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

## December GA Quiz 22

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

1. Who among the following has been appointed as Britain's foreign secretary to become the country's lead negotiator with the European Union?

- A. Liz Truss                      B. Priti Patel                      C. Esther McVey  
D. Angela Rayner                E. None of these

2. Who among the following has been appointed as the new US Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues?

- A. Angela Rayner                B. Melanie Joly                C. Lynne Truss  
D. Uzra Zeya                      E. None of these

3. Which of the following countries has recently announced end of censorship in cinematic releases?

- A. Saudi Arabia                B. United Arab Emirates                C. Oman  
D. Yemen                      E. None of these

4. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has recently inaugurated the state's longest bridge over the river Mahanadi at Gopinathpur in which city?

- A. Puri                      B. Bhubaneswar                C. Cuttack  
D. Rourkela                E. None of these

5. Which UT has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with University College Birmingham (UCB) at India Global Forum, Dubai to explore potential progression opportunities through institutional partnership with vocational colleges and universities in the UT?

- A. Delhi                      B. Chandigarh                C. Ladakh  
D. Jammu and Kashmir                E. None of these



**6. Who among the following has recently released a Book titled 'Sahakar Sandarbha' at VAMNICOM Pune?**

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

**7. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of what percent of equity share capital of IRB Infrastructure Developers (IRB) by Bricklayers Investment (controlled by GIC Investor)?**

- A. 15.94 per cent                      B. 16.94 per cent                      C. 17.94 per cent  
D. 18.94 per cent                      E. None of these

**8. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has acquired a \_\_\_\_\_ equity share in Indian Gas Exchange Limited, the country's first automated national level gas exchange.**

- A. 1.93 per cent                      B. 2.93 per cent                      C. 3.93 per cent  
D. 4.93 per cent                      E. None of these

**9. Which of the following banks has recently acquired a minority stake (less than 50 percent) in JSW Cement Limited for an investment of INR 100 crore through Compulsory Convertible Preference Shares (CCPS)?**

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

**10. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has recently approved acquisition of a shareholding in \_\_\_\_\_ by Talace Private Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Sons.**

- A. Air India                      B. SpiceJet                      C. IndiGo  
D. Jet Airways                      E. None of these

**11. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Director General of BrahMos Aerospace?**

- A. Raj Reddy                      B. S S Abhyankar                      C. Atul Dinkar Rane  
D. Jagadish Chandra Bose                      E. None of these

**12. Who among the following was recently appointed as a member of the Badminton World Federation's (BWF) Athletes' Commission?**

- A. P V Sindhu                      B. Manasi Girishchandra Joshi  
C. Ashwini Ponnappa            D. Saina Nehwal                      E. None of these

**13. Which of the following banks has recently won the number one position in overall digital transactions among large banks for FY20-21?**

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

**14. Who among the following has recently won the UN Women's Award for Leadership Commitment at the 2021 Regional Asia-Pacific Women's Empowerment Principles Awards ceremony?**

- A. Rashmika Mandanna            B. Rakul Preet Singh                C. Kriti Kharbanda  
D. Divya Hegde                    E. None of these

**15. Which company has recently collaborated with Clove Dental, India's largest network of oral clinics to offer dental insurance?**

- A. HDFC ERGO                    B. ICICI Lombard                    C. TATA AIG  
D. IFFCO Tokio                    E. None of these

**16. Mastercard has recently partnered with which company on Tokenisation for Card-Based Payments?**

- A. Airtel Pay                      B. PhonePe                          C. Google Pay  
D. Paytm                          E. None of these

**17. Which of the following banks has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Care Health Insurance Ltd to market health insurance products for customers of the bank across 22 districts of the state?**

- A. Karnataka Grameena Bank  
B. Tamil Nadu Grameena Bank  
C. Kerala Grameena Bank

D. Andhra Pradesh Grameena Bank

E. None of these

**18. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has recently partnered with which company to encourage continuous learning and skill development for its employees?**

A. Udemy

B. Coursera

C. edX

D. GitHub

E. None of these

**19. NITI Aayog has signed a Statement of Intent with which organization for mainstreaming of millets and supporting India in taking lead globally in knowledge exchange using the opportunity of 2023 as International Year of Millets?**

A. Food and Agriculture Organization

B. World Food Program

C. World Central Kitchen

D. World Economic Forum

E. None of these



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**20. Which company has recently acquired Nicomet, a leading nickel and cobalt producer in Goa, for an undisclosed amount?**

A. Vedanta Limited

B. Hindustan Zinc

C. Hindalco Industries

D. Jindal Steel and Power

E. None of these



**Correct answer:**

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**Explanation:**

**1. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** PM Boris Johnson

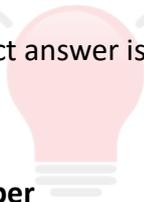
**What:** appoints foreign secretary Liz Truss to be Brexit negotiator

**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Sunday announced the appointment of Britain's foreign secretary to become the country's lead negotiator with the European Union, after long-time ally David Frost resigned after a week political upheaval in the Conservative Party.

