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September GA Quiz 13

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

1. Union Home ministry has approved to rename the Hubballi Railway Station as Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji Railway Station? The Station is located in which of the following states?

- A. Sikkim B. Karnataka C. Nagaland
D. Tripura E. None of these

2. Which of the following countries has signed agreement with India on reciprocal provision of supplies and services?

- A. Poland B. China C. Germany
D. Japan E. None of these

3. India, Australia and _____ have participated in the 1st trilateral dialogue on economic, strategic challenges in Indo-Pacific.

- A. Germany B. France C. Japan
D. United States E. None of these

4. World Health Organization (WHO) has set a target to achieve a world free of industrially produced trans fats by _____.

- A. 2027 B. 2030 C. 2025
D. 2023 E. None of these

5. According to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF)'s Living Planet Report 2020, the global vertebrate population declined to an average of _____ between 1970 and 2016.

- A. 56 percent B. 71 percent C. 68 percent
D. 44 percent E. None of these

6. Which of the following banks has been ranked top in EASE 2.0 awards for FY19-20 in top performing banks category?

- A. Oriental Bank of Commerce B. State Bank of India
C. Bank of Baroda D. Central Bank of India E. None of these

7. Which of the following companies has launched Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) testing platform?

- A. American Express B. Mastercard C. Visa
D. PayPal E. None of these



- 8. Which of the following insurance companies has partnered with NSDL payments bank to offer insurance products?**
- A. Life Insurance Corporation of India
B. Max Life Insurance Company
C. HDFC Life Insurance Company
D. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company
E. None of these
- 9. Which of the following companies has launched service named 'Cash Advance', a collateral free line of credit to increase MSME cash flow?**
- A. Braintree
B. PayTm
C. Razorpay
D. PayPal
E. None of these
- 10. Which of the following companies has collaborated with NITI Aayog to launch 'SheCodes' innovation challenge?**
- A. Infosys
B. Tata Consultancy Services
C. Dell Technologies
D. Wipro
E. None of these
- 11. Who among the following has represented India at the 10th East-Asia summit foreign ministers' meeting?**
- A. Shripad Yesso Naik
B. Santosh Kumar Gangwar
C. Prahlad Singh Patel
D. V. Muraleedharan
E. None of these
- 12. Indian Police Officer, Poonam Khatri has claimed World Championship status after her silver medal in which sport?**
- A. Fencing
B. Badminton
C. Wushu
D. Squash
E. None of these
- 13. United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed which date as the International Day to Protect Education from Attack?**
- A. September 10
B. September 9
C. September 12
D. September 13
E. None of these
- 14. Who among the following has launched the 'e-Gopala' app, a comprehensive breed improvement marketplace and information portal for direct use of farmers?**
- A. Prakash Javadekar
B. Narendra Modi
C. Pralhad Patel
D. Harsh Vardhan
E. None of these
- 15. Which of the following states has decided to launch India's largest project in the Piggery sector with assistance from the NCDC (National Cooperative Development Cooperation)?**
- A. Meghalaya
B. Himachal Pradesh
C. Maharashtra
D. Gujarat
E. None of these



16. As per the recent news, which of the following countries is contributing two teams of specialists to fortify medical facilities in UN peacekeeping operations in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to meet the Covid-19 challenge?

- A. Japan B. China C. India
D. Sri Lanka E. None of these

17. Asian Development Bank has signed loan agreement worth Rs 466-cr with ENGIE group for developing Raghnesda Solar Project in _____ .

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

18. Which of the following banks has recently decided to launch "SAFAL" a loan product for organic cotton growers?

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

19. Which of the following banks has started a comprehensive banking programme for start-ups named "iStartup 2.0"?

- A. IDBI Bank B. ICICI Bank C. HDFC Bank
D. RBL Bank E. None of these

20. Which of the following companies has partnered with NASSCOM future skills to launch "AI classroom series" for students in India?

- A. Facebook B. Infosys C. Microsoft
D. TCS 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	D	B	D	C	C	B	D	C	C	D	C	B	B	A	C	A	A	B	C

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Union govt

What: agrees to rename railway station after Siddharoodha seer

When: published on 11th September 2020

The Union government has approved the long-pending demand of Hubballi resident to rename the Hubballi railway station after Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji.

