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September GA Quiz 11

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

1. Virudhunagar district of which state has been selected by the Central Government as the state's first Fully Digital Economy district?

- A. Karnataka B. Tamil Nadu C. Maharashtra
D. Jharkhand E. None of these

2. Johnny Bakshi passed away aged 82 after suffering cardiac arrest, was a/an _____.

- A. Politician B. Comedian C. Director
D. Actor E. None of these

3. Tom Seaver passed away recently, was related to _____.

- A. Baseball B. Volleyball C. Football
D. Basketball E. None of these

4. Which of the following state governments has recently launched first of its kind educational chatbot named "Apka Mitra"?

- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Haryana C. Maharashtra
D. Uttar Pradesh E. None of these

5. Which of the following is the 1st city in the country to integrate water transport as feeder service to the metro?

- A. Mumbai B. Kochi C. Vishakhapatnam
D. Chennai E. None of these

6. Which of the following two countries have begun collaboration with India in developing the next generation of emerging technologies?

- A. UK and Iran B. US and Israel C. Canada and Russia
D. Japan and Afghanistan E. None of these

7. Which of the following states has launched 2 nutrition schemes named "YSR Sampoorna Poshana" and "YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus"?

- A. Karnataka B. Kerala C. Tamil Nadu
D. Andhra Pradesh E. None of these



8. Which of the following states and World bank have signed \$82 million loan for the implementation of State Roads Transformation Project which will strengthen transport and road safety institutions of the state by improving the condition, safety, resilience, and engineering standards of state road network?

- A. Himachal Pradesh B. Maharashtra C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Andhra Pradesh E. None of these

9. Which of the following banks has launched an international contactless debit card, "Signature Visa Debit Card"?

- A. State Bank of India B. Bank of India C. Punjab National Bank
D. Syndicate Bank E. None of these

10. Which committee has selected 26 sectors which will require restructuring based on its analyses of financial parameters hit due to the economic crash caused by the Covid-19 pandemic?

- A. K V Kamath committee B. Gita Gopinath committee C. Sundar Pichai committee
D. Soumya Swaminathan committee E. None of these

11. Indian economy is expected to be contract by _____ in FY21, as per Fitch ratings.

- A. 10 Percent B. 10.5 Percent C. 12 Percent
D. 11.5 Percent E. None of these

12. Ministry of Tribal Affairs has partnered with _____ to implement gamified learning app in tribal schools.

- A. SuperApp B. STEPapp C. TestbookApp
D. SikshaApp E. None of these

13. Which of the following institutes of CSIR has signed MoU with National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) to strengthen solar energy sector across India?

- A. Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute B. Central Scientific Instruments Organization
C. National Environmental Engineering Research Institute D. Central Glass Ceramic Research Institute
E. None of these

14. The 2020 International Literacy Day was observed on which of the following dates?

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



15. The Finance Ministry on Tuesday said more than 42 crore people have received _____ financial assistance under the government's Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) to protect poor and vulnerable from the impact of COVID-19 crisis.

- A. Rs 75,540 crore B. Rs 68,820 crore C. Rs 62,910 crore
D. Rs 72,480 crore E. None of these

16. Which of the following e-commerce platforms has launched a new hyper-casual game titled 'Social Doori' to encourage social distancing amid the Covid-19 pandemic?

- A. Flipkart B. Bigadda C. Homeshop18
D. Fynd E. None of these

17. India is going to have _____ Renewable Energy Capacity by 2022 as said by PM Narendra Modi.

- A. 220 GW B. 250 GW C. 280 GW
D. 205 GW E. None of these

18. Which of the following states has signed a MoU with United Nation World Food Programme for manufacturing and distribution of take-home ration with the help of Self Help Groups?

