



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

#### **November GA Quiz 30**

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

1. Greg Barclay has been elected as new chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC). He is from which of the following countries?

A. Australia B. West Indies C. New Zealand

D. United Kingdom E. None of these

2. Which of the following companies is going to acquire nearly 20 per cent stake in Renaissance Investment Solutions ARC (asset reconstruction company) Private Ltd for Rs 49. 8 lakh?

A. ICICI Ltd B. HDFC Ltd C. Reliance Ltd

D. Bajaj Finserv Ltd E. None of these

3. Which entity has recently launched a completely digitised online Human Resource Management System (HRMS)?

A. Indian Railways B. Reserve Bank of India C. NTPC Limited

D. Reliance Industries E. None of these

4. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and which organizations have announced a collaboration to create a robust education and skilling ecosystem that creates critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and next generation innovators through the Common Services Centre Academy?

A. Amazon India B. TCS C. IBM India

D. Samsung India E. None of these

5. Who among the following has recently addressed a virtual National Conference on 'Empowering through Zero- Shunya Se Sashaktikaran'?

A. Prakash Javadekar B. Ramesh Pokhriyal C. Harsh Vardhan

D. Rajnath Singh E. None of these

6. India and which of the following countries have signed an implementation agreement (IA) on hydrography?

A. Vietnam B. Bangladesh C. Sri Lanka

D. Bhutan E. None of these

7. UNDP Accelerator Lab India has launched the first-of-its-kind "GRID" to foster inclusive development. What does "D" stand for in "GRID"?

A. Development B. Database C. Directory

D. Designing E. None of these



8. State-owned PFC and REG	C have signed an initial pact	with SJVN to provide worth loan
for a thermal power plant in	Buxar, Bihar.	
A. Rs 6,520 crore	B. Rs 5,520 crore	C. Rs 7,520 crore
D. Rs 8,520 crore	E. None of these	
_		t to generate electricity from coal?
A. Qatar	B. Oman	C. UAE
D. Saudi Arabia	E. None of these	
10. Which edition of APEC E	conomic Leaders' summit 202	20 held virtually on 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2020?
A. 26 <sup>th</sup>	B. 27 <sup>th</sup>	C. 28 <sup>th</sup>
D. 29 <sup>th</sup>	E. None of these	
program, an initiative aimed	d at enhancing investor educa	
A. PNB Housing Ltd	B. State Bank of India	C. Reserve Bank of India
D. Securities and Exchange B	oard of India	
E. None of these		
12. Receivables Exchange of	f India Ltd. (RXIL) has recentl	y initiated a Trade Credit Insurance (TCI) backed
transaction with	as the insurer.	
A. HDFC ERGO	B. Tata AIG	C. Bajaj Allianz Ltd.
D. IFFCO Tokio Ltd.	E. None of these	rtkeeda
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13 has wo	n the Organisation for Eco	nomic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Mutual Agreement Procedu	ure 2019 Award for highest	agreement ratio for a pair of jurisdictions for
transfer pricing cases.		
A. Indo-China cooperation	B. Indo-Japan cooperation	C. Indo-Sri Lanka cooperation
D. Indo-UAE cooperation	E. None of these	
14. Who among the following	ng has recently launched the	ndia Climate Change Knowledge Portal?
A. Prakash Javadeker	B. Ramesh Pokhriyal	C. Ravi Shankar Prasad
D. Nitin Gadkari	E. None of these	
	s inducted two MQ-9B Sea om the United States (U. S. )	Guardian unarmed drones (Unmanned Aerial on lease?
A. Indian Army	B. Indian Air Force	C. Indian Navy
D. Indian Coast Guard	E. None of these	
16. Which of the following	countries is going to host T	emporary Ground Station Tracking facilities for
ISRO's Gaganyaan Mission?		
A. UAE	B. USA	C. Australia
D. Canada	E. None of these	



#### 17. Name the person who served as the president of the World Bank, passed away recently.

A. Samuel Bodman

B. Jim Yong Kim

C. Joaquim Levy

D. James Wolfensohn

E. None of these

### 18. Sadiq al-Mahdi passed away recently. He was last democratically elected prime minister of which country?

A. Syria

B. Mali

C. Cuba

D. Sudan

E. None of these

#### 19. 11th Indian Organ Donation Day was observed on which of the following dates?

A. November 27

B. November 26

C. November 28

D. November 29

E. None of these

### 20. Small Industries Development Bank of India has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with which state government to develop micro, small and medium enterprises eco system in the state?