Lalita T Hedao, undersecretary to the government of India, ministry of home affairs, has stated in a letter addressed to the principal secretary to the government, revenue department, Karnataka, that the Union government has no objection to rename 'Hubballi Railway Station' as 'Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji Railway Station Hubballi'. She has referred the letter of chief minister BS Yediyurappa dated November 22, 2019. ([Read more](#))



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2. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Japan

What: sign key pact for reciprocal provision of supplies, services between defence forces

When: published on 10th September 2020

India and Japan have signed a key agreement for reciprocal provision of supplies and services between their defence forces, which is expected to drive closer military cooperation and contribute to regional security.

The Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) between Japan's Self-Defense Forces and India's armed forces was signed by Japanese ambassador Satoshi Suzuki and defence secretary Ajay Kumar in New Delhi on Wednesday.

"The agreement establishes a framework such as the settlement procedures for the reciprocal provision of supplies and services between the Self-Defense Forces of Japan and the Indian armed forces," said a statement from Japan's foreign ministry. ([Read more](#))



3. Hints to Remember

Who: India, France, Australia

What: Hold First Trilateral Dialogue With Focus On Indo-Pacific

When: published on 9th September 2020

India, Australia and France on Wednesday held talks for the first time under a trilateral framework with focus on enhancing cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, a region that has been witnessing increasing Chinese military assertiveness.

The virtual meeting was co-chaired by foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, secretary-general Francois Delattre from the French ministry for Europe and foreign affairs, and Australian foreign affairs secretary Frances Adamson.

“The focus of the dialogue was on enhancing cooperation in the Indo-Pacific Region,” the external affairs ministry said in a statement. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: More than 3 billion people

What: protected from harmful trans fat in their food

When: published on 9th September 2020

Two years into the World Health Organization’s (WHO) ambitious effort to eliminate industrially produced trans fats from the global food supply, the Organization reports that 58 countries so far have introduced laws that will protect 3.2 billion people from the harmful substance by the end of 2021. But more than 100 countries still need to take actions to remove these harmful substances from their food supplies.

Consumption of industrially produced trans fats are estimated to cause around 500,000 deaths per year due to coronary heart disease.

“In a time when the whole world is fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, we must make every effort to protect people’s health. That must include taking all steps possible to prevent noncommunicable diseases that can make them more susceptible to the coronavirus, and cause premature death,” said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. “Our goal of eliminating trans fats by 2023 must not be delayed.” ([Read more](#))



5. Hints to Remember

Who: WWF Living Planet Report 2020

What: reveals 68% drop in wildlife populations

When: published on 10th September 2020

The thirteenth edition of WWF's biennial flagship publication gives an overview of the state of the natural world through the Living Planet Index (LPI), which tracked almost 21,000 populations of more than 4,000 vertebrate species between 1970 and 2016.

The LPI revealed a 68% average decline in global vertebrate species populations between 1970 and 2016.

Wildlife populations found in freshwater habitats fell by 84% - the starkest average population decline in any biome, equivalent to 4% per year since 1970. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Finance Minister

What: unveils Doorstep Banking Services and declares EASE 2.0 Index Results

When: published on 9th September 2020

EASE Reforms Index has equipped Boards and leadership for effective governance, instituted risk appetite frameworks, created technology- and data-driven risk assessment and prudential underwriting and pricing systems, introduced Early Warning Signals (EWS) systems and specialised monitoring for time-bound action in respect of stress, put in place focussed recovery arrangements, and established outcome-centric HR systems.

Bank of Baroda, State Bank of India, and erstwhile Oriental Bank of Commerce were felicitated for being the top three (in that order) in the 'Top Performing Banks' category according to the EASE 2.0 Index Results. Bank of Maharashtra, Central Bank of India & erstwhile Corporation Bank were awarded in the 'Top Improvers' category basis EASE 2.0 Index. Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India, and Canara Bank were also recognized for outstanding performance in select themes. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Mastercard

What: Launches Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) Testing Platform, Enabling Central Banks to Assess and Explore National Digital Currencies

When: published on 9th September 2020



With the global economy racing to embrace digital payments, central banks also are looking to the future and investigating how to support innovation while maintaining monetary policy and financial stability as they issue and distribute currency. In fact, 80 percent of central banks surveyed are engaging in some form of Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) work, and about 40 percent of central banks have progressed from conceptual research to experimenting with concept and design, according to a recent survey by the Bank for International Settlements.