- A. Uttar Pradesh B. Jharkhand C. Bihar
D. West Bengal E. None of these

19. Employees' Provident Fund (EPFO) has decided to pay what percent interest during 2019-20?

- A. 8.7 percent B. 8.5 percent C. 8.3 percent
D. 8.2 percent E. None of these

20. Which of the following International airports has put in place QR code-enabled check-in mechanism for passengers to use their mobile phones to remotely operate check-in?

- A. Chennai International Airport B. New Delhi International Airport
C. Kolkata International Airport D. Mumbai International Airport
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
B	C	A	B	B	B	D	A	B	A	B	B	A	D	B	D	A	A	B	D

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu

What: selected as fully Digital Economy district

When: published on 6th September 2020

Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu, which houses a large number of small and medium enterprises, especially in the fire crackers and allied sectors, has been selected by the Central Government as the state's first Fully Digital Economy district. All industrial units and commercial establishments in the district are at present implementing various forms of cashless transactions. These include widespread use of ATM debit cards, increased usage of internet banking, widespread use of QR codes etc. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Johnny Bakshi, veteran director-producer

What: passes away aged 82 after suffering cardiac arrest

When: published on 5th September 2020

Veteran producer-director Johnny Bakshi passed away on Saturday after suffering a cardiac arrest at a hospital here. He was 82.

Bakshi was admitted to Arogya Nidhi hospital in suburban Juhu on Friday morning after he complained of breathlessness. He was tested for COVID-19, which came out negative.

"He was hospitalised yesterday due to breathlessness and was put on ventilator. The COVID-19 test was conducted and he tested negative for it. He passed away between 1.30-2.00 am due to cardiac arrest," Bakshi's daughter Priya told Press Trust of India.

The filmmaker's last rites were performed on Saturday at a crematorium here in presence of family members. ([Read more](#))



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Tom Seaver, Mets legend and Baseball Hall of Famer

What: dies at age 75

When: published on 3rd September 2020

Longtime big leaguer and Hall of Famer Tom Seaver died Monday, his family confirmed to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. He was 75. Seaver's family said he "passed peacefully in his sleep of complications of Lewy body dementia and COVID-19."

"We are heartbroken to share that our beloved husband and father has passed away," Seaver's wife, Nancy, and daughters, Anne and Sarah, said in a statement. "We send our love out to his fans, as we mourn his loss with you." ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Haryana CM

What: launches online platform for admission to undergraduate courses

When: published on 7th September 2020

Haryana government on Monday once again converted Covid-19 Pandemic crisis into an opportunity after chief minister, Manohar Lal Khattar virtually launched an online admission platform for admission in Undergraduate Courses in government aided and self finance colleges for the new academic session.

With this platform, now the students will be able to complete their entire admission process while sitting at home. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Kochi water metro project

What: all set to be implemented

When: published on 7th September 2020

Kerala metro phase 1 has been completed with the commissioning of the Thykoodam-Petta stretch, announced Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, MoS, I/C, Housing and Urban Affairs. Shri Puri added that Phase-1 of the Kochi Metro is now complete at a cost of ₹6218 crores. He further said that the proposal for Phase-2 of Kochi Metro is under active consideration of Govt of India and would be approved soon. Thykoodam-Petta stretch of Kochi Metro was inaugurated by Union Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri and Kerala Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan through video conference today.



Addressing at the online launch, Shri Puri urged the people of the country to travel responsibly while adhering to various SOPs issued in different states for metro operations. Union Minister along with Kerala Chief Minister flagged off the train from Petta at 12:30 PM in a virtual inauguration conducted over video conference. The commencement of civil works from SN Junction to Thrippunithura by unveiling the plaques was also done. Kerala Ministers, MPs, MLAs, Chief Secretary and senior officials also joined the virtual inauguration.

Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, MoHua congratulated the Kerala Government and the people of Kerala for the completion of phase 1 of Kochi metro. With the inauguration of the 1.33 km stretch from Thykoodam to Petta today, the total operational stretch will be 25.2 Kms. From technology, to manpower, to process and functioning, Kochi Metro has been a pioneer. With the commissioning of Petta-Thykoodam stretch, Kochi Metro should be able to increase ridership to over one lakh per day.