A. Maharashtra

B. Kerala

C. Karnataka

D. Tamil Nadu

E. None of these





#### **Correct answer:**

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#### **Explanation:**

#### 1. Hints to Remember

Who: New Zealand's Greg Barclay

What: elected as new chairman of International Cricket Council

When: published on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

New Zealand's Greg Barclay has been elected as the new independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). The head of the New Zealand Cricket team, NZC, Barclay beat Imran Khwaja in the second round of voting. Imran was interim chairman after Shashank Manohar stepped down from the post in July this year.

In the first round of voting last week, Barclay had 10 votes to Khwaja's six, and needed 11 votes for a two-thirds majority of the 16-person ICC Board. That vote arrived from Cricket South Africa in a second round of voting. Barclay is the second independent chairman of the world body, after Shashank Manohar of India. (Read more)

#### 2. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC Ltd

What: to acquire 19. 9 pc stake in Renaissance Investment Solutions ARC

When: published on 25th November 2020

Mortgage lender HDFC Ltd on Wednesday said it will acquire nearly 20 per cent stake in Renaissance Investment Solutions ARC (asset reconstruction company) Private Ltd for Rs 49. 8 lakh.

HDFC Ltd on Wednesday entered into agreements for investment in Renaissance Investment Solutions ARC Private Limited, the company said in a regulatory filing.

The investment would result in holding of 4,98,750 equity shares of Rs 10 each representing 19. 95 per cent of Renaissance Investment Solutions ARC's share capital for a total consideration of Rs 49,87,500, the filing said.

Renaissance Investment will undertake the business of asset reconstruction subject to receipt of approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), it said. (Read more)



#### 3. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Railway

What: launches digitised online HR Management System

When: published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Indian Railway has launched a completely digitised online Human Resource Management System (HRMS). Railway Board Chairman and CEO Vinod Kumar Yadav launched the system for railway employees and pensioners through video conferencing on November 26, 2020:

The HRMS system is a high thrust project for the Indian Railways to leverage improved productivity and employee satisfaction.

The move is aimed at improving the efficiency and productivity of the Indian Railway system and a step towards realizing PM Narendra Modi's vision of transforming India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. (Read more)

#### 4. Hints to Remember

Who: MeitY and IBM India

What: Partner to Offer Reskilling Programs in Artificial Intelligence and Cloud to Learners

**When:** published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) and IBM India announced a collaboration to create a robust education and skilling ecosystem that creates critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and next generation innovators through the Common Services Centre Academy. CSC Academy – part of Common Services Centre (CSC) scheme of MeitY, Government of India's flagship Digital India program and IBM, along with their implementation partners CSR Box, Uva Jagriti Sansthan and Jeevitam will foster the capability and development of learners with diverse backgrounds and educational needs.

Dr Dinesh Tyagi, Managing Director, CSC e-Governance Services India Limited said: "The National Education Policy's focus on experiential learning and skills like critical thinking, problem solving etc are aimed at bridging the skills gap of India's workforce. This will in turn play a pivotal role in building a skilled workforce for local industries thereby powering the success of Gol's flagship programs like Make in India, Skill India, Digital India, Startup India etc. This collaboration with IBM aligns with the National Education Policy's emphasis on learning 21st century skills to ensure the future-readiness of India's youth and realizing the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. "(Read more)

#### 5. Hints to Remember

Who: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'



What: addresses a virtual National Conference on 'Empowering through Zero- Shunya Se

Sashaktikaran'

When: published on 25th November 2020

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' addressed a virtual National Conference on 'Empowering through Zero- Shunya Se Sashaktikaran' organised by Sri Aurobindo Society on 24th November, 2020. In the presence of education officers and teachers connected through digital platforms across the country, Shri Pokhriyal honoured more than 40 education officers for their leadership role and 26 teachers for their innovative practices during Covid-19 pandemic. The Minister also launched 'Innovation and Leadership Casebook - Covid Edition', the e-books comprise of the innovative efforts and work of the education officers and teachers. Recalling Shri Aurobindo Ghosh, Shri Pokhriyal, reiterated the glorious past of India's educational heritage, where world famous universities such as Nalanda and Takshashila thrived and invited students from all over the world with the slogan, 'Vasudev Kutumbakam'. Union Minister said that NEP 2020 is most comprehensive and futuristic policy document in educational history of this country. NEP lays the foundation of the New India as it focuses on development of competencies, skills and critical thinking of children, he added. He also urged people to work together with determination to implement the National Education Policy. Shri Pokhriyal congratulated the organisers for launching these initiatives which will complement the vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Ek Bharat, Shresth Bharat'. " (Read more)

