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November GA Quiz 27

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

1. Which of the following countries has recently hosted the 2020 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting?

- A. Malaysia B. Indonesia C. Australia
D. Philippines E. None of these

2. The Karnataka government has recently set _____ as target to become a USD 50 billion biotechnology market.

- A. 2022 B. 2024 C. 2028
D. 2025 E. None of these

3. Which of the following banks has recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSe) to promote ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) and green finance?

- A. State Bank of India B. Bank of Baroda C. Axis Bank
D. HDFC Bank E. None of these

4. Which of the following states was awarded as best performing state in inland fisheries sector, announced on the occasion of 'World Fisheries Day'?

- A. Maharashtra B. Odisha C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Kerala E. None of these

5. Which of the following ministries has issued an order under section 69A of the Information Technology Act blocking access to 43 mobile apps?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology B. Ministry of External Affairs
C. Ministry of Home Affairs D. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
E. None of these

6. Which of the following state has recently launched 'Him Suraksha Abhiyan' a door-to-door campaign in the state to ensure safety of the people against Covid-19?

- A. Uttarakhand B. Telangana C. Andhra Pradesh
D. Himachal Pradesh E. None of these

7. HDFC Life has recently joined hands with which General Insurance Company to launch a combi insurance product 'Click 2 Protect Corona Kavach'?

- A. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance B. HDFC Ergo General Insurance
C. TATA AIG General Insurance D. IFFCO Tokio General Insurance
E. None of these



8. Inventivepreneur Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ICCI) has recently signed an MoU with which bank to empower SMEs and Startups?

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

9. Which of the following banks has recently partnered with PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited to launch Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana?

- A. India Post Payments Bank B. HDFC Bank C. State Bank of India
D. Bank of Baroda E. None of these

10. India and USA have extended the MoU concerning cooperation with the Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP) India, for how many years?

- A. 5 years B. 8 years C. 10 years
D. 15 years E. None of these

11. Which of the following Institutes has collaborated with Indian Railways for a study on 'An Integrated Coal-Freight Optimization Model' to increase network throughput?

- A. IIM Shillong B. ISB Hyderabad C. IIT Madras
D. LPU Punjab E. None of these

12. Which of the following Luxury Automobile Brand has entered into a retail marketing tie-up with State Bank of India (SBI), to access latter's HNI (high net-worth individual) customer base for selling its premium cars?

- A. Mercedes-Benz B. Jaguar C. Audi
D. BMW E. None of these

13. Who among the following has recently been appointed as the head of the committee formed by NITI Aayog to study the feasibility of Virgin Hyperloop?

- A. V. K. Saraswat B. Sudhendu Jyoti C. V. K. Yadav
D. G. Satheesh Reddy E. None of these

14. Pilibhit Tiger Reserve has recently received TX2 Tiger Conservation Awards 2020 for doubling the number of tigers in 4 years ahead of the target of 10 years. The tiger reserve is located in which of the following states?

- A. Himachal Pradesh B. Uttar Pradesh C. Kerala
D. Tamil Nadu E. None of these

15. Which of the following organizations has recently rejected the proposal of Muthoot Finance Limited to acquire 100% equity share of IDBI Asset Management and IDBI MF?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
B. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
C. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
D. Securities and Exchange Board of India
E. None of these



16. Which supersonic cruise missile has been successfully test-fired from the Andaman and Nicobar Island Territory for its land attack version by Indian Army?

- A. Agni
- B. Varunastra
- C. BrahmAstra
- D. BrahMos
- E. None of these

17. The 2020 Awaas Diwas was celebrated on which date across India?

- A. November 20
- B. November 21
- C. November 22
- D. November 24
- E. None of these

18. The 2020 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women was observed on which of the following dates?

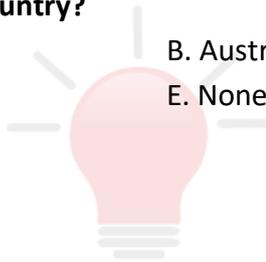
- A. November 22
- B. November 24
- C. November 25
- D. November 26
- E. None of these

19. Diego Maradona passed away recently, was related to which of the following sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Hockey
- C. Badminton
- D. Football
- E. None of these

20. Greg Barclay has recently been elected as the new Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) is from which country?

