



Current Affairs Questions for CGL Tier 1, IBPS PO Pre, IBPS Clerk, IBPS PO, LIC AAO, RBI Assistant, SBI PO Pre and SBI Clerk Exams

October GA Quiz 17

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

1. Which company has joined hands with the Citibank India and Mastercard to launch 'Family Credit Card by Citi' seeking to make acquisition of home furnishings more affordable for its diverse customers?

A. IKEA B. Jysk C. Leroy Merlin

D. Conforama E. None of these

2. Which payment application had launched car and bike insurance products on its platform in association with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance?

A. Paytm B. PhonePe C. BharatPe

D. Google Pay E. None of these

3. Which agency is going to launch a standard term insurance policy 'Saral Jeevan Bima' by Jan. 1, 2021 to help customers take informed decisions?

A. PFRDA B. SEBI C. SIDBI

D. TRAI E. None of these

4. As per the WHO report, which country is among high-burden TB nations to register 25-30 pc drop in case notifications?

A. Pakistan B. Afghanistan C. India

D. Bangladesh E. None of these

5. Who among the following has participated in the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting under the Saudi Arabian Presidency through video conferencing?

A. Parakala Prabhakar B. Ramesh Pokhriyal C. Nirmala Sitharaman

D. Shaktikanta Das E. None of these

6. Central Government has notified the Directorate General of Shipping as National Authority for Recycling of Ships under which section of the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019?

A. Section 1 B. Section 2 C. Section 3

D. Section 4 E. None of these

7. Which University bagged first rank in India as stand-alone institution for filling highest number of patents in a year according to Government of India patent rankings?

A. Delhi University B. Mumbai University C. Chandigarh University

D. Kolkata University E. None of these



East (UNRWA) for Palestine	refugees?	
A. China	B. Japan	C. India
D. USA	E. None of these	
9. Who among the following	g has launched the second p	phase of "Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna" for the
underprivileged Thalassemic	patients, virtually from Nirm	nan Bhawan?
A. Ramesh Pokhriyal	B. Prakash Javadekar	C. Piyush Goyal
D. Harsh Vardhan	E. None of these	
10. Dhruv Bahl has been app	pointed as the Chief Operating	g Officer (COO) of which of the following?
A. BharatPe	B. Paytm	C. Freecharge
D. PhonePe	E. None of these	
11. Which of the following	states has recently launched	a campaign named 'AAWAJ' — Action Against
Women-related crime and A	Awareness for Justice to spro	ead awareness among woman about the crime
against them and to educate	e them of their rights?	
A. Kerala	B. Rajasthan	C. Himachal Pradesh
D. Madhya Pradesh	E. None of these	
12. Who among the following	ng has been appointed as the	Brand Ambassador of Vega?
A. Rohit Sharma	B. Virat Kohli	C. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
D. K. L. Rahul	E. None of these	rtkeeda
13. "My Town My Pride" pro	ogramme was launched on w	hich of the following states/UTs?
A. Delhi	B. Manipur	C. Bihar
D. Jammu and Kashmir	E. None of these	
14. The 2020 Rashtriya Mahi	ila Kisan Diwas was observed	on which of the following dates?
A. October 11	B. October 12	C. October 13
D. October 14	E. None of these	
15. World Food Day 2020 wa	as observed on which of the f	ollowing dates?
A. October 14	B. October 13	C. October 15
D. October 16	E. None of these	
16. Who among the followin	ng has authored New Book Tit	tled "The Battle of Belonging"?
A. Shashi Tharoor	B. Subramanian Swamy	C. Kapil Sibal
D. Abhishek Singhvi	E. None of these	
17. Name the woman who w	vas India's first Oscar winner,	passed away.
A. Neeta Lulla	B. Leena Daru	C. Bhanu Athaiya
D. Mani J Rabadi	E. None of these	

8. Which country has contributed USD 1 Million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in Near



18. Japan Coast Guard began test flights of an unmanned aerial vehicle named as ______ to learn whether it can be utilised to carry out the coast guard's key duties, including search and rescue and maritime surveillance.

