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November GA Quiz 19

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

1. Which of the following states has recently recorded best sex ratio at birth in India as per annual report from office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner?

- A. Manipur
B. Assam
C. Arunachal Pradesh
D. Nagaland
E. None of these

2. Which of the following states has recently launched Phase II of Indo-German Development Cooperation (IGDC) project?

- A. Assam
B. Tripura
C. Meghalaya
D. Mizoram
E. None of these

3. Which of the following countries have signed a landmark defence deal in a bid to counter China's growing influence in the South China Sea and over the Pacific island nations?

- A. India and Australia
B. India and Japan
C. Japan and Australia
D. Japan and South Korea
E. None of these

4. How many entities have started testing their products under the 1st test phase of RBI's Regulatory Sandbox?

- A. Two
B. Three
C. Four
D. Five
E. None of these

5. HDFC Bank and _____ have been put in the so-called 'red flag' list, a system used for monitoring foreign portfolio investor (FPI) limits.

- A. IDFC Bank
B. Axis Bank
C. IndusInd Bank
D. ICICI Bank
E. None of these

6. Which of the following bank has recently launched Current Account, Savings Account (CASA) mobilization campaign?

- A. Indian Bank
B. State Bank of India
C. Bank of Baroda
D. Karnataka Bank
E. None of these

7. Which of the following banks has partnered with Neokred Technologies to launch a Co-Branded Prepaid Card?

- A. Axis Bank
B. Yes Bank
C. HDFC Bank
D. IDFC Bank
E. None of these

8. Which of the following companies has recently been assigned by Indian Railways (IR) to implement the Hospital Management Information System (HMIS), an integrated clinical information system?



- A. Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)
- B. RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel)
- C. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- D. Infosys
- E. None of these

9. Which of the following states has signed a MoU with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to discuss the implementation of India's 1st 100 MW (MegaWatt) convergence project?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Goa
- E. None of these

10. Which of the following companies has recently partnered with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to be the new kit sponsor of the Team India and merchandise partner?

- A. Paytm First Game
- B. Dream11
- C. MPL Sports
- D. MyPlaying11
- E. None of these

11. Sonu Sood has been named as state Icon of _____ by the Election Commission of India (ECI)?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Delhi
- C. Punjab
- D. Haryana
- E. None of these

12. Who among the following has addressed the third Annual Bloomberg New Economy Forum?

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Ram Nath Kovind
- D. Narendra Modi
- E. None of these

13. India and which of the following countries held the seventh round of Foreign Office Consultations (FoC) via digital video-conference and reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation within the framework of their Strategic Partnership?

- A. Azerbaijan
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Kyrgyzstan
- D. Kyrgyzstan
- E. None of these

14. Which of the following Indian cities have been included in the list of 36 cities selected by World Economic Forum (WEF) for pioneering a new global policy roadmap for smart cities developed by G20 Global Smart Cities Alliance?

- A. Indore, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Faridabad
- B. New Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad and Gurugram
- C. Agra, Bhopal, Jaipur and Bharatpur
- D. Chennai, Kochi, Kolkata and Mumbai
- E. None of these

15. Which of the following companies has recently delivered India's first launch hardware (a Booster Segment – 'S-200') for Gaganyaan Mission to Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)?

- A. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- B. Defense Research and Development organization
- C. Larsen and Toubro



- D. Afcons Infrastructure Ltd
- E. None of these

16. Ministry of Youth Affairs And Sports has introduced an incentivisation structure to extend monetary support to how many private academies, through the Khelo India Scheme over the next four years starting FY 2020-21?