#### 6. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Vietnam

What: sign implementation agreement on hydrography

When: published on 27th November 2020

India and Vietnam on Friday signed an implementation agreement (IA) on hydrography. The agreement was signed during a virtual bilateral meeting between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Vietnamese counterpart General Ngo Xuan Lich.

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"An Implementation Agreement (IA) on Hydrography was signed between India and Vietnam in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri @rajnathsingh and his counterpart General Ngo Xuan Lich during a virtual bilateral meeting today," tweeted Defence Minister's Office.

During the noted that the defence cooperation between the two countries has expanded considerably. "Had a fruitful interaction with my Vietnamese counterpart General Ngo Xuan Lich during a virtual bilateral meeting," Singh tweeted. (Read more)

#### 7. Hints to Remember

Who: UNDP Accelerator Lab India



What: launches GrassRoot Innovation Database (GRID) to foster inclusive development at community level

When: published on 28th November 2020

UNDP Accelerator Lab India on Friday launched the first-of-its-kind Grassroot Innovation Database (GRID) to foster inclusive development.

It contains 1,500 solutions, ranging from simple to complex in design, which can be implemented at the community level. These innovative solutions have been developed by grass root communities, individuals, start-ups, students and other innovators from various states across India.

The unique database caters to various sectors which include livelihood, natural resource management, agriculture, agro-biodiversity, pest management, water management, farm machinery, biodiversity conservation, augmentation, inclusive growth, waste management, circular economy amongst others. GRID has been co-created for public use by GIAN, Honey Bee Network Institution and UNDP-Accelerator Lab-India. It can be accessed at grid. undp. org. in. (Read more)

#### 8. Hints to Remember

Who: PFC, REC

What: to provide Rs 8,520 cr loan to SJVN's power project in Bihar

When: published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

State-owned PFC and REC have signed an initial pact with SJVN to provide Rs 8,520 crore worth loan for a thermal power plant in Buxar, Bihar.

"PFC along with REC Ltd executed a Memorandum of Understanding with SJVN Thermal (P) Ltd (STPL) for extending term loan of Rs 8,520. 46 crore for 2x660 MW Buxar Thermal Power Project on 26th November 2020," a PFC statement said.

STPL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SJVN and executing the project. The Buxar thermal power project is expected to be commissioned in 2023-24 and generate approximately 9,828 Million Units of energy to meet the future power requirement of Bihar and other states.

PFC has a long standing relationship with SJVN and funding of this upcoming thermal project will further strengthen the relationship between these two entities, it added. (Read more)

#### 9. Hints to Remember

Who: UAE

What: is First Arab Country to generate electricity from coal

When: published on 27th November 2020



The United Arab Emirates is set to become the first Arab Gulf country to generate electricity from coal. As governments increasingly turn to cleaner fuels and the price of renewable energy falls, it may also be the last.

Dubai is starting up the \$3. 4 billion Hassyan coal plant, with capacity being increased from an initial 600 mega watts to 2,400 by 2023. Japan's Jera Co. will supply coal under a long-term agreement with Acwa Power of Saudi Arabia, which is developing the plant.

Coal is typically the dirtiest fuel for power generation. Yet Hassyan's standards for pollution will be based on guidelines for natural-gas plants, according to Acwa. If met, that would mean Hassyan emits less carbon than the European Union and the World Bank's International Finance Corp. typically advise for coal plants. (Read more)

#### 10. Hints to Remember

Who: 27th APEC Economic Leaders' summit 2020

What: held virtually

When: published on 28th November 2020

The 27th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' summit 2020 was virtually hosted by Malaysia from Kuala Lumpur on Nov. 20, 2020. It was chaired by Malaysia's Prime Minister Muhyiddin bin Haji Muhammad Yassin under the 2020 APEC Malaysia theme of "Optimising Human Potential towards a Resilient Future of Shared Prosperity. Pivot. Prioritise. Progress". It was the first virtual APEC meeting amid COVID-19.

