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December GA Quiz 12

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

1. Which of the following states has recently launched “Sharad Pawar Rural Prosperity Scheme” and passed “Sakthi Act”?

- A. Gujarat
B. Jharkhand
C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Maharashtra
E. None of these

2. Human Rights Day 2020 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. December 11
B. December 12
C. December 10
D. December 13
E. None of these

3. Name the person who was the pioneer of contemporary dance in India, and a recipient of the prestigious Padma Shri and Sangeet Natak Akademi awards, passed away recently?

- A. Astad Deboo
B. Pina Bausch
C. Alison Becker Chase
D. Pink Floyd
E. None of these

4. Manglesh Dabral passed away at 72, was poet of which language?

- A. Marathi
B. Hindi
C. Gujarati
D. Punjabi
E. None of these

5. Which of the following countries has recently decided to host 2021 Edition of Asia Cup Cricket Tournament?

- A. India
B. Bhutan
C. Sri Lanka
D. Myanmar
E. None of these

6. Which of the following countries has successfully launches 2 satellites from XSLC for Gravitational Wave Detection?

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

7. Which organization has recently successfully demonstrated communication between its two labs using Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) technology, which is a “robust” way to share encryption keys?

- A. ISRO
B. DRDO
C. BHEL
D. NTPC Ltd
E. None of these

8. The central government has sold nearly one crore shares of which bank worth around ₹600 crore in the last two weeks held through the Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI)?

- A. ICICI Bank
B. HDFC Bank
C. Axis Bank
D. EXIM Bank
E. None of these



9. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah has been reappointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Syria B. Kuwait C. Sudan
D. Mali E. None of these

10. Who among the following was awarded "FICCI Sportsman of the Year" at India Sports Award-2020?

- A. Bajrang Punia B. Elavenil Valarivan C. Divyansh Singh Panwar
D. Only A and B E. None of these

11. Which agency has released app-wise data for companies and banks providing Unified Payment Interface (UPI), which show that Google Pay and PhonePe had a combined market share of 82% in volume terms and 86% in value terms during the month of November 2020?

- A. Reserve Bank of India B. National Payments Corporation of India
C. Food Corporation of India D. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry
E. None of these

12. Which company has launched its new digital campaign, #heroesofmycity?

- A. Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance B. Syndicate HSBC OBC Life Insurance
C. Axis HSBC OBC Life Insurance D. EXIM HSBC OBC Life Insurance
E. None of these

13. Which of the following banks in Partnership with Mastercard has launched 'Yes Private Prime Credit Card' for India's Affluent and Ultra HNIWs?

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

14. Which of the following insurance companies has recently partnered with Mahindra Insurance Brokers Ltd for insurance penetration in rural India?

- A. SBI General Insurance
B. HDFC ERGO
C. ICICI Lombard
D. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
E. None of these

15. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has proposed a cap of _____ in draft norms on Standard Accident Insurance Policies.

- A. Rs 1 cr B. Rs 2 cr C. Rs 3 cr
D. Rs 4 cr E. None of these

16. Which of the following insurance companies has launched 'Max Life Critical Illness and Disability Rider' is a health insurance rider that offers customers protection from upto 64 critical illnesses?

- A. HDFC Life Insurance B. Life Insurance Corporation
C. SBI Life D. ICICI Lombard E. None of these



17. Which bank and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance entered into a bancassurance partnership on December 9 to offer a slew of life insurance products to customers?

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

18. Who among the following has recently attended the 14th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus organized online at Hanoi, Vietnam on 10 December 2020 that marked the 10th anniversary of ADMM Plus?

- A. Rajnath Singh B. Amit Shah C. Narendra Modi
D. Nirmala Sitharaman E. None of these

19. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country on Technology Cooperation in the Road Infrastructure Sector here?

- A. Australia B. Austria C. Canada
D. Maldives E. None of these

20. Which of the following states has recently launched a scheme to take the unique culture of the Tharu tribes all over the world?

- A. Madhya Pradesh B. Uttar Pradesh C. Jharkhand
D. Chhattisgarh E. None of these



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Correct answer:

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Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Maharashtra Government

What: Launches “Sharad Pawar Rural Prosperity Scheme” and passes “Sakthi Act”

When: published on 10th December 2020

On 09 December, 2020 State Government of Maharashtra led by Chief Minister(CM) Uddhav Thackeray launched the ambitious rural development scheme “Sharad Pawar Rural Prosperity Scheme” named after Sharad Pawar, Former Agriculture Minister, President of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the chief architect of the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA).

To strengthen the law on prevention of atrocities against women, children Maharashtra Cabinet has passed “Shakti Act” which Envisages death sentence for rape, acid attack and child abuse. The act also reduces the investigation period to 15 working days for heinous crimes against womens.