Today, Mastercard announced a proprietary virtual testing environment for central banks to evaluate CBDC use cases. The platform enables the simulation of issuance, distribution and exchange of CBDCs between banks, financial service providers and consumers. Central banks, commercial banks, and tech and advisory firms are invited to partner with Mastercard to assess CBDC tech designs, validate use cases and evaluate interoperability with existing payment rails available for consumers and businesses today. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: ICICI Prudential Life

What: partners with NSDL Payments Bank to offer insurance products

When: published on 10th September 2020

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has entered into a corporate agency agreement with NSDL Payments Bank, a subsidiary of National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL).

Under the agreement, ICICI Prudential Life will provide its customer-centric protection and savings products to customers of NSDL Payments Bank.

N S Kannan, the Managing Director and CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said the key objective of both partners is to leverage technology to provide a hassle-free and immersive experience to customers.

"We believe our customer-centric protection and long-term savings products will enable NSDL Payments Bank customers to provide financial security to their loved ones and help them achieve their financial goals," he said in a statement on Thursday. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Razorpay

What: launches collateral free line of credit for SMEs

When: published on 8th September 2020

The pandemic has not only knocked off revenues of MSMEs' but also disturbed their hopes of survival. In a bid to rescue MSMEs and improve their cash flows, Razorpay has launched a collateral free line of credit called Cash Advance. MSMEs can borrow working capital with a credit limit of Rs 50,000 to Rs



10 lakh, within 10 seconds through the Razorpay dashboard, depending upon the credit history of the business.

Global analytics company CRISIL found that during these downturns, micro and small enterprises are unable to manage working capital challenges as easily as their large and medium peers. India has more than 63 million MSMEs, 40% of these have availed loans from formal channels like banks and lending institutions while 60% don't have easy access to working capital loans. While the government continues to offer schemes that will benefit MSMEs, most of them have only been able to partially take advantage of it, primarily because accessibility of such services is based on collateral, size, vintage and credit history of business. Also, under these schemes, businesses are required to be qualified as an MSME, as defined by the government to avail loans from banks. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Dell Technologies and NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission

What: Launches SheCodes Innovation Challenge, Aimed at Championing Girl-Led Innovation

When: published on 7th September 2020

Dell Technologies in association with NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) launches 'SheCodes Innovation Challenge', aimed to encourage girls to create, tinker, sustain and innovate. This announcement was made in the presence of Mr. Amitabh Kant – CEO, NITI Aayog, Government of India; Mr. R. Ramanan – Mission Director, AIM, NITI Aayog, Aongus Hegarty, President, International Markets, Dell Technologies; Amit Midha, President, Asia Pacific & Japan | Global Digital Cities, Dell Technologies and Alok Ohrie, President and Managing Director, Dell Technologies India.

The educational landscape in India is rife with opportunities that can truly make a difference in shaping the future of the world. STEM education is an avenue that resonates with both Dell Technologies and NITI Aayog's vision. This collaboration has proved to be useful for students and educators alike, for that has enabled them to work with state-of-the-art technologies, systems and software. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: V. Muraleedharan

What: attended the 10th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting (10th EAS FMM) on 9 September 2020

When: published on 9th September 2020

Minister of State for External Affairs (MOS) of India Shri V. Muraleedharan attended the 10th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting (10th EAS FMM) on 9 September 2020. The Meeting was held virtually.



The Meeting was attended by the Foreign Ministers of the EAS participating countries and chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Pham Bin Minh. [\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Police Officer Poonam Khatri

What: crowned Wushu World Champion

When: published on 11th September 2020

For the complete information kindly read the given lines:

Indian Police Officer, Poonam Khatri has claimed World Championship status after her silver medal at the Wushu World Championship last year has been upgraded to a Gold medal. Poonam hails from Haryana's Jhajjar district.

Poonam had lost the final to Iranian opponent Mariyam in the Women's 75 kg category but after Mariyam recently failed the dope test, the gold medal has been awarded to Poonam Khatri. The information was clarified by Secretary-General of the Indian Wushu Association, Suhel Ahmed.

13. Hints to Remember

Who: United Nations General Assembly

What: proclaims 9 September as the International Day to Protect Education from Attack

When: published on 9th September 2020

United Nations General Assembly proclaims 9 September as the International Day to Protect Education from Attack, mobilizing action to safeguard education in armed conflict. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: PM Modi

What: launches flagship fisheries scheme, e-Gopala app for farmers as part of Atmanirbhar programme

When: published on 10th September 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday launched Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), a flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of fisheries sector in the country.