KMRL is all set to implement Kochi Water Metro Project at the cost of Rs 747 crore with the financial assistance of German Bank, KfW. Kochi is the first city in the country wherein water transport has been integrated as a feeder service to the metro. Kochi Metro has dedicated walls for the fishermen community who saved thousands during the 2018 Kerala floods. KMRL has engaged persons from the LGBT community in its operations, thus becoming the first organization to appoint transgender persons in the country.[\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Setback for China as US, Israel, India

What: to collaborate in developing 5G technology

When: published on 8th September 2020

In another setback for China, Israel and the United States have begun collaboration with India in developing the next generation of emerging technologies. The three countries have agreed to work together for developing a transparent, open, reliable and secure 5G communication network.

This trilateral initiative in the development and technological arena is a result of the people-to-people collaboration, in particular those by the Indian diaspora in the US and Israel, that was initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his historic visit to Israel three years ago in July 2017, community leaders said.

A collaboration in 5G is a just tip of the iceberg and a first step, according to US Agency for International Development (USAID) Deputy Administrator Bonnie Glick.[\(Read more\)](#)



7. Hints to Remember

Who: Andhra Pradesh

What: launches two nutrition schemes to tackle malnourishment in state

When: published on 8th September 2020

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on August 7 launched two schemes with the goal of providing nutritious food to pregnant women, lactating mothers and children. The two schemes are called 'YSR Sampoorna Poshana' and 'YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus'. During the launch event for the schemes, the Chief Minister stated that the schemes will tackle malnutrition among the vulnerable sections of society.

As per reports, more than 50 per cent of the pregnant women in the state are suffering from anaemia, while 32 per cent of children born in the state has a low birth weight. The two schemes will benefit 30.16 lakh mothers and children in the state.

YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus scheme plans to cover 77 Tribal areas consisting of over 8,000 Anganwadi Centres, while the remaining urban and rural areas will be covered by YSR Sampoorna Poshana scheme. The schemes by the state government I costing the state Rs 1863 crore per annum. Each beneficiary of the two schemes will receive assistance worth Rs 1,100 every month while under the previous government, beneficiaries of schemes providing diet for pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children only yielded beneficiaries assistance worth Rs 200 per month.[\(Read more\)](#)



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8. Hints to Remember

Who: Himachal Pradesh, World Bank

What: sign \$82 mn loan deal for HP State Roads Transformation Project

When: published on 7th September 2020

The government of Himachal Pradesh and the World Bank today signed \$82 million loan for the implementation of Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project which will strengthen transport and road safety institutions of Himachal Pradesh by improving the condition, safety, resilience, and engineering standards of state road network.

The Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project will finance initiatives to build climate and disaster-resilient roads; improve road safety along tourism corridors in Himachal; enhance logistics along fruit belts; and support the government's initiative to create a corporate entity responsible for ensuring well-performing roads. A third of the maintenance contracts under the project will be awarded to women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs).[\(Read more\)](#)



9. Hints to Remember

Who: Bank of India

What: launches 'Signature Visa Debit Card' for HNIs

When: published on 7th September 2020

Bank of India (BoI) on Monday launched "Signature Visa Debit Card" for the affluent/high net worth individuals maintaining an average quarterly balance of ₹10 lakhs and above. [\(Read More\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: constituted KV Kamath committee names 26 sectors for restructuring

When: published on 8th September 2020

The KV Kamath committee has selected 26 sectors which will require restructuring based on its analyses of financial parameters hit due to the economic crash caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. In its report the five member committee said power, construction, iron and steel, roads, real estate, wholesale trading, textiles, consumer durables, aviation, logistics, hotels, restaurants and tourism, mining are among the sectors that will need restructuring. The committee selected five financial parameters related to leverage, liquidity, debt serviceability etc.