A. SeaGuardian B. SeaWarior C. SeaSheild

D. SeaSevior E. None of these

19. Who among the following has been appointed as International Weightlifting Federation interim President?

A. Michal Irani B. Yonina Eldar C. Shimon Ullman

D. Adi Shamir E. None of these

20. Who among the following has been appointed as the next permanent representative of India to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?

A. Sudhanshu Dube B. Aman Siddiqui C. Vishal V Sharma

D. Jackky Bhagnani 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
Α	В	Ε	С	С	С	С	С	D	Α	В	Α	D	Ε	D	Α	С	Α	Α	С

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: IKEA

What: partners Mastercard, Citi to launch Family Credit Card

When: published on 15th October 2020

IKEA, the Swedish home furnishings major, has joined hands with the Citibank India and Mastercard to launch 'IKEA Family Credit Card by Citi' seeking to make acquisition of home furnishings more affordable for its diverse customers.

This card provides instant in-store card bookings, direct payments via Bharat QR, accelerated reward points and attractive EMIs. Furthermore, the card will also offer reward points on all purchases with instant reward redemption at IKEA.

The IKEA Family Credit Card by Citi will be available to IKEA Family members at 'zero joining fee and zero annual fee' and can be used for purchases made on IKEA's online and offline stores, or anywhere in the world that accepts credit cards.(Read more)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: PhonePe

What: launches car, bike insurance

When: published on 14th October 2020

Flipkart-owned PhonePe on Wednesday launched car and bike insurance products on its platform in association with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.

With this launch, over 230 million registered PhonePe users can now insure their vehicles seamlessly in under 2 minutes, without the need for any documents to be uploaded before the purchase and also view their policy documents instantly on the app, a statement said.

PhonePe users can also customise their car insurance plan based on their needs with a range of value-added offerings such as zero depreciation, 24X7 roadside assistance and engine protection among others, it added.(Read more)



Who: IRDAI

What: Asks Life Insurers To Launch 'Saral Jeevan Bima' Scheme By Jan. 1

When: published on 15th October 2020

Insurance regulator IRDAI on Thursday asked life insurance companies to launch a standard term insurance policy 'Saral Jeevan Bima' by Jan. 1, 2021 to help customers take informed decisions.

The Saral Jeevan Bima will be a pure term life insurance product that can be purchased by people in the age group of 18 to 65 years and will have a policy term of 4 to 40 years, guidelines issued by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India said.

The sum assured for the term life insurance policy will range from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 25 lakh (in multiples of Rs 50,000), the policy guidelines said.(Read more)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: among high-burden TB nations to register 25-30 pc drop in case notifications

When: published on 15th October 2020

Disruptions in services caused by the Covid-19 pandemic have led to further setbacks and according to a new report, there has been a 25 to 30 per cent drop in tuberculosis (TB) case notifications across three high-burden countries – India, Indonesia and the Philippines – between January and June 2020 compared to the same period a year before.

The Global TB report, released on Wednesday by the World Health Organisation, has collated data from over 200 countries that has shown significant reductions in TB case notifications. These reductions in case notifications could lead to a dramatic increase in additional TB deaths, according to WHO modelling. Their analysis of the pandemic's impact on TB mortality indicates that a 50 per cent drop in the detection of TB cases over three months will lead to almost 4,00,000 more people dying from TB.(Read more)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman

What: attends the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting through video

conferencing

When: published on 14th October 2020



Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting under the Saudi Arabian Presidency here today through video conferencing. Ministers and Governors of G20 countries had gathered to discuss the current global economic outlook and G20's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, along with other G20 Finance Track priorities for the year 2020.