Liz Truss will have ministerial responsibility with the EU and will lead negotiations to resolve problems arising from provisions of the Brexit agreement covering trade with Northern Ireland, the prime minister's office said in a statement.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)



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**2. Hints to Remember**

**Who:** Biden administration

**What:** names Uzra Zeya as Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

The Joe Biden administration Monday appointed Under-Secretary Uzra Zeya as the US Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues.

In a statement, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Zeya will “specifically promote substantive dialogue” between the Government of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) and the Dalai Lama, his representatives, or democratically elected Tibetan leaders in support of a negotiated agreement on Tibet.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. [\(Read more\)](#)



### 3. Hints to Remember

**Who:** United Arab Emirates

**What:** announces end of censorship in cinematic releases

**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The United Arab Emirates announced that it will no longer censor films released in cinemas, the country's latest effort to boost its brand as a liberal hub attractive to foreigners.

Instead of cutting sensitive scenes that could offend traditional Islamic sensibilities, the Emirati Media Regulatory Authority will introduce a new 21+ age category for viewers.

“The movies will be screened in cinemas according to their international version,” the authority said in a Twitter post.

Censors in the UAE, like elsewhere in the Middle East, have long removed scenes in cinematic releases that show nudity, homosexuality, sex and other content deemed inappropriate — sometimes leading to plot holes.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. ([Read more](#))

### 4. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik

**What:** Inaugurated 'T-Setu' Odisha's Longest Bridge Over Mahanadi river in Cuttack

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the state's longest bridge over the river Mahanadi at Gopinathpur in the city of Cuttack. It will connect Badamba Narasinghpur to Baideshwar of Banki. The bridge, which was a long-standing demand of the locals, will now shorten the distance between Badamba and Baideshwar, Banki by 45 kilometres and will also provide connectivity to Shinghanath Temple. According to the state government of Odisha, the newly inaugurated bridge will benefit over 5 lakh people as well as contribute to the development of agriculture, tourism and commerce in the region. The Odisha government also said the newly inaugurated 'T' shaped bridge spans 3.4 kilometre long and has been built at a cost of Rs 111 crore.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

### 5. Hints to Remember

**Who:** J&K Govt

**What:** Signs MoU With UCB Dubai To Facilitate UT Students With Wider Opportunities In Education

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

The Jammu and Kashmir government has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with University College Birmingham (UCB) at India Global Forum, Dubai to explore potential progression opportunities through institutional partnership with vocational colleges and universities in J&K.

For the first time, UCB has decided to set up an office in Jammu and Kashmir to tie up with local educational institutions, facilitate academic exchange programmes and enable students to secure admissions at reduced fees.

Director Industries and Commerce, Jammu, Anoo Malhotra and Director Marketing, Admissions and International Recruitment, University College Birmingham, Eileen Pryer, conducted a signing ceremony in presence of Counsel General of India, Dr. Aman Puri during the India Global Forum event held in Taj Dubai, UAE.

Hence, the correct answer is option D.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 6. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Amit Shah

**What:** released a Book titled 'Sahakar Sandarbha' at VAMNICOM Pune

**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that a national level cooperative university will be set up soon in the country to further expand the cooperative sector. He was speaking at the convocation ceremony of Vaikuntha Mehta National Cooperative Management Institute in Pune, Maharashtra.

Emphasising the need for expansion of cooperative sector in the villages, Mr Shah said, this sector has made significant contributions in the development of the country since the pre-independence period. He said, a cooperative sector policy is being formulated under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promote the cooperative movement which will be implemented across the country soon. Dr. Nitin Karmalkar, Vice Chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Secretary to the Ministry of Cooperation Devendra Kumar Singh, Additional Secretary Vijay Kumar, Director of Vamnicom Dr. Hema Yadav and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

The book titled 'Sahakar Sandarbha' was released by Mr Shah at the event. He said, the country's Primary Agriculture Society will be modernised and linked to District & State Cooperative Banks, which will further be linked to NABARD. This will help to boost the cooperative sector in the country. Mr Shah, who is on a two-day visit to Maharashtra, inaugurated a new building of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) and the campus of fifth Battalion of NDRF in Pune.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 7. Hints to Remember

**Who:** CCI

**What:** approves Bricklayers' acquisition of upto 16.94% stake in IRB Infrastructure

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of up to 16.94 per cent equity share capital of IRB Infrastructure Developers (IRB) by Bricklayers Investment (controlled by GIC Investor).