- A. 200
- B. 300
- C. 400
- D. 500
- E. None of these

17. Sudeep Tyagi has recently announced his retirement from which of the following sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Hockey
- C. Tennis
- D. Table Tennis
- E. None of these

18. Who among the following is the author of the book titled "Reporting India: My Seventy Year Journey as a Journalist"?

- A. Jayasree Kalathil
- B. Prem Prakash
- C. Rajat Sharma
- D. Chinmay Tumble
- E. None of these

19. John Thomas Goslin Pereira who served during World War II (1939 to 1945), passed away recently. He was related to which armed forces of India?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. India Air Force
- D. Border Security Forces
- E. None of these

20. The 2020 Naturopathy Day was observed on which date across India?

- A. November 18
- B. November 15
- C. November 16
- D. November 17
- 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
C	B	C	A	C	D	B	B	D	C	C	D	B	A	C	D	A	B	B	A

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Arunachal Pradesh

What: records best sex ratio with birth of over 1,000 girls, Manipur ends up at worst

When: published on 19th November 2020

The state of Arunachal Pradesh recorded the best sex ratio in the country this year with the birth of 1,084 females per thousand males. Arunachal Pradesh was followed by Nagaland and Mizoram that recorded over 900 female births.

The data was released in the 2018 report named 'Vital statistics of India based on the Civil Registration System (CRS)'. The report is prepared by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India. The state with the worst sex ratio was Manipur.

According to the report, Nagaland recorded the birth of 965 females while Mizoram recorded 964 female births per thousand males. The report revealed that 963 females were born in Kerala while the lowest SRB was reported by Manipur with the birth of 757 females per thousand males. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: ₹280 crore IGDC Phase II project

What: launched in Tripura

When: published on 13th November 2020

Phase II of Indo-German Development Cooperation (IGDC) project that covers multiple areas of biodiversity and livelihood launched in Tripura on Friday. Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb formally inaugurated the project at Ambassa in Dhalai district in presence of new German Consul General in New Delhi Manfred Auster and Forest Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia.

The ₹280-crore project would be implemented under direct supervision of the State Forest Department. Phase II of the project, which was approved in June this year, has been labelled as 'Climate Resilience of Forest Ecosystems, Biodiversity & Adaptive Capacities of Forest Dependent Communities in Tripura'.



At the inauguration programme, Mr. Deb said the project would benefit rural people and bring development in rural and remote areas of the State. He ushered hope that the scheme would help prevent damage to forest, nature and preserve ecology.

Officials connected with the project said they targeted 1.3 lakh climate-vulnerable people to divert them in diversified livelihood opportunities and augment their household income. Additionally, 4 lakh people would get meandering assistance.

Phase I of the IGDC project in Tripura was introduced in 2009. In Phase II, allocation of ₹280 crore, the KFW, a Germany based national bank, has a stake of ₹200 crore.

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Japan & Australia

What: sign landmark defence deal to counter China's growing influence in South China Sea

When: published on 18th November 2020

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison have signed a landmark defence deal in a bid to counter China's growing influence in the South China Sea and over the Pacific island nations.

Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA) comes weeks after foreign ministers of the Quad alliance, which includes the US and India, met in Tokyo. The pact allows Japanese and Australian troops to visit each other's countries and conduct training and joint operations. Australian Prime Minister said that the treaty will strengthen their security ties and facilitate cooperation between defence forces.

The joint statement said, the two sides also agreed on the need for a framework to allow Japanese military to protect Australian forces if needed. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Two entities

What: start testing products under RBI's regulatory sandbox

When: published on 17th November 2020

Testing of products under the RBI's regulatory sandbox, which was delayed on account of COVID-19 pandemic, has commenced, with two entities starting the 'test phase' with their products.

"Two entities. . . have started testing of their products from November 16, 2020. The remaining four are expected to start the test phase shortly which will be communicated as and when they do so," the Reserve Bank said in a statement on Tuesday.

Live testing of innovative products is done under the regulatory sandbox approach. ([Read more](#))



5. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC Bank, IndusInd Bank

What: are in 'red flag' list on nearing foreign investment cap

When: published on 14th November 2020

Private sector lenders HDFC Bank and IndusInd Bank have been put in the so-called 'red flag' list, a system used for monitoring foreign portfolio investor (FPI) limits. A listed company enters the list when the available legroom for overseas investment is less than 3 per cent of the permissible limit.