- A. Ireland
- B. Australia
- C. West Indies
- D. New Zealand
- E. None of these



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Correct answer:

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Explanation:

1. The 2020 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Malaysian Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin. This was the first time that all 21 APEC Economic Leaders met virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The APEC 2020 ended with the adoption of the APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040 and the 2020 Kuala Lumpur Declaration. The APEC Summit 2021 will be hosted by New Zealand. This is the second time Malaysia hosted an APEC meeting, having hosted one in 1998.

The theme of the APEC Malaysia 2020 was "Optimising Human Potential Towards a Resilient Future of Shared Prosperity: Pivot. Prioritise. Progress".

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Karnataka

What: aims at \$50 billion bio-economy by 2025

When: published on 21st November 2020

The Karnataka government Friday announced that it has set a target to become a USD 50 billion biotechnology market by 2025, contributing to half of the national bio-economy projected to be achieved by then.

The government released its first draft of the Bio-economy Report 2020 at the Bengaluru Tech Summit on Friday, highlighting achievements and earmarking targets for the next five years. The report also claims that the same has grown by 14-17 per cent in the previous two years and that the state contributes 10.3 per cent to the gross state domestic product (GSDP) of USD 221.82 billion. While the report estimates the bio-economy of the state at USD 22.6 billion (Rs 1,67,240 crores) and growing at present, it is projected to USD 42 billion by 2025. ([Read more](#))

3. Hints to Remember

Who: SBI

What: signs MoU with Luxembourg Stock Exchange - Check how it will help State Bank of India and LuxSE

When: published on 21st November 2020



India's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSe). The MoU will help SBI and LuxSE to set up a long-term cooperation mechanism and promote ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) and green finance.

Through this MoU, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange would work towards creating a sustainable environment for issuers, asset managers, and investors in terms of ESG focused funds and bonds.

Commenting on SBI entering into MoU with Luxembourg Stock exchange, Dinesh Khara, Chairman, SBI said "Bank has adopted 'Sustainability' as one of its core values. A "Sustainability and Business Responsibility Policy" for the Bank has been put in place and SBI was the first Public Sector Bank in India to publish its Sustainability Report as per Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) framework. State Bank of India has raised USD 800 Mio in the Green Bond Market to date. The MoU with the Luxembourg Stock Exchange will open up new avenues for market development and fundraising in the green bond market." [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: UP

What: adjudged best performer in inland fisheries, Odisha as marine state

When: published on 22nd November 2020

Uttar Pradesh on Saturday was awarded the best-performing state in the inland fisheries sector, while Odisha got the award of the best marine state on the occasion of World Fisheries Day, observed by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

According to the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, the per-capita fish consumption in Odisha has increased from 7.71 kg in 2000 to 16.24 kg in 2019-20.

Uttar Pradesh has taken up various initiatives in aquaculture under the CSS-Blue Revolution, which led to an increase of 30 per cent in water spread area for fish culture in recent years, the ministry said.

The Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Pratap Chandra Sarangi, was the chief guest who also launched the logo of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: MEITY

What: issues order for blocking apps under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act

When: published on 24th November 2020

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India today issued an order under section 69A of the Information Technology Act blocking access to 43 mobile apps. This action was



taken based on the inputs regarding these apps for engaging in activities which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has issued the order for blocking the access of these apps by users in India based on the comprehensive reports received from Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Center, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Earlier on 29th June, 2020 the Government of India had blocked access to 59 mobile apps and on 2nd September, 2020 118 more apps were banned under section 69A of the Information Technology Act. Government is committed to protect the interests of citizens and sovereignty and integrity of India on all fronts and it shall take all possible steps to ensure that. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Himachal govt

What: launches 'Him Suraksha Abhiyan'

When: published on 25th November 2020

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Tuesday launched 'Him Suraksha Abhiyan' to sensitise the people regarding Covid-19 pandemic and to collect information regarding symptoms of diseases like TB, leprosy, sugar, blood pressure etc. through doortodoor campaign in the state.

This campaign begins in Himachal from 25 November to 27 December, 2020.

Thakur said that about 8000 teams comprising Health, Ayurveda, Women and Child Development, Panchayati Raj Departments, District Administration and NGOs would be involved in this campaign which would ensure door to door data collection of health parameters of the people. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC Life & HDFC Ergo

What: launch Click 2 Protect Corona Kavach – a single policy with term & COVID-19 health cover

When: published on 24th November 2020

HDFC Life and HDFC Ergo have joined hands to launch a combi product 'Click 2 Protect Corona Kavach' to provide a complete financial protection package in the current pandemic environment, with HDFC Life's Click 2 Protect 3D Plus (C2P3D Plus) and HDFC Ergo's Corona Kavach.

