuation and revamping of the scheme for financial support to public-private partnerships (PPPs) in infrastructure VGF scheme till 2024-25, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar told reporters here

The revamped scheme will provide financial support to PPP projects in the infrastructure sector spread over a period of five years ending 2024-25

Of the total amount of Rs 8,100 crore, Rs 6,000 crore has been earmarked for PPP projects in the economic infrastructure segment and remaining Rs 2,100 crore for social infrastructure projects, said an official release after the Cabinet meeting

The earlier VGF scheme was limited to projects concerning economic infrastructure. ([Read more](#))



3. Hints to Remember

Who: FM Nirmala Sitharaman

What: gives banks till March 31 to ensure all accounts are Aadhaar-seeded

When: published on 10th November 2020

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman asked banks on Tuesday to ensure all accounts are Aadhaar-seeded and linked with Permanent Account Number (PAN) by March 31, 2021. She also asked banks to promote digital transactions.

"I would think ideally by December, if not by 31st March, 2021, every account should have a PAN where needed and applicable and Aadhaar in every case," Sitharaman said, addressing the virtual annual general meeting (AGM) of the Indian Banks' Association. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Google-Jio deal: CCI

What: clears Google picking up 7.73% stake in Jio Platforms for ₹33,737 cr

When: published on 12th November 2020

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has said that it has approved Google picking up 7.73% stake in Mueskh Ambani-led Jio Platforms for ₹33,737 crore, facilitating the internet major and Jio Platforms Ltd (JPL) to develop and launch Android smartphones in India.

Internet giant Google will be making the investment into the digital arm of Reliance Industries through its wholly-owned subsidiary Google International LLC (GIL).

Taking to Twitter, the watchdog wrote, "Commission approves acquisition of 7.73% equity share capital of Jio Platforms by Google." ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Nitish Kumar

What: takes oath as Bihar CM for fourth straight term

When: published on 16th November 2020

Nitish Kumar was sworn in as Bihar chief minister for a fourth straight term on Monday at a ceremony in Patna in presence of Union Home minister Amit Shah and BJP chief Jagat Prakash Nadda even as RJD decided to boycott the event. Replacing Sushil Modi, who had been Kumar's deputy for 15 years, BJP leaders Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi took oath as the Deputy Chief Ministers of Bihar.



Kumar, along with a 14-member council of ministers, was administered the oath of office at Raj Bhavan by Governor Phagu Chauhan, a day after the JD(U) chief staked claim for the formation of a new government in the state. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: ED Director S K Mishra's tenure

What: extended by one year

When: published on 14th November 2020

The Union government has extended the tenure of ED Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra by a year after modifying his appointment order that was issued in 2018, officials said.

Mishra, 60, is a 1984-batch Indian Revenue Service officer of the Income Tax cadre and was appointed the Enforcement Directorate chief on November 19, 2018.

His tenure was to end the next week at the ED director's post comes with a fixed term of two years.

As per an order issued by the Department of Revenue under the Union finance ministry on Friday, the 2018 order for appointment of Mishra has been modified. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Queen Mother of Bhutan and HelpAge India

What: receive 2020 UN Population Award

When: published on 11th November 2020

Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck, Queen Mother of Bhutan, was announced as the individual laureate for the 2020 United Nations Population Award. HelpAge India was announced as the award's institutional laureate.

Her Majesty Gyalyum Sangay Choden Wangchuck is a longstanding champion of sexual and reproductive health and rights and the need to end violence against women, girls and children in Bhutan. Among her many achievements in recent decades, she has helped to create an enabling environment to openly discuss sexual reproductive health in the kingdom and founded a volunteer organization called "Respect, Educate, Nurture and Empower Women" (RENEW) in 2004. She has also been a Goodwill Ambassador for UNFPA for more than 20 years. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Udhampur



What: conferred with National Award for water conservation

When: published on 12th November 2020

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, District Udhampur has been conferred with National Award for water conservation under Jeevika Project launched by the District Administration.

AIR correspondent reports that the project aims to increase the assured irrigation of Agriculture land and conservation of water and was conceptualized by the District Development Commissioner Dr. Piyush Singla. The project envisages development of sustainable ecosystems through water conservation to enhance the livelihood for small and marginal farmers.

With a multi-pronged strategy, the project focuses on enhancing water usage efficiency and aiming at generating sustainable livelihood for farmers in the district. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Tamil Nadu

What: bags 'Best State' award for water management

When: published on 7th November 2020

Tamil Nadu has bagged the first place under the 'Best State' category under the National Water Awards (NWAs) 2019, presented by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

Tamil Nadu was followed by Maharashtra and Rajasthan as the best states under the normal category.