In the first session, the Finance Minister spoke on updates to the G20 Action Plan in response to COVID-19 which was endorsed by the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors on April 15th 2020. Smt. Sitharaman emphasised that the updated commitments in the G20 Action Plan have to be kept relevant in the current policy context for the action points to remain effective as a policy response to COVID-19.(Read more)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Gol

What: notifies Directorate General of Shipping as National Authority for Recycling of Ships

When: published on 15th October 2020

Central Government has notified the Directorate General of Shipping as National Authority for Recycling of Ships under the section 3 of the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019.

As an apex body, DG Shipping is authorized to administer, supervise and monitor all activities relating to Ship Recycling. DG Shipping will look after the sustainable development of the Ship Recycling industry, monitoring the compliance to environment-friendly norms and safety and health measures for the stakeholders working in the ship recycling industry. DG Shipping will be the final authority for the various approvals required by the Ship-Recycling yard owners and State Governments.

Under Ship Recycling Act, 2019, India has acceded to Hong Kong Convention for Ship Recycling under International Maritime Organization (IMO). DG Shipping is a representative of India in IMO and all the conventions of IMO are being enforced by DG Shipping.(Read more)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Chandigarh University

What: bags first rank in India as stand-alone institution for filling highest number of patents in a year according to Government of India patent rankings

When: published on 14th October 2020

Chandigarh University Gharuan has emerged as Top Stand-Alone University in India for filling highest number of patents in a year, i.e. 336.



The annual rankings for the year 2018-19 was recently released by Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks, Government of India which comprises of Academic Institutions and

Multinational Companies.

As per the Intellectual Property India annual report released by Government of India, in the overall patents filing category, 27 Indian Institute of Technology (IIT's) have collectively filed 557 patents and are leading the table but with 336 patents filed in a year, Chandigarh University Gharuan has emerged as the leading stand-alone institution to file highest number of patents which is followed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) with 239 patent applications, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) with 202 applications and Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) with 173 applications.

8. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: provides USD 1 million for palestinian refugees

When: published on 14th October 2020

India contributed USD one million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to support Palestinian refugees who have been facing extreme challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a move hailed by the UN body as "timely help".

The Government of India handed over the contribution cheque to the UN agency through its representative in Palestine, Sunil Kumar.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has thanked India for its "timely help".(Read more)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Dr Harsh Vardhan

What: Launches Second Phase Of Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna

When: published on 16th October 2020

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched the second phase of "Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna" for the underprivileged Thalassemic patients, virtually from Nirman Bhawan today.

Launched in 2017, this scheme is a Coal India CSR funded Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) program that aims to provide a one-time cure opportunity for Haemoglobinopathies like Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell Disease for patients who have a matched family donor. The CSR initiative was targeted to provide financial assistance to a total of 200 patients by providing a package cost not exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs per HSCT.(Read more)



Who: BharatPe

What: Onboards Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl as Chief Operating Officer

When: published on 14th October 2020

BharatPe, India's largest merchant payment network, today announced that it has elevated Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl as its Chief Operating Officer (COO) with immediate effect. In his new role, Dhruv will be leading Operations across Customer Support, Deployments - QR, Swipe & Cards, KYC, Loan Disbursals and Lead Generation. Dhruv will incrementally be responsible for building the Distributor-to-Retailer lending product for BharatPe.

An INSEAD alumni with extensive experience across industries and domains, Dhruv has worked with renowned brands in consulting, financial services and healthcare during his career. Prior to joining BharatPe in January 2020, Dhruv was the Chief Business Officer at Roadzen where he led the organization across geographies. He has worked at Airtel Payments Bank as Head - B2B (Institutional & Corporate Sales)/ Value Chain Alliances and at Paytm as AVP-Business. He was also associated with Fortis Healthcare for 5+ years, where he held multiple roles. Dhruv has a consulting background and has also worked with Bain & Company.(Read more)