HDFC Life's C2P3D Plus is one of the most flexible and customizable term plans in the market. HDFC Ergo's Corona Kavach is an indemnity health policy that was launched earlier this year to offer cover against medical expenses incurred due to hospitalization of individuals seeking treatment for COVID-19, on a positive diagnosis for the virus, in a government authorized diagnostic centre. ([Read more](#))



8. Hints to Remember

Who: HDFC Bank

What: signs MoU with Inventivepreneur Chamber of Commerce & Industries (ICCI) to support SMEs and Start-ups

When: published on 25th November 2020

ICCI (Inventivepreneur Chamber of Commerce and Industries) In its endeavour to support SMEs and Start-ups has signed an MoU with HDFC Bank.

Inventivepreneur Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ICCI) is operational as the biggest platform to support entrepreneurship globally. Through this association, ICCI will engage, enroll and support various Startups /SMEs /MSMEs to facilitate inter-alia financial and other facilities to/from HDFC Bank. HDFC Bank may offer bank accounts to Startups that are supported by INVENTIVEPRENEUR and recommended by INVENTIVEPRENEUR. ICCI will evaluate and recommend potential Startups /SMEs /MSMEs for investments. ICCI will support businesses to pitch their solutions to requisite stakeholders and will work towards providing them an opportunity to showcase their solutions. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: India Post Payments Bank

What: partners PNB MetLife to launch Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

When: published on 24th November 2020

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has collaborated with PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited to launch Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana.

The unique scheme launched by IPPB provides life cover on death of the insured member due to any reason.

“Products like PMJJBY help to inculcate a culture of buying affordable insurance amongst this segment of population,” said J. Venkatramu, managing director and chief executive officer, India Post Payments Bank.

“PMJJBY takes forward the Government’s mission of creating a universal social security net for needy and disadvantaged sections,” he further stated. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: India-US

What: extend MoU for cooperation on nuclear energy for 10 more years

When: published on 25th November 2020



Extending the Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation on nuclear energy for 10 more years, India and America have issued a joint statement on 24 November, saying, "Marking the tenth year of cooperation between the United States and India at the Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP) and the signing of the extension, for an additional ten years, to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of India Concerning Cooperation with the Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership, India, signed at New Delhi on November 7, 2010 (the GCNEP MOU). "[\(Read more\)](#)"

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Railways

What: partners with Indian School of Business for Integrated Coal Freight Optimization Model to increase network throughput

When: published on 26th November 2020

Indian Railways collaborated with Indian School of Business (ISB) for a study on "An Integrated Coal-Freight Optimization Model to increase Network Throughput". In this direction, Shri Shiva Prasad, Principal Chief Operations Manager, SCR has handed over the LoA to Shri Milind Sohoni, Deputy Dean, Indian School of Business in the presence of Shri Gajanan Mallya, General Manager, SCR and other senior officials of Railways & ISB at Rail Nilayam on 24th November, 2020. [\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: Mercedes-Benz India

What: teams up with SBI for car financing offers

When: published on 25th November 2020

Mercedes-Benz India recently announced that it has partnered with SBI in an endeavour to offer top class car finance schemes and deals to its customers across the country. Describing it as a first-of-its kind collaboration, the German luxury carmaker's retail marketing association with the State Bank of India will seek to tap into the bank's customer base of high net-worth individuals (HNI) in order to pitch its premium cars to them and expand its customer base as well. As for what makes this offering unique -- the automaker said that under the purview of this initiative, they will not only be able to generate enquiries but also enable online bookings. This is, of course, in addition to the benefits and finance offers. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: NITI Aayog Panel

What: To Study Feasibility Of Hyperloop Travel In India



When: published on 24th November 2020

Government think-tank NITI Aayog has formed a high-level panel to explore the technological and commercial viability of the Virgin Hyperloop technology for ultrahigh speed travel in India, weeks after its first test was completed with humans on board.

The Virgin Hyperloop test run was conducted on a 500-meter track in Las Vegas in the U. S. with a pod, as the hyperloop vehicles are called, travelling with passengers, including an Indian, inside an enclosed tube at more than 100 mph or 161 kmph.