FPIs can invest up to 74 per cent in both HDFC Bank and IndusInd Bank. The current FPI shareholding in case of HDFC Bank is 71.3 per cent, while that of IndusInd Bank is 73.1 per cent, data provided by depository firm NSDL shows.

Shares of HDFC Bank are up 15 per cent, while IndusInd Bank has gained 31 per cent on a month-to-date basis. Market players said lot of foreign capital has flown into these two counters in recent weeks. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Karnataka Bank

What: launches CASA campaign

When: published on 17th November 2020

Karnataka Bank launched CASA (current account, savings account) mobilisation campaign on Monday which will run from November 17 to March 4, 2021.

A press release by the bank said that it intends to mobilise over 4.10 lakh current and savings accounts with an accretion of ₹650 crore of business.

Quoting Mahabaleshwara MS, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bank, the release said that the campaign has twin objectives of enabling basic banking services to unbanked sections of society and also popularising digitally-powered CASA products of the bank for the next level of customers based on their requirements. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Yes Bank

What: launches co-branded prepaid card with Neokred for cashless payments

When: published on 17th November 2020



Yes Bank said it has launched a co-branded prepaid card in partnership with Neokred Technologies to facilitate cashless payments.

The card offerings can be personalised to suit the requirements of corporates seeking salary cards or expense cards for their employees.

Yes Bank in partnership with Neokred Technologies has launched 'Yes Bank Neokred Card', a co-branded prepaid card, encouraging cashless payments, the lender said in a release.

The prepaid card will be offered to Neokred's corporate partners across various sectors, including healthcare, financial institutions, NBFCs, oil companies, educational institutions, FMCG and infrastructure. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Railways

What: to deploy RailTel's Hospital Management Information System

When: published on 11th November 2020

Indian Railways has selected RailTel Corporation of India Limited for the deployment of Hospital Management Information System (HMIS), an integrated clinical information system, for improved administration and patient healthcare at its 125 health facilities and 650 polyclinics across India.

The software allows customisation of clinical data as per the departments and laboratories. Its multi-hospital feature offers cross consultation besides seamless interface with medical and other equipment.

Patients are expected to benefit by enabling them to have access to all their medical records on their mobile device.

RailTel and the Indian Ministry of Railways signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on the modalities of executing the work. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: EESL

What: Signs MoU with DNRE Goa to implement the country's first Convergence Project

When: published on 18th November 2020

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of PSUs under the Ministry of Power and Department of New & Renewable Energy (DNRE), Goa, signed a memorandum of understanding today to discuss rolling out of India's first project under the newly formed Convergence Energy Services Limited (Convergence) in the State. The MoU was signed in the august presence of Shri R. K. Singh,



Hon'ble Minister (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Nilesh Cabral, Power Minister, Goa, Shri Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Secretary, Ministry of Power and other senior officers of the Ministry.

Under the MoU, EESL and DNRE will carry-out the feasibility studies and subsequent implementation of decentralized solar energy projects. EESL – through its newly formed 100% owned subsidiary, Convergence Energy Services – will install 100 MW of decentralized ground mounted solar power projects on government lands to be used for agricultural pumping, replace approximately 6,300 BEE star rated agricultural pumps and distribute approximately 16 lakh LED bulbs for rural domestic households. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: MPL Sports, new kit

What: sponsor of Indian cricket team

When: published on 17th November 2020

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced that MPL Sports, the athleisure wear and sports merchandise brand from Mobile Premier League, is the new kit sponsor and official merchandise partner for the Indian cricket team.

MPL Sports has entered into a three-year agreement from November 2020 to December 2023. MPL Sports' association with the BCCI begins with the upcoming India's tour of Australia, 2020-21, which will see Team India sporting the new jerseys.