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11. Hints to Remember

Who: Rajasthan police

What: launches drive for women's safety and security

When: published on 13th October 2020

The Rajasthan police on Tuesday launched a campaign to spread awareness among woman about the crime against them and to educate them of their rights and ways to secure justice if they end up becoming its victims. Named "AAWAJ" -- Action Against Women-related crime and Awareness for Justice – the campaign was launched by Civil Rights and Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of the police and will run across the state to generate gender equality and curb crimes against women. In the first month of the campaign from October 13 to November 12, special efforts will be made to curb rape incidents, besides spreading awareness about the laws related to women safety, said Additional Director General of Police (Civil Rights and AHT) Ravi Prakash Meharda. In a letter to all district superintendents of police and Jodhpur and Jaipur police commissioners, he said in the first month, the campaign would also strive to make youths understand about the importance of respecting women. In letters issued on Monday, he said departments like police, women and child affairs, education, rural development and panchayati raj, health and social justice will jointly make efforts to create awareness about women safety and rights. The superintendents of police will coordinate with the respective district collectors and organise "Apni Baat" to hold talks to spread awareness over laws related to crime against women and their legal remedies. The additional and deputy SP rank officials will participate at least four times in a month in the Apni Baat program at panchayat level and will make people aware of the various legal provisions. The SPs through self-help groups, skill development



programs, Nehru Yuva Kendras, Scout Guides and NGOs will ensure effective publicity of the laws related to women safety, the letter said. During the AAWAJ campaign, street plays and puppet shows for spreading awareness about laws for women safety and security will also be held, the letter said.(Read more)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Vega

What: ropes in Rohit Sharma as brand ambassador

When: published on 16th October 2020

Beauty accessories brand, Vega has announced the signing of Rohit Sharma as its brand ambassador. Sharma will be endorsing the brand's men's personal grooming electronics range under the 'Vega Men' brand, and will feature in the upcoming digital campaign that will go live this month.

Sandeep Jain, director, Vega Industries, said, "I firmly believe that what beauty, fashion, and style are to women, sports, and fitness is to men and hence we wanted to partner with a sports sensation who will connect with the millennials of today. Rohit is an icon, and would be the perfect face for our 'Vega Men' brand Vega Men encourages you to 'Be Yourself' in every situation and our brand face symbolises the same."(Read more)

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13. Hints to Remember

Who: J&K LG Manoj Sinha

What: Announced "My Town My Pride" Programme to Deliver Service in Urban Area

When: published on 17th October 2020

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday announced that the government was coming up with a movement called 'My Town My Pride' from October 19 to provide governance at the doorstep in urban areas on the pattern of the 'Back2Village (B2V)' programme.

"We have three main objectives — public outreach in towns, strengthening grassroots democracy and service delivery at doorsteps. I have been pushing for on-the-spot grievance redress, instant delivery of services to the masses, and on-the-ground speedy execution of people-centric projects," Sinha told reporters.

On languishing projects, the Lt Governor announced that 44 projects that had been languishing for long periods were completed in September alone, while another 1,798 projects were being expedited for completion.(Read more)



Who: 2020 Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas

What: was observed on 15th October

Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas was observed throughout the country on October 15, 2020. It is celebrated to recognise the contribution of women farmers in various aspects of agriculture.

It was decided in 2016 that every year 15th October will be celebrated as "Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas" by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

15. Hints to Remember

Who: World Food Day 2020

What: was observed on October 16

Food is one of the most essential requirements for the sustenance of human life. If a human being does not have shelter over their head or clothes over their body, they would still survive but, if they don't get wholesome nutrition then their survival is at risk.

Throughout history, food has acted as a catalyst for societal transformation, development, and expansion. But now, food safety is becoming an important issue. Thus to raise awareness about the importance of good food and nutrition World Food Day is celebrated across the globe in different ways.