The National Water Awards 2019 are presented in 16 categories including Best State, Best District, Best Village Panchayat, Best Urban Local Body, Best Research/ Innovation/ New Technology and Best Education among others, and each of the categories has sub-categories in different zones of the country, a press release said. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Delhi Government

What: launches Jeevan Seva app for COVID-19 patients

When: published on 13th November 2020

Delhi's Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Satyendar Jain launched the Jeevan Seva app to aid Delhi's COVID patients and their families for their safe commute to hospitals and health care facilities in the city. The app, launched in collaboration with EVERA will use electric vehicles as an ambulance to transfer non-critical cases to health care facility within Delhi free of cost.



Speaking at the occasion, Hon'ble Minister said, "We are launching the Jeevan Seva app today to facilitate Delhi citizens in home isolation in case of need. From health checkups, ambulance requirements to admission in hospitals, health amenities are now just a click away. With this app, you will get access to an e-vehicle which will provide for free pick up and drop services. The vehicles will be properly sanitised after every ride." [\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Jerry Rawlings: Ghana's ex-president

What: dies aged 73

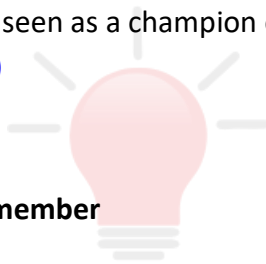
When: published on 12th November 2020

Ghana's former President Jerry John Rawlings has died at the age of 73.

He led two coups, first in 1979, before twice being elected president in multiparty polls.

A charismatic figure, he first seized power railing against corruption and was responsible for executing several former heads of state for their alleged graft and mismanagement.

He was also seen as a champion of the poor, but came to be criticised for alleged human rights abuses. [\(Read more\)](#)



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12. Hints to Remember

Who: Haryana's first woman MP Chandrawati

What: passed away

When: published on 15th November 2020

Former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry Chandrawati, who stormed the Haryana's political scene when she defeated then Defence Minister Bansi Lal on his home turf Bhiwani in the 1977 General Election in the shadow of the Emergency, passed away at the Rohtak's PGIMS in on Sunday morning.

She was 92. She had been ill for long.

Chandrawati, a native of Bhiwani's Dalawas village, has a number of firsts to her credit. She was the state's first woman to become a Member of Parliament (1977), the first woman minister in Haryana (1964-66) and the first woman Leader of Opposition (1982-85). She was also the first enrolled advocate from the state. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: Insomnia (Army Stories)



What: by Rachna Bisht Rawat. Ebury Press

When: published on 25th October 2020

When a book has the word Army in its title, one spontaneously imagines tales of valour. With Rachna Bisht Rawat's collection, titled 'Insomnia: Army Stories', a pleasant surprise awaits. More than heroic deeds, her collection captures emotions of men who guard the nation.

An Army officer's wife and sister, the author has seen the men in olive green from close quarters, so tales were always floating around her; but compiling those takes acumen and she has used it to the hilt.

A daredevil officer survives grievous injuries in battle and then gets killed in a freak accident, as a stray bullet pierces his head during a practice camp. 'The bloody bullet had his name written on it' is how his Brigadier father accepts the tragedy. A retired General is haunted by his past. 'The Kashmir posting was a bloody curse,' he says. Two soldiers, 'nameless, faceless', develop a unique bond from across the border at the world's highest battlefield, Siachen glacier; another one set in the same clime, where a dangerous rescue of a dog takes place and then a claim, 'Ham fauji hain. Apne saathiyon ko kabhi marne ke liye nahi chhortey', generates goosebumps. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Maharashtra

What: to observe National Unity Week from Nov 19 to 25

When: published on 12th November 2020

Maharashtra will observe the National Unity Week from 19th to 25th of November. Making an announcement in this regard, Minister for Skill Development and Minority Development Nawab Malik appealed that in order to increase social harmony in the state, everyone should participate in this programme.

He said, instructions have been given to all the government agencies including all the Divisional Commissioners, Collectors, Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads to conduct various programs with due care to prevent spread of corona infection. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Maldives

What: sign 4 pacts including \$100M grant for key connectivity project

When: published on 9th November 2020



India and the Maldives on Monday signed four agreements, including one for a \$100-million grant for a connectivity project, as visiting foreign secretary Harsh Shringla and the Maldivian leadership discussed ways to boost economic recovery amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Shringla is on a two-day visit to the Indian Ocean archipelago as part of New Delhi's outreach to key countries in the neighbourhood and beyond. The Maldives is the sixth country he has visited in the aftermath of pandemic-related travel restrictions, the others being Bangladesh, Myanmar, France, Germany and the UK.