PM Modi also inaugurated the e-Gopala App, a comprehensive breed improvement marketplace and information portal for direct use of farmers.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "People engaged in pisciculture will benefit largely from this scheme. It is our aim that in the next 3-4 years we double our production and give fisheries sector a boost."

He spoke Jyoti Mandal, Raju, Brijesh and Monica, farmers who are engaged in animal husbandry and fisheries sector and said that their stories have encouraged the prime minister and are a source of inspiration to farmers across the nation. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

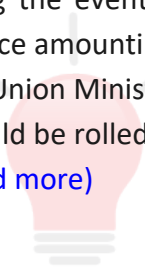
Who: India's largest piggery project

What: launched in Meghalaya

When: published on 11th September 2020

The Meghalaya Government has taken the lead in launching India's largest project in the Piggery sector with assistance from the NCDC (National Cooperative Development Cooperation) — the apex financing body for cooperatives.

While addressing the event organized at the national capital for hand over of the first tranche of financial assistance amounting to about Rs 53 crores, Chief Minister Meghalaya Conrad Sangma said in the presence of Union Minister of State (MoS) for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Kailash Choudhury, "The project would be rolled out immediately as it directly impacts the economic well being of farmers in villages." ([Read more](#))



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16. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: sending two teams to UN missions for Covid-19 effort

When: published on 5th September 2020

India is contributing two teams of specialists to fortify medical facilities in UN peacekeeping operations in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to meet the Covid-19 challenge, according to India's UN mission.

New Delhi was responding to a request from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres for assistance to scale-up hospital facilities managed by Indian peacekeepers in those countries to counter the Covid-19 outbreak there, the mission said on Friday. ([Read more](#))



17. Hints to Remember

Who: ADB, ENGIE Group

What: sign loan pact for solar project in Gujarat

When: published on 13th September 2020

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and France's ENGIE Group have signed a long-term loan of up to Rs 466 crore for setting up a 200 MW solar power project in Gujarat. The project will be developed in the Raghnesda Solar Park.

Electro Solaire (ESPL), a special purpose vehicle owned by the ENGIE Group, will implement the project.

ADB, along with another international lender, will provide the entire debt required to construct the solar power plant, the statement said.

ESPL is collaborating with the Gujarat government to construct the project and has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) for 25 years with the state government. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: SBI

What: planning to launch "SAFAL" loans for organic cotton growers

When: published on 11th September 2020

The State Bank of India is planning to launch "SAFAL" which is a loan product that is primarily focused on organic cotton growers who don't have any credit history.

According to State Bank of India Managing Director, Mr. C S Setty, who was speaking at a fintech conference organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the bank is using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to generate business. SAFAL stands for Safe And Fast Agricultural Loan. The bank plans to move beyond the retail segment and reach out to farmers by providing services other than traditional crop loans. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: ICICI Bank

What: launches 'iStartup2.0' programme for start-ups

When: published on 11th September 2020

Private lender, ICICI Bank has launched a comprehensive programme for start-ups offering banking services, helping entrepreneurs set-up firm and digitise rapidly among other services.



Copy: ICICI Bank has launched 'iStartup 2.0' a comprehensive programme for start-ups which would take care of their banking services, regulatory assistance, analytics, staffing, accounting, customer acquisition and digital outreach to customers, among others.

Under the programme startups can seamlessly open an account and get the account number instantly at the time of incorporation as the Bank has integrated its APIs with the website of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). The programme further offers convenience to founders and entrepreneurs to apply for an account where the bank sends an official to startups at a time of their choice to verify the original documents for KYC. [\(Read more\)](#)

20. Hints to Remember

Who: NASSCOM FutureSkills and Microsoft

What: launch AI Classroom Series to skill India's future workforce with AI capabilities

When: published on 10th September 2020

As part of its ongoing efforts to promote skilling as a national priority, NASSCOM FutureSkills and Microsoft have joined hands to launch a nation-wide AI skilling initiative. The initiative aims to skill 1 million students in AI by 2021.

The collaboration will provide Microsoft's AI, machine learning and data science expertise to students through easy to consume modules including live demos, hands on workshops and assignments. These introductory sessions on AI will be available for undergraduate students at no cost and will cover the basics of data science, machine learning models on Azure, and understanding of cognitive services to build intelligent solutions.

The partnership with NASSCOM FutureSkills is an extension of Microsoft's global skilling initiative to help 25 million people worldwide acquire new digital skills, needed to thrive in a digital economy. [\(Read more\)](#)





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