The summit saw the release of Asia Pacific leaders' first joint communique in three years, calling for free and predictable trade to help a slowed global economy due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The joint statement comes at a time when there is ongoing trade tension between the world's two largest economies viz. United States (US) and China.

It should be noted that APEC efforts are aligned towards Improving the Narrative of Trade and Investment; Inclusive Economic Participation through Digital Economy and Technology; and Driving Innovative Sustainability.

#### 11. Hints to Remember

Who: Sebi

What: launches SMARTs program to strengthen investor education framework

When: published on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Markets regulator Sebi on Wednesday launched the Securities Market Trainers (SMARTs) program, an initiative aimed at enhancing investor education and awareness.



"In the present scenario of uncertainty in economic growth and extra ordinarily buoyant market, there is a dire need to further ramp up the investor education and awareness efforts," Sebi Chairman Ajay Tyagi said.

"In that sense there couldn't have been any better time to launch SMARTs an initiative of Sebi to strengthen the existing investor education framework," he said in a statement.

He also exhorted SMARTs to keep abreast of developments in the securities market and expressed confidence that they would take investor education to all parts of the country. (Read More)

#### 12. Hints to Remember

Who: RXIL

What: initiates first Trade Credit Insurance transaction with Tata AIG General Insurance

When: published on 24th November 2020

Receivables Exchange of India Ltd. (RXIL) recently initiated a Trade Credit Insurance (TCI) backed transaction with Tata AIG as the insurer and ICICI Bank, YES Bank as the financiers in Sandbox environment. This is the first time a TReDS platform has tested the efficacy of TCI backed transaction improving the ability of financiers in assigning credit limits to corporates. TCI, once implemented post regulatory approvals, will enable financiers to discount the invoices drawn on lower rated corporate buyers, by their MSME sellers and will improve the liquidity from lenders.

The adoption of Trade Credit Insurance on TReDS will pave the way for a completely digital bite-sized credit insurance model. Buying credit insurance on TReDS will be as simple as buying travel insurance while buying an air ticket on a travel portal, devoid of the lengthy paperwork generally associated with trade insurance.

Ketan Gaikwad, MD & CEO of Receivables Exchange of India Pvt. Ltd commented, "There has been a need for Trade Credit Insurance (TCI) on TReDS, we are glad that the regulators provided us with a roadmap in a time-bound manner. TCI will help financiers in mitigating the risk of non-payment and insolvency/defaults of the buyers. We collaborated with TATA AIG as the insurer, ICICI and YES Bank as financiers to execute the transaction. This is expected to increase the current throughput of the platform and put our country ahead in league with other developed markets the way this product has been designed" (Read more)

#### 13. Hints to Remember

Who: Indo-Japan cooperation

What: wins OECD MAP 2019 award for highest agreement ratio in transfer pricing cases

When: published on 20th November 2020

India-Japan cooperation has won the OECD Mutual Agreement Procedure 2019 Award.



This was announced on Wednesday, November 18, on the occasion of Second Tax Certainty day by OECD, said Finance Ministry sources.

Finance Ministry sources said that India with Japan has won the 2019 Award on Co-operation for highest agreement ratio for a pair of jurisdictions for transfer pricing cases. The Award to India-Japan Mutual Agreement Procedure (MAP) Cooperation demonstrates India's commitment to provide tax certainty and efficacious dispute resolution mechanism for the Japanese companies doing business in India. There is large number of Japanese companies doing business in India in manufacturing as well as trading sectors. (Read more)

#### 14. Hints to Remember

Who: Prakash Javadeker

What: launches India Climate Change Knowledge Portal

When: published on 28th November 2020

Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar today launched the India Climate Change Knowledge Portal. The portal will have all the major steps the Government is taking at both national and international levels to address the climate change issues.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Javadekar said, it will be a single-point information resource that provides information on the different climate initiatives taken by various Line Ministries enabling users to access d status on these initiatives. (Read more)

#### 15. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Navy

What: inducts two 'MQ-9B Sea Guardian' American Predator drones on lease;1st Defence hardware procured on lease under the DAP 2020

When: published on 25th November 2020

In a first, India has inducted two American drones — Sea Guardian, unarmed version of the deadly Predator series — into the Navy on lease under the emergency procurement in the backdrop of the tensions with China in Ladakh, ThePrint has learnt.