The senior men and women and the Under-19 teams are also a part of the deal for the new kits.

Apart from Team India jerseys, MPL Sports will also sell licensed Team India merchandise. MPL Sports will offer the jerseys and its wide range of team India merchandise to fans at affordable prices. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Sonu Sood

What: named State Icon Of Punjab by Election Commission

When: published on 17th November 2020

Another feather to Sonu Sood's hat! The Happy New Year actor has been appointed the State Icon of Punjab by the Election Commission Of India (ECI). Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) S Karuna Raju, in a statement on Monday, said that his office had sent a proposal to the ECI regarding Sonu Sood's appointment and they have approved the same.

Sonu Sood's relentless work through the lockdown in helping migrant workers across the country get home safely is not news to the general public anymore. Apart from that, Sonu Sood has also donated



food, shelter and PPE kits to those who need it. That Sonu Sood was named the State Icon, therefore, doesn't come as a surprise. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: PM Modi

What: to address 3rd Annual Bloomberg New Economy Forum today

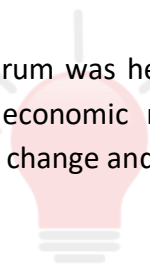
When: published on 17th November 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver an address at the third Annual Bloomberg New Economy Forum on Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Established in 2018 by Michael Bloomberg, the Bloomberg New Economy Forum seeks to build a community of leaders to engage in discussions leading to actionable solutions about the critical challenges facing a world economy.

This year, the forum will witness conversations centered on refueling the economy and charting a course for the future, in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

The inaugural forum was held in Singapore, followed by a second edition in Beijing, covering issues such as global economic management, trade and investment, technology, urbanisation, capital markets, climate change and inclusion. ([Read more](#))



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13. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Kazakhstan

What: hold 7th round of Foreign Office Consultations, review bilateral cooperation

When: published on 17th November 2020

India and Kazakhstan on Tuesday held the seventh round of Foreign Office Consultations (FoC) via digital video-conference and reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation within the framework of their Strategic Partnership, the Ministry of External Affairs Ministry (MEA) said.

The Indian side was led by Vikas Swarup, Secretary (West) and the Kazakh side was led by Shakhmat Nuryshev, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, MEA said in a statement.

"During the consultations, the two sides reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation within the framework of their Strategic Partnership. The consultations covered political, economic and commercial, energy, defence, space, consular and cultural matters. They also shared views and experiences on combating the COVID-19 pandemic," MEA said.



The statement said that the two sides also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest and agreed to enhance cooperation in the multilateral arena, including during the forthcoming stint of India in the UN Security Council for the period 2021-22. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: WEF

What: selects Bengaluru, Hyderabad among 36 to pioneer smart cities roadmap

When: published on 18th November 2020

Four Indian cities — Indore, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Faridabad — feature in a list of 36 cities across 22 countries and six continents selected by the World Economic Forum (WEF) to pioneer a new roadmap for smart cities as part of the G20 Global Smart Cities Alliance.

The list also includes Dubai, Belfast, Barcelona, London, Manila, Moscow, San Jose, Toronto, Melbourne, Lisbon, Istanbul and others.

These 36 “pioneer cities” will adopt policies for privacy protection, better broadband coverage, accountability for cyber security, increased openness of city data, and better accessibility to digital city services for disabled and elderly people, a WEF statement said Tuesday.

The plan will come into motion with the launch of a new global policy roadmap for safe adoption of new technology by the G20 Global Smart Cities Alliance amid the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic hardship it has brought on cities across the world. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: L&T

What: delivers India’s first launch hardware for Gaganyaan Mission to ISRO

When: published on 18th November 2020

Larsen & Toubro, India’s leading engineering, procurement and construction projects, manufacturing, defence and services conglomerate, delivered the first hardware, a booster segment, for Gaganyaan Launch Vehicle to ISRO ahead of schedule in a virtual flag-off ceremony presided over by Dr K Sivan, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

"Notwithstanding the limitations imposed by COVID-19, the middle segment of the world’s third-largest solid propellant rocket booster - ‘S-200,’ has been delivered ahead of schedule with zero-defects," said L&T in a statement.