To create jobs in rural areas and develop permanent assets for personal and public use in gram panchayats and villages, thereby stopping migration from villages due to unemployment.

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Human Rights Day 10 December 2020

What: was observed on 10th December 2020

More than seven decades on, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides an essential framework for the world to “recover better” from the COVID-19 pandemic, the UN’s independent human rights experts said today.

“We are convinced that this document remains as relevant today as it was at its adoption by the UN General Assembly on 10 December 1948, as the framework to guide States in promoting, protecting and fulfilling human rights for all people during these uncertain times,” the Special Procedures mandate holders said in a statement to mark Human Rights Day.

Special Procedures are composed of 55 mandates and 79 mandate holders appointed by the UN Human Rights Council who monitor human rights in all parts of the world.

The experts underlined “the centrality of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the international human rights protection system” at a time when the world faces not only the pandemic,



but also climate change, racism and discrimination. Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December — the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Declaration in 1948. ([Read more](#))

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Dancer, Padma Shri Astad Deboo

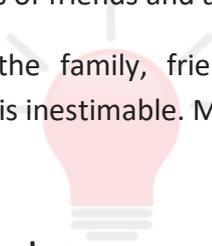
What: Passed Away at 73

When: published on 10th December 2020

Astad Deboo, the pioneer of contemporary dance in India, and a recipient of the prestigious Padma Shri and Sangeet Natak Akademi awards, passed away on Thursday in Mumbai after a brief illness. He was 73.

Taking to social media, his family wrote in a statement: "Astad's family is sad to announce the passing away of Astad Deboo. He left us in the early hours of December 10, at his home in Mumbai, after a brief illness, bravely borne. He leaves behind a formidable legacy of unforgettable performances combined with an unswerving dedication to his art, matched only by his huge, loving heart that gained him thousands of friends and a vast, number of admirers.

The loss to the family, friends, fraternity of dancers, both classical and modern, Indian and international, is inestimable. May he rest in peace. We will miss him." ([Read more](#))



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4. Hints to Remember

Who: Hindi poet-journalist, Manglesh Dabral

What: dies at 72

When: published on 10th December 2020

Eminent Hindi poet and journalist Manglesh Dabral passed away on Wednesday after suffering from COVID-19-induced complications. He was 72.

"He had been admitted at a private hospital in Ghaziabad for the last several days, but was shifted to AIIMS when his condition deteriorated," his friend Sanjay Joshi told PTI Bhasha.

He had been admitted to the Ghaziabad facility after testing positive for COVID-19 nearly two weeks ago. During treatment at AIIMS, Dabral suffered cardiac arrest.

"It seems Manglesh Dabral was taken for dialysis around 5:00. Subsequently he has suffered two heart attacks. They are trying CPR," Asad Zaidi, a poet and Dabral's friend, wrote on Facebook. ([Read more](#))



5. Hints to Remember

Who: Sri Lanka

What: to host Asia Cup in 2021

When: published on 6th December 2020

As with the many other sporting tournaments and events around the world, the Asia Cup also faced the postponement due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The tournament which was supposed to take place in Pakistan this year, will now be taking place in Sri Lanka in 2021.

Giving the update, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced that the island nation will be hosting the next edition, while the rights of 2022 edition stay with them.

Speaking to PTI, PCB Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Wasim Khan said, "The next Asia Cup will be hosted in Sri Lanka in June and we have got hosting rights now for the 2022 Asia Cup." ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: China

What: launches two satellites for gravitational wave detection

When: published on 10th December 2020

China on Thursday successfully launched two satellites for the detection of gravitational waves into planned orbit from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan Province.

The two satellites, which compose the Gravitational Wave High-energy Electromagnetic Counterpart All-sky Monitor (GECAM) mission, were launched by a Long March-11 carrier rocket during the early hours, state-run Xinhua-news agency reported.

The GECAM satellites will be used to monitor high-energy celestial phenomena such as gravitational wave gamma-ray bursts, high-energy radiation of fast radio bursts, special gamma-ray bursts and magnetar bursts, and to study neutron stars, black holes and other compact objects and their merger processes, the report said. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: DRDO

What: successfully demonstrates quantum communication between two labs

When: published on 9th December 2020



The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Wednesday successfully demonstrated communication between its two labs using Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) technology, which is a “robust” way to share encryption keys, said an official statement.

In the QKD technology, encryption keys are sent as qubits in a fibre optic cable. Quantum computing uses qubits as basic resources, similar to how bits are used as basic resources in classical computing.

The QKD is designed in a way that if an illegitimate entity tries to read the transmission, it will disturb the qubits - which are encoded on photons - and this will generate transmission errors, leading to legitimate end users being immediately informed. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: garners ₹600 cr via SUUTI stake sale in Axis Bank

When: published on 8th December 2020

The central government has sold nearly one crore shares of Axis Bank worth around ₹600 crore in the last two weeks held through the Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI).