Even though the drones, MQ-9 Guardian/Predator-B, have been leased from an American firm, General Atomics, for a year for surveillance in the Indian Ocean Region, it could also be used in Ladakh, top defence sources said.

Sources told ThePrint the two drones, flying with Indian Navy logo, are under the full operational control of the force and it will have exclusive access to all the information that the drone will capture.



They added the only role of the American firm is to ensure availability of the two drones based on the contract signed. (Read more)

#### 16. Hints to Remember

Who: Australia

What: to host Temporary Ground Station Tracking facilities for ISRO's Gaganyaan Mission

When: published on 20th November 2020

As part of steps to deepen cooperation in civil space activities, the space agencies of India and Australia were working together to position temporarily Indian tracking facilities in Australia, said Australian Minister for Industry, Science and Technology Karen Andrews on Friday. This would support India's planned human space flight programme.

"These include earth observation and data analytics, robotics, and space life sciences. This mission will see India become just the fourth nation to send a crew into space," Ms. Andrews said virtually speaking at the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2020.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has embarked on an ambitious plan to put an Indian in space by 2022 under Gaganyaan mission. (Read more)

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#### 17. Hints to Remember

Who: Former World Bank president James Wolfensohn

What: dies at 86

When: published on 27th November 2020

James Wolfensohn, who served as the president of the World Bank for 10 years and was a guiding force for a couple of the most well-known cultural institutions in the U. S., has died. He was 86.

Wolfensohn died Wednesday at his home in Manhattan according to the Institute for Advanced Study, where he had been a past chair of the board. His son and one of his two daughters also confirmed his death in media reports.

Wolfensohn, born in Australia, worked on Wall Street for many years before taking over as the head of the World Bank, a loan-offering global development organization, in 1995. He was nominated by then-President Bill Clinton. (Read more)

#### 18. Hints to Remember

Who: Sudan's last democratically



What: elected prime minister dies of Covid-19

When: published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Sadiq al-Mahdi, Sudan's last democratically elected prime minister, who was toppled in 1989 by former dictator Omar al-Bashir, died Thursday from coronavirus.

Al-Mahdi, who was 84, died in the United Arab Emirates, where he had traveled for treatment after contracting the virus, his family said in a statement.

He led Sudan as prime minister twice, first in the 1960s and again from 1986 until the 1989 coup.

As the head of the opposition National Umma Party, Al-Mahdi became one of Bashir's fiercest critics and lived long enough to witness Bashir's overthrow by the army last year amid mass protests.

Descended from the 19th century religious leader "The Mahdi of Khartoum" who fought British and Ottoman rule, Al-Mahdi also led the Ansar Sufi order, one of the largest religious groupings in Sudan. (Read more)

#### 19. Hints to Remember

Who: 11th Indian Organ Donation Day

What: was observed on 27th November 2020

Indian organ donation day is being observed on the 27th of November 2020 by National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), Government of India. This is the 11th event following the commiseration of it in the calendar of events by NOTTO. KMCH, a major center for organ donation is well reflected with TRANSTAN awarding us year after year, the year 2020 awards for best performing hospital for organ donation along with awards for best renal transplant unit and best transplant coordinators. KMCH observed the Indian organ donation day in the week of 26th November 2020 along with Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (TRANSTAN). In keeping with COVID guidelines, the hospital launched a stall reminiscing the sacrifices made by our donors in the last year. There was also a signature campaign along with pledge for organ donation with spot registrations on TRANSTAN online platform. (Read more)

#### 20. Hints to Remember

Who: SIDBI

What: inks MoU with Tamil Nadu govt to develop MSMEs

When: published on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Small Industries Development Bank of India on Wednesday said it has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu government to develop micro, small and medium enterprises eco system in the state.



As per the MoU, SIDBI would deploy a project management unit(PMU) for training and capacity-building programmes in areas like technology transfer, intellectual property rights and research and development, among others.

The setting up of the PMU aims at bringing focused engagement in various forms leading to a stronger 'Atma Nirbhar' state and country, SIDBI deputy managing director V Satya Venkata Rao said. (Read more)







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