World Food Day 2020 is observed on October 16 every year to tackle global hunger and strive to eradicate hunger across the world. There are people all over the world who are suffering from hunger. Starvation is a massive problem in several countries, and we need to do more to raise awareness and combat this problem. However, in 2020, World Food Day will be observed on Friday.(Read more)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Shashi Tharoor

What: authored New Book Titled "The Battle of Belonging"

When: published on 16th October 2020

The author, who just released the book 'Tharoorosaurus' announced that his next book will be out in November.

Member of Parliament and author Shashi Tharoor has just announced on social media that his next book is releasing next month.

Titled 'The Battle Of Belonging: On Nationalism, Patriotism, And What It Means To Be Indian', the book is about nationalism, patriotism, citizenship, belonging and what they really mean. It looks into the historical meanings of those words, along with definitions on liberalism, democracy, and humanism and explores how the understanding of these words has changed over time. Tharoor uses examples



from India's own liberal constitutionalism, exploring the values of our founding fathers like Gandhi, Nehru, Tagore, Ambedkar, Patel, Azad, and contrasts them to what we belive today.(Read more)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Oscar-winning costume designer Bhanu Athaiya

What: dies at 91

When: published on 16th October 2020

Costume designer Bhanu Athaiya, India's first Oscar winner, passed away in Mumbai on Thursday. She was 91.

Athaiya's daughter Radhika Gupta told PTI, "She passed away early this morning. Eight years ago, she was diagnosed with a tumour in her brain. For the last three years, she was bedridden because one side (of her body) was paralysed." The last rites took place at the Chandanwadi crematorium in South Mumbai.

Bhanu Athaiya won the Best Costume Design Oscar for her work in the 1982 film Gandhi. She managed to give the characters in the Richard Attenborough directorial an authentic look. In her memoir The Art Of Costume Design, Athaiya mentioned how she was the only Indian among the heads of department on the film.(Read more)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Japan Coast Guard

What: testing unmanned aircraft to contain Chinese aggression

When: published on 15th October 2020

Days after two Chinese patrol ships illegally entered into Japan's territorial waters off Senkaku islands in the East China Sea, Japan Coast Guard began test flights of an unmanned aerial vehicle SeaGuardian to learn whether it can be utilised to carry out the coast guard's key duties, including search and rescue and maritime surveillance.

The flights, starting on Thursday, will be conducted off the coast of Sanriku in northeastern Japan, as well as along the coasts of the Sea of Japan. The tests will involve the use of the 12-meter-long, 24-meter-wide UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) developed by US defence firm General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, reported NHK World.

The aircraft will be based at the Maritime Self-Defense Force's Hachinohe base in Aomori Prefecture in northern Japan and will either engage in pre-programmed flights or be remotely piloted from a ground control station. (Read more)



Who: Michael Irani

What: Appointed As International Weightlifting Federation Interim President

When: published on 16th October 2020

In accordance with the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) Constitution and By-laws, the IWF Executive Board at its meeting held on Friday appointed Dr Michael Irani as IWF Interim President.

Irani is Chairman of the IWF Medical Committee and a former Chairman of the IWF Anti-Doping Commission. Irani has extensive experience in the fight against doping and in safeguarding athlete welfare.

Accepting the position, Irani said in a statement: "I am grateful to the IWF Executive Board for entrusting me with the Presidency on an interim basis. I do not intend to stand as a candidate for the IWF President position in the future, so I will be able to focus fully on the reforms leading up to a clear and transparent IWF Congress." (Read more)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Vishal V Sharma

What: Appointed India's Next Permanent Representative To UNESCO

When: published on 15th October 2020

Vishal V Sharma has been appointed as the next permanent representative of India to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Sharma has succeeded Jawed Ashraf.

"Vishal V Sharma appointed as the next permanent representative of India to the permanent delegation of India to UNESCO, Paris, in succession to Jawed Ashraf," MEA said in a release.

Sharma is expected to take up the assignment shortly. (Read more)





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