SUUTI took advantage of the buoyancy in the equity market and sold 61.43 lakh shares of Axis Bank between 2 and 4 December, fetching the government ₹374.21 crore, according to stock exchange filings. Between 26 November and 27 November, it sold 36.25 lakh shares for ₹221.47 crore.

SUUTI held a 4.33% stake in the bank as of 30 September, according to exchange filings. However, its shareholding in the lender is down to 3.92% following these trades. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid

What: published on 11th December 2020

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid al-Sabah was reappointed as the Prime Minister of Kuwait by the nation's Emir Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah on December 8, 2020 following parliamentary polls in the Gulf Arab state.

The Emir asked Sheikh Sabah to nominate members of a new cabinet for approval. In Kuwait's political system, while the Emir has the final say in state matters, the Prime Minister traditionally works as a bridge between the government and the parliament.

Sheikh Sabah's role would be even more prominent now, as opposition candidates made gains in the legislative vote that took place on December 5, 2020. ([Read more](#))



10. Hints to Remember

Who: Elavenil Valarivan and Bajrang Punia

What: Bag FICCI's Sportsperson Of The Year Award

When: published on 9th December 2020

Padma Shri wrestler Bajrang Punia and gold medalist shooter Elavenil Valarivan became sportspersons of the year in their respective categories. They bagged the top honours at the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) India Sports Awards 2020 held virtually this year.

In 2020, both Punia and Valarivan qualified for the Olympics but due to COVID-19 pandemic, the tournament was postponed. Punia, currently training in the USA, shared his enthusiasm at being given the sportsman of the year award. He said, "My aim in the future will again be to give my best and win lots of medals for the country. Such recognitions motivate me to keep doing well, and it gives me huge joy. I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate all the other winners."

Valarivan said, "I would like to thank my family first for always standing by me, my mentor Gagan Narang and my coach Neha Chauhan for always believing in me. I would also like to thank the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) for always supporting and pushing us through all our hard times, and also the Sports Authority of India for making sure that we are equipped with everything we need."
[\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: NPCI

What: publishes UPI market share data, yet to consult players on 30% cap

When: published on 7th December 2020

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has released app-wise data for companies and banks providing Unified Payment Interface (UPI), which show that Google Pay and PhonePe had a combined market share of 82% in volume terms and 86% in value terms during the month of November 2020.

So far, the NPCI has released data on bank performance. This is the first time that the umbrella organisation for retail payments has released UPI app performance data. Last month, the NPCI said that it would introduce guidelines that place a market share cap of 30% on third-party apps on the UPI network, to "address the risks and protect the UPI ecosystem. [\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance

What: launched its new digital campaign, #heroesofmycity



When: published on 7th December 2020

The year 2020 has been challenging in more ways than one.

People world over are still trying to cope up with the impact of corona virus pandemic on daily lives.

However, in these unprecedented times, we have witnessed various exemplary acts of kindness and courage where individuals across the country rose up to the occasion to become real life heroes.

[\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: YES Bank in Partnership with Mastercard

What: Launches 'Yes Private Prime Credit Card' for India's Affluent and Ultra HNIWs

When: published on 9th December 2020

YES BANK has launched Yes Private Prime Credit Card for India's affluent and ultra HNIs. The product is thoughtfully curated to provide a differentiated offering with global privileges and experiences across Travel, Lifestyle, Hospitality, Dining, Entertainment and Wellness, among others.

Rajanish Prabhu, Head – Credit Cards and Merchant Acquisition, YES BANK, said, "The new Yes Private Prime credit card is in line with our strategy to deliver premium and exclusive services to our valued customers. With this card, we continue to strengthen our card proposition to the affluent segment, giving them global access to differentiated services and experiences. We are confident that the extensive rewards and benefits bundled with this card will appeal to this segment." [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: SBI General Insurance

What: partners with Mahindra Insurance Brokers Ltd for insurance penetration in rural India

When: published on 9th December 2020

SBI General Insurance today announced a strategic partnership with Mahindra Insurance Brokers Ltd. (MIBL) through its Sajhedaari programme, to increase insurance penetration in tier 2 & 3 cities.

This association marks a significant milestone for SBI General in realising its vision of becoming the most trusted general insurer for a transforming India. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: IRDAI

What: proposes a cap of Rs 1 cr in draft norms on Standard Accident Insurance Policies



When: published on 10th December 2020

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) on Wednesday issued draft guidelines on standard personal accident insurance policies and said all general and standalone health insurers will have to offer this product from 1 April 2021.