The segment was produced at L&T’s Powai Aerospace Manufacturing Facility meeting the enhanced quality and timeline requirements for India’s maiden manned mission. ([Read more](#))



16. Hints to Remember

Who: Sports Ministry

What: announces new incentive structure to fund 500 private academies

When: published on 14th November 2020

Ministry of Youth Affairs And Sports has introduced an incentivisation structure to extend monetary support to 500 private academies, through the Khelo India Scheme over the next four years starting FY 2020-21.

In this model, private academies shall be graded into different categories based on quality achievement of players trained by the academy, level of coaches available at the academy, quality of the field of play and allied infrastructure, availability of sports science facilities, and staff.

The 14 priority disciplines identified for excellence in the 2028 Olympics will be eligible for receiving support in the first phase. ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Sudeep Tyagi

What: announces retirement from all forms of cricket

When: published on 18th November 2020

Sudeep Tyagi, who played for the Indian national cricket team in four ODIs and a lone T20I as a fast bowler, announced his retirement from all forms of the game on Tuesday.

The Uttar Pradesh pacer, who was also a part of Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League, thanked his skipper, MS Dhoni.

The 33-year-old also thanked Suresh Raina, RP Singh, and Mohammad Kaif for guiding him. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: The Book "Reporting India: My Seventy Year Journey as a Journalist" authored by Prem Prakash

What: has been Launched

When: published on 19th November 2020

Veteran Journalist Prem Prakash's new book titled "Reporting India: My Seventy Year Journey as a Journalist" has been launched. The book was published by Penguin Random House India. The book accounts the life events of Prem Prakash, a pioneer in the field of Indian journalism.



Prem Prakash is currently serving as the Chairman of ANI (Asian News International), leading news agency of India.

The book provides a detailed account of the personal and professional life of Prem Prakash along with the defining moments of Indian history.

The book features his stories from the 1962 Indo-China war to 1965 and 1971 Pakistan War, from the Emergency period to the assassination of Indira Gandhi, and the Tashkent journey of Lal Bahadur Shastri to the liberation of Bangladesh.

The book also features his stories from the demise of Jawaharlal Nehru to the rule of Narendra Modi. (Read more)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Ex-Indian Navy officer who served during World War II

What: dead at 97

When: published on 16th November 2020

Vice Admiral John Thomas Goslin Pereira (retd), Indian Navy's former Chief of Materials, died here on Monday after a brief illness, family sources said.

The 97-year-old was among the last surviving naval officers who served during the Second World War, Vice Adm I C Rao (retd), who served with him on board warship INS Delhi in 1958, told PTI.

Vice Admiral Pereira, who had settled at the Uran coastal town in adjoining Raigad district after his retirement in 1979, died in the wee hours at naval hospital INSH Asvini in south Mumbai, he said. (Read more)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: First Naturopathy day

What: celebrated by Ayush ministry seeking to promote drug-less system of medicine

When: published on 19th November 2020

The Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (Ayush) ministry celebrated the first Naturopathy Day on Sunday with the aim of promoting the drug-less system of medicine to prevent diseases by altering the diet and lifestyle.

“Till now, we had a day to celebrate all the streams of traditional medicine except Naturopathy. Why not have a day for that too? We have seen an increase in non-communicable diseases, mainly owing to the changes in our lifestyle. In such a scenario, Naturopathy plays an important role; many diseases can be prevented with these practices,” said Ayush ministry additional secretary Pramod Pathak.



The International Day of Yoga has been celebrated annually on June 21 since 2015. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has first proposed the idea in his first UN General Assembly speech in 2014.

Two months later, the government created a separate ministry for the traditional medicine system.
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