The financial parameters included total outside liability to adjusted tangible net worth, debt to EBITDA, current ratio, debt service coverage ratio (DSCR) and average debt service coverage ratio (ADSCR) "Time is of essence at the present juncture. Considering the large volume and the fact that only standard assets are eligible under the proposed scheme, a segmented approach of bucketing these accounts under mild, moderate and severe stress, may ensure quick turnaround. To complete this task simplified restructuring for mild and moderate stress may be prescribed. Severe stress cases would require comprehensive restructuring," the committee said. [\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian economy

What: to contract 10.5 pc in FY21

When: published on 8th September 2020

Fitch Ratings on Tuesday slashed India's FY21 growth projection to (-) 10.5 per cent, from (-) 5 per cent estimated earlier, saying the continued spread of the virus and imposition of sporadic shutdowns across the country has disrupted economic activity.

In the first quarter of current fiscal India's gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by a massive 23.9 per cent.

Fitch said India recorded one of the sharpest GDP contractions in the world in the April-June quarter, but noted that growth should rebound strongly in the July-September period amid re-opening of the economy. [\(Read more\)](#)



12. Hints to Remember

Who: STEPapp

What: receives mandate from Tribal Affairs Ministry to implement gamified learning app across all tribal schools

When: published on 7th September 2020

Student Talent Enhancement Program Application (STEPapp) has received a mandate from the Indian Ministry of Tribal Affairs to implement its gamified learning app across all tribal schools in the country. This is the first time a government institution has tied up with an Indian EdTech startup on a monetised project.

This initiative will benefit more than 1.5 lakh students from grades 1 to 12 across the country immediately and will expand the scope in the coming years. Through this association, STEPapp will enhance the students' performance in school exams as well as in competitive exams. This will also enable schools to measure the students' learning outcomes through dashboards. The content provided will be in the English language. ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: CSIR-CMERI Durgapur and NISE, Gurugram

What: sign an MoU as a Strategic Association to bolster the Solar Energy Sector

When: published on 8th September 2020

CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur and National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Gurugram joined hands by signing an online Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as a 'Strategic Association' to bolster the Solar Energy sector across the nation on 7th September, 2020. The MoU was signed by Prof. (Dr.) Harish Hirani, Director, CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur and Dr. Arun Kumar Tripathy, Director-General, NISE.

After the astounding success of the World's largest Solar Tree of 11.5 kWp, CSIR-CMERI intend to further its efforts towards strengthening the Renewable Energy commitments. CSIR-CMERI has expertise in design and development of various capacity Solar Artifacts for multifaceted uses ranging from fulfilling localized energy demand to boosting Agricultural sector for irrigation, solar powered agro dryer, de-centralized solar cold storage, charging of battery operated agricultural machineries etc. It's expertise in the domain of Solar Converter and Conditioning unit & Isolated Minigrid will also aid this collaboration. The institute is currently working on the development of Solar Energy based cooking system which will help in creating an energy reliant and carbon-neutral India in addition to the upliftment of the livelihood of the rural sector in India. ([Read more](#))



14. Hints to Remember

Who: International Literacy Day

What: was observed on 8th September 2020

International Literacy Day 2020: To remind people of the world the importance of literacy, World Literacy Day is observed every year on September 8. Literacy helps people live with dignity and makes them self-sufficient. This year, Literacy Day assumes even more significance amid the COVID-19 crisis. The mode and focus of learning have changed as virtual classrooms replaced the usual ones and online interactions took the place of face to face discussions. Literacy missions across the world have suffered a setback as reaching out to millions of children in poorer countries have become tough online, say experts. International Literacy Day is a United Nations designated day. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: More than 42 cr poor

What: get Rs 68,820 cr financial aid under PM Garib Kalyan Yojana

When: published on 8th September 2020

The Finance Ministry on Tuesday said more than 42 crore people have received Rs 68,820-crore financial assistance under the government's Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKP) to protect poor and vulnerable from the impact of COVID-19 crisis.