The proposed combination relates to GIC Investor's proposed acquisition of up to 16.94 per cent of the share capital of IRB on a fully diluted basis and non-fully diluted basis, through the subscription of new shares issued by way of a preferential issue on a private placement, an official release said.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 8. Hints to Remember

**Who:** IOCL

**What:** acquires 4.93 per cent equity stake in Indian Gas Exchange

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) said on Tuesday it has acquired a 4.93 per cent equity share in Indian Gas Exchange Limited, the country's first automated national level gas exchange.

The Board of Directors of Indian Oil approved the deal at its meeting held on December 20, Indian Oil said in a regulatory filing to the Bombay Stock Exchange.

"The Board of Indian Oil at its meeting held on 20 December 2021 has accorded approval for the acquisition of 36,93,750 equity shares of the face value of Rs.10/- each equivalent to 4.93 per cent of the share capital in Indian Gas Exchange Limited (IGX)," the company said in a statement.

IGX is India's first automated national level "Gas Exchange", which ensures transparent price discovery in natural gas and facilitates the growth of natural gas in India's energy basket.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 9. Hints to Remember

**Who:** SBI

**What:** acquires Minority Stake in JSW Cement for INR 100 crore via CCPS

**When:** published on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Sajjan Jindal-led JSW Cement said State Bank of India (SBI) has acquired a minority stake in the cement company by investing Rs 100 crore via compulsorily convertible preference shares (CCPS).

The conversion of such CCPS into common equity of the company will be linked to the JSW Cement's business performance and valuation at the time of the proposed initial public offering, said JSW in a press release.

"Financing our growth and expansion strategy with investment from a banking partner such as SBI sets us up very well for our planned IPO in the next 12-18 months. We look forward to a long-term association with SBI as we work towards building a New India by offering world-class environment-friendly cement products," the release quoted Narinder Singh Kahlon, director finance at JSW Cement, as saying.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 10. Hints to Remember

**Who:** CCI

**What:** approves acquisition of shareholding in Air India by Tata Sons

**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of a shareholding in Air India by Talace Private Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Sons.

The regulator also approved stake acquisition by Talace in Air India Express and Air India SATS Airport Services along with the acquisition of shares in Air India.

"The proposed combination envisages acquisition of 100% equity share capital of Air India Limited (Air India) and Air India Express Limited (AIXL), and 50% equity share capital of Air India SATS Airport Services Private Limited (AISATS) by Talace Private Limited (Talace)," CCI said in a statement.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 11. Hints to Remember

**Who:** DRDO scientist Atul Dinkar Rane

**What:** is the new DG for BrahMos Aerospace

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

The most outstanding scientist of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Atul Dinkar Rane is the new Director General of BrahMos Aerospace.

Rane who took charge of the Indo-Russian Joint Venture of BrahMos Aerospace on Monday has been associated with the project right from the beginning. This JV entity is known to produce the world-class BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.[\(Read more\)](#)

## 12. Hints to Remember

**Who:** PV Sindhu

**What:** appointed BWF's Athletes' Commission member

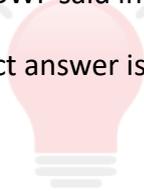
**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

India's two-time Olympic medallist shuttler PV Sindhu was appointed as a member of the Badminton World Federation's (BWF) Athletes' Commission.

The 26-year-old former world champion was named alongside five others who will serve as members till 2025.

"BWF is pleased to announce the six members of the BWF Athletes' Commission 2021-2025: Iris Wang (USA), Robin Tabeling (NED), Greysia Polii (INA), Kim Soyeong (KOR), Pusarla V Sindhu (IND), Zheng Si Wei (CHN)," the BWF said in a statement.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.[\(Read more\)](#)



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## 13. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Bank of Baroda

**What:** achieves top position in digital payments for 2020-21

**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Bank of Baroda has announced that it has won the number one position in overall digital transactions among large banks for FY20-21.

The bank showed the exceptional growth of digital payment transactions achievement and was felicitated by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India at the Digital Payments Utsav.