The product, which is proposed to be offered on an individual basis, will have a minimum sum insured of ₹2.5 lakh and a maximum of ₹1 crore. The move is part of attempts by the insurance regulator to enforce a standard product with common coverage across the sector. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Max Life Insurance

What: launches critical illness rider and a wellness app

When: published on 9th December 2020

Max Life Insurance has launched 'Max Life Critical Illness and Disability Rider' and with it, the 'Max Fit', a comprehensive wellness programme. Max Fit is a wellness app designed to lead customers on a path of protection through holistic fitness and wellness. In line with the company's brand philosophy, the app promises to provide patrons with a unique and exciting opportunity to work towards a healthier lifestyle with the ultimate aim of helping them realize that their health is their biggest asset.

'Max Life Critical Illness and Disability Rider' offers customers protection from upto 64 critical illnesses, and has a cover under which one can protect themselves or their loved ones. It also comes with a flexible payment option wherein one can opt for limited pay or regular pay option as per the base plan. The rider can be attached to 11 of Max Life's existing products ranging from term plans and saving plans to monthly income plans, and more. ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: RBL Bank And ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

What: Enter Into Bancassurance Partnership

When: published on 9th December 2020

RBL Bank and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance entered into a bancassurance partnership on Wednesday, December 9, to offer a slew of life insurance products to customers. This alliance will enable more than 8.7 million customers of RBL Bank to access and easily purchase the customer-centric protection and long-term savings products of the firm, in order to gain financial security for themselves and their families. RBL Bank will distribute ICICI Prudential Life Insurance's protection and savings products through its 398 bank branches spread across 28 states, besides its internet and mobile banking touch-points.



Through the partnership, the entire bouquet of ICICI Prudential Life's insurance plans on the protection and savings platform will be available for purchase to customers of the bank. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance's protection products provide a strong foundation for a financial plan and the diversified range of long-term savings products are likely help the bank's customers achieve financial goals, be it retirement planning, wealth creation, higher education of children etc. Simultaneously, the tie-up will also provide a financial safety net to the customer's family by way of a life insurance cover. [\(Read more\)](#)

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh

What: addresses ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus online

When: published on 10th December 2020

Raksha mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, attended the 14th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus organized online at Hanoi, Vietnam on 10 December 2020 that marked the 10th anniversary of ADMM Plus.

ADMM Plus is an annual meeting of Defence Ministers of 10 ASEAN Countries and eight partner countries. This year marks the 10th year of inception of ADMM Plus forum. A special commemorative 10th Anniversary Celebration was conducted which was attended by the Prime Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Mr Nguyen Xuan Phuc and Raksha mantri was extended the privilege to address the celebratory session as a special gesture reflecting India's recognition by the forum.

During his address, Shri Rajnath Singh underlined the key role of ASEAN-centric forum in promoting dialogue and engagement towards a pluralistic, cooperative security order in Asia. He highlighted the collective achievements of ADMM Plus in the past decade in advancing multilateral cooperation through strategic dialogue and practical security engagements. He complimented the achievements of the seven Expert Working Groups in sharing best practices in key domains including Maritime Security, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, Counter-terrorism and Peace Keeping Operations. [\(Read more\)](#)

19. Hints to Remember

Who: MoRTH

What: signs MoU with Austria on Technology Cooperation in Road Infrastructure Sector

When: published on 9th December 2020

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria on Technology Cooperation in the Road Infrastructure Sector here today. The MoU aims to create an effective framework for bilateral cooperation in the field of Road



Transportation, Road/Highways infrastructure development, management and administration, Road safety and Intelligent Transport Systems between both countries. It will further strengthen ties, promote long standing bilateral relations and enhance trade and regional integration between the two countries.

India has had good diplomatic relations with Austria since the establishment of bilateral ties between the two countries in 1949. Both countries share a history of friendly economic and diplomatic relations. Austria has state of the art technologies for roads and highways, such as electronic toll systems, intelligent transportation systems, traffic management systems, tunnel monitoring system, geo-mapping and landslide protection measures.

The Indo-Austria bilateral cooperation in the road transport sector would be beneficial both from the perspective of enhanced road safety as well as attractive financing possibilities for the sector, thus fostering and intensifying the already good relations between the two countries, through this MoU in the Transport sector. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Uttar Pradesh

What: recently launched a scheme to take the unique culture of the Tharu tribes all over the world

When: published on 8th December 2020

Uttar Pradesh government has recently launched a scheme to take the unique culture of the Tharu tribes all over the world. The intention of the scheme is to put these tribal villages on tourism map. This will create jobs and bring economic Independence to the tribal population in the region.

UP state govt is planning to connect the villages of the Tharu tribals located on the International border of Nepal. It is a Homestay scheme under which the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department will offer tourists an experience of living in the natural habitat of Tharu tribals. These huts are made of grass collected from the forest.

Uttar Pradesh Forest Department will be training the tribals to communicate with the tourists. They will also encourage the tribals to acquaint with aspects of cleanliness and safety. ([Read more](#))





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