As part of the Rs 1.70 lakh crore PMGKP, announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on March 26, the government announced free foodgrains and cash payment to women, poor senior citizens and farmers.

The swift implementation of the package is being continuously monitored by central and state governments and around 42 crore poor people received financial assistance of Rs 68,820 crore under the PMGKP, the Finance Ministry said in a statement. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Reliance-backed Fynd

What: launches mobile game to encourage social distancing

When: published on 7th September 2020

The hyper-casual game titled 'Social Doori' encourages social distancing amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Reliance-backed eCommerce platform Fynd has launched a new hyper-casual game titled 'Social Doori' to encourage social distancing amid the Covid-19 pandemic. [\(Read more\)](#)



17. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: To Have 220 GW Renewable Energy Capacity By 2022: PM Narendra Modi

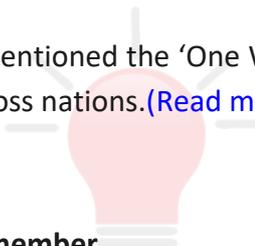
When: published on 8th September 2020

India will increase its existing renewable energy capacity to 220 gigawatts by 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Tuesday, calling for even lower power tariffs.

The prime minister was expected to deliver the inaugural address at the World Solar Technology Summit organised by the International Solar Alliance but could not do so due to some other engagements. New and Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh read out Modi's message at the virtual summit.

"We have scaled up our non-fossil fuel-based generation to 134 GW, which is about 35% of our total power generation. We are confident of increasing it to 220 GW by 2022," Singh said, reading out the prime minister's message. "Technology holds the key to scale up the use of solar energy. Technological advancements have already brought about a significant reduction in the price of solar power. A further reduction in the cost will provide a major boost to the use and expansion of renewable energy."

Modi also mentioned the 'One World, One Sun, One Grid' project which is aimed at renewable energy supplies across nations. ([Read more](#))



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18. Hints to Remember

Who: Boost to Self Help Groups in UP as Yogi Govt

What: Signs MoU with UN for Take Home Ration Supply

When: published on 9th September 2020

The Uttar Pradesh government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with United Nation World Food Programme for manufacturing and distribution of take-home ration with the help of Self Help Groups on Tuesday.

As per the MoU, take-home ration for child nutrition will be distributed through self-help groups in UP. In the first phase, the work of distributing about 30 percent of take-home ration will be done. The Self Help Groups will provide its products to the Uttar Pradesh Child Nutrition Department. ([Read more](#))



19. Hints to Remember

Who: EPFO

What: approves payment of 8.5% interest for 2019-20

When: published on 9th September 2020

The Central Board of Trustees (CBT) which is the apex decision making body of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) said it will stick to the pay out 8.5 percent interest to its EPF subscribers for 2019-20. However, the promised EPF interest to over 6 crore subscribers will be paid in two tranches.

In a board meeting held on Wednesday, the retirement body decided that it will credit 8.15 percent out of the promised 8.5 percent interest immediately into its subscribers' account. This amount would be accrued from the debt investments made by EPFO. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Mumbai airport

What: rolls out contactless check-in system for passengers

When: published on 8th September 2020

Mumbai airport has put in place a QR code-enabled contactless check-in mechanism for the passengers, which allows them the use of their mobile phones to remotely operate check-in and self-bag drop kiosks for printing boarding passes and bag tags.

Passengers at Mumbai airport just need to scan the QR code shown on the kiosks to access a remote keyboard and mouse on their mobile device, without touching the kiosks, Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL) said in a release.

Deployed by global airlines IT services solution major SITA, the touchless technology solution is a vital step in reducing passenger contact with kiosk surfaces and is in full compliance with the civil aviation ministry's passenger processing guidelines, it added. [\(Read more\)](#)





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