One of four memorandums of understanding (MoUs) signed by the two sides was for the grant of \$100 million by India for the \$500-million Greater Male Connectivity Project (GMCP) that will link capital Male with three islands. India will also provide a \$400-million line of credit for the project, the largest such infrastructure venture undertaken in the Maldives. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Vietnam

What: hosted the 15th East Asia Summit virtually

When: published on 14th November 2020

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar represented India at the 15th East Asia Summit (EAS) on 14 November 2020. The Summit was chaired by the Prime Minister of Vietnam H. E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc in his capacity as ASEAN Chair. All the eighteen EAS countries participated in the virtual Summit.

EAM, in his remarks, re-affirmed the importance of EAS as the Leaders-led forum to exchange views on strategic issues. He spoke of the importance of adhering to international law, respecting territorial integrity and sovereignty, and promoting a rules-based global order.

On COVID-19, he briefed the EAS Leaders about India's response to pandemic and highlighted India's efforts to support the international community. He reiterated Prime Minister Modi's commitment to help make the COVID vaccine accessible and affordable to all nations. ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Dr Harsh Vardhan

What: attends 8th BRICS STI Ministerial Meet

When: published on 16th November 2020

The 8th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial Meeting was held through a virtual platform for Science and Technology cooperation among the member countries, which are Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Russian Federation. (Russia is the Chair for 12th BRICS Summit).



The Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr Harsh Vardhan represented the Indian delegation at the meeting. The meeting concluded with the adoption of BRICS STI Declaration 2020. During the meeting, Dr Harsh Vardhan highlighted that “The COVID 19 pandemic has been a test, demonstrating that multilateral cooperation is the key to overcoming such global challenges”. He reiterated that “India will actively contribute in the implementation of BRICS STI Calendar of Activities 2020-21 and supports continuation scientific activities under BRICS MOU on Science, Technology and Innovation”.

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Guadalajara

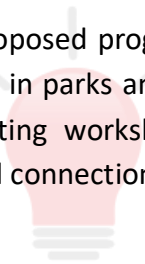
What: named World Book Capital 2022

When: published on 4th November 2020

Guadalajara (Mexico) was named World Book Capital for the year 2022 by the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, on the recommendation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee.

The city, already a UNESCO Creative City since 2017, was selected for its comprehensive plan for policies around the book to trigger social change, combat violence and build a culture of peace.

Guadalajara’s proposed programme focuses on three strategic axes: regaining public spaces through reading activities in parks and other accessible places; social bonding and cohesion especially through reading and writing workshops for children; and strengthening of neighbourhood identity using intergenerational connections, story-telling and street poetry. ([Read more](#))



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19. Hints to Remember

Who: SBM Bank India

What: Partnered with PayNearby to Launch a Neo Banking Platform

When: published on 16th November 2020

SBM Bank (India) Limited (SBM Bank India), the wholly-owned subsidiary of State Bank of Mauritius has partnered with Fintech PayNearby to launch a neo banking platform.

The bank is also looking at collaborative banking in other segments and where companies may have access to a large number of customers but does not have a banking license. 0

SBM Bank focuses on to provide top of the line services to the wealthy and growing affluent in India and their counterparts will be NRIs(Non-Resident Indians) with relations in India.

SBM Bank India was the 1st foreign bank in India to obtain a banking licence from the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) to operate as a Wholly Owned Subsidiary in January 2019.



20. Hints to Remember

Who: TCS

What: to Acquire Postbank Systems from Deutsche Bank

When: published on 9th November 2020

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) (BSE: 532540, NSE: TCS), a leading global IT services, consulting and business solutions organization, and Deutsche Bank AG today announced an agreement under which TCS will acquire 100% of the shares of Postbank Systems AG (PBS) from Deutsche Bank AG.

PBS is the full-range captive IT service provider that provides project management, application management and infrastructure support services to Postbank and other subsidiaries of Deutsche Bank. PBS and its around 1,500 employees will become part of TCS, deepening the relationship between the two organizations. This will further add to TCS' scale in Germany and strengthen its growth outlook. TCS is ranked by analysts as the fastest-growing IT service provider in Germany with a 10-year CAGR of over 24 percent. ([Read more](#))





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