To commemorate 75th anniversary of Independence of India, MeitY is celebrating "Digital Payments Utsav". As a part of the celebration, Bank of Baroda has been conferred with five DigiDhan awards for FY 2019-20 & 2020-21 in various categories.

Hence, the correct answer is option D.[\(Read more\)](#)



#### 14. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Divya Hegde

**What:** Wins UN Women's Award For Leadership Commitment

**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Divya Hegde from Udupi, coastal Karnataka, has won the UN Women's Award for Leadership Commitment at the 2021 Regional Asia-Pacific Women's Empowerment Principles Awards ceremony on November 18th, 2021. She has been recognised for her sustained efforts in advancing gender equality through climate action efforts. Her organisation, Baeru Environmental Services, works in the areas of waste management, creation of livelihoods for rural women, and developing a circular economy in the region.

Hence, the correct answer is option D. [\(Read more\)](#)

#### 15. Hints to Remember

**Who:** ICICI Lombard

**What:** ties up with Clove Dental to offer OPD, dental insurance

**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company, one of India's leading private general insurance companies, has partnered with Clove Dental, India's largest network of dental clinics, to offer dental insurance. OPD benefit cover will also be available in this offer and will be available to the customers on a cashless basis. It is well designed to provide dental assistance to the customers of Clove Dental which will cover all the necessary dental treatment expenses under OPD benefit of ICICI Lombard.

Oral cancer, tooth decay and gum diseases are major concerns when it comes to oral diseases. The pandemic has highlighted the need for holistic health in general and oral health is no different. The virus has aggravated many oral disorders which are preventable, provided one takes care of the health of one's mouth.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. [\(Read more\)](#)

#### 16. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Mastercard and Google Pay

**What:** partner to facilitate tokenisation for card-based payments

**When:** published on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Mastercard and Google have announced the rollout of tokenisation that will enable Google Pay users to safely transact using their Mastercard credit and debit cards while enjoying a hassle-free

experience. Through tokenisation, Mastercard cardholders can make payments through a secure digital token without having to share their credit or debit card details such as card number, expiry date, etc. with a merchant. This collaboration is a commitment to ensure the best-in-class user experience and security features in an increasingly digital first world.

With this collaboration, Google Pay Android users can scan and pay across all Bharat QR-enabled merchants, tap-and-pay, and make in-app transactions through their Mastercard debit and credit card. For a convenient registration, users will do a one-time setup by entering their card details and their OTP to add their card on the Google Pay app.

Hence, the correct answer is option C. ([Read more](#))

## 17. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Karnataka Gramin Bank

**What:** signed a pact with Care Health Insurance

**When:** published on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The Bellari-headquartered Karnataka Gramin Bank (KGB), sponsored by Canara Bank, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Care Health Insurance Ltd to market health insurance products for customers of the bank across 22 districts of Karnataka.

Quoting Shreenath Joshi, Chairman of KGB, a media statement said the products will go a long way in building a sense of security amongst the customers in the current Covid pandemic situation.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

## 18. Hints to Remember

**Who:** NPCI

**What:** announced partnership with Udemy to upskill employees

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) partners with Udemy Business to encourage continuous learning and skill development for its employees.

The three-year association with Udemy Business will offer courses on in-demand skills such as tech, domain, behavioural, and leadership skills to all NPCI employees, who will now be able to access challenging assignments to enable experiential learning.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. ([Read more](#))

## 19. Hints to Remember

**Who:** NITI Aayog & UN-WFP

**What:** Signed Sol to Mainstream Millets & Support India in Knowledge Exchange

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

On 20th December 2021, the National Institution for Transforming India, known as NITI Aayog has signed a Statement of Intent with the United Nations(UN) World Food Program(WFP) for mainstreaming of millets and supporting India in taking lead globally in knowledge exchange using the opportunity of 2023 as International Year of Millets.

The Sol focuses on strategic and technical collaboration between NITI Aayog and WFP to strengthen climate-resilient agriculture for enhanced food and nutrition security in India.

Hence, the correct answer is option B. [\(Read more\)](#)

## 20. Hints to Remember

**Who:** Vedanta

**What:** acquires Goa-based Nicomet; becomes only nickel producer in India

**When:** published on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Natural resources conglomerate Vedanta has acquired Nicomet, a leading nickel and cobalt producer in Goa, for an undisclosed amount.

The company is making the acquisition when the nickel market is tightening with a surge in battery demand and an increase in global stainless-steel production in recent years--a trend expected to continue into 2022, said Vedanta in a press release.

Hence, the correct answer is option A. [\(Read more\)](#)





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