A NITI Aayog document, accessed by the PTI, says that in view of the emerging transport technology and for gaining the first-mover advantage, it is essential to look into the technological and commercial viability of the Virgin Hyperloop technology.

It is relevant to explore technological, commercial, financial (viability) and (assess) safety standards and regulations to procure new technology. It has been decided to constitute an Expert Committee, the document says. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Pilibhit Tiger Reserve

What: gets global award for doubling tiger population

When: published on 24th November 2020

The Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR) and the Uttar Pradesh Forest department have bagged the first-ever international award, TX2, for doubling the number of tigers in four years against a target of 10 years.

PTR was the first to receive the award among 13 tiger range countries.

It achieved this goal in just four years from 2014, when it had 25 tigers which went up to 65 in 2018.

The award was virtually presented to the principal chief conservator of forest (wildlife) of the state, Sunil Pandey, by UNDP's (United Nations Development Program) head of ecosystems and biodiversity, Mindori Paxton. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: RBI

What: rejects Muthoot Finance's proposal to acquire IDBI AMC, IDBI MF

When: published on 25th November 2020

Muthoot Finance and IDBI Bank were in focus on Wednesday after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) rejected the former's proposal to acquire 100% equity shares held in the later's IDBI Asset Management Company and IDBI MF Trustee Company.



In its regulatory filing, Muthoot said, "We would like to inform that Muthoot Finance Limited's request for a no-objection certificate was not acceded to by the Reserve Bank of India on the ground that, "the activity of sponsoring a Mutual Fund or owning an Asset Management Company is not in consonance with the activity of an operating NBFC".

"Consequently, we have informed SEBI vide our letter dated November 23, 20,20 that Muthoot Finance Limited is unable to proceed with the proposed transaction, said Muthoot in the regulatory filing. "[\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: successfully testfires BrahMos cruise missile land-attack version

When: published on 24th November 2020

India on Tuesday test-fired a land attack version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. With this, the BrahMos Cruise Missile can now strike its target to an enhanced range of over 400 kilometres.

"India today test-fired a land attack version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands territory. The target of the missile was on another island there. More details awaited," news agency ANI reported quoting sources.

"The supersonic missile was cruise missile was testfired at 10 AM today and it successfully hit its target. The test was conducted by the Indian Army which has many regiments of the DRDO-developed Missile system. The strike range of BrahMos missile has now been enhanced to over 400 km," it further reported quoting sources. [\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Awaas Diwas 2020

What: was observed on 20th November 2020

Rural Development Minister Narendra Singh Tomar today virtually interacted with Rural Development Ministers and officials of the States on the occasion of "Awaas Diwas" celebration. During the interaction, Mr Tomar mentioned that Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana -Gramin is not only credited with the task of providing houses to beneficiaries, but it also serves in protecting the dignity of the households.

He said, Awaas Diwas is not just a day to celebrate a scheme, but a day to connect with crores of rural households, who have been greatly benefited by this scheme.

The Rural Housing Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 20th of November 2016 at Agra, Uttar Pradesh. To commemorate



the launch of PMAY-G, which aims to provide "Housing for All" by 2022, it was decided to celebrate 20th November every year as Awaas Diwas. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

What: was observed on 25th November 2025

International Day For The Elimination of Violence Against Women this year assumes great significance amid the COVID-19 pandemic. During the unprecedented lockdown, countries across the world have reported increased cases of domestic violence. Women's organizations and rights bodies are pushing governments to take measures to protect young girls and women caught in the cycle of violence. International Day For The Elimination of Violence Against Women is a United Nations designated day observed every year on November 25. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Timeline: Football legend Diego Maradona

What: dead at 60

When: published on 26th November 2020

Diego Maradone is dead. He was 60. Cristiano Ronaldo hailed an "unparalleled magician" whom he could call "friend" while arch rival Lionel Messi remembered an icon with an "eternal appeal" as the two modern day geniuses joined the world in mourning Diego Maradona's untimely death on Wednesday.

Diego Maradona, considered the greatest footballer of all time alongside Brazil's Pele, died following a cardiac arrest, two weeks after undergoing a surgery to remove a blood clot in his brain. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: New Zealand Cricket director Greg Barclay

What: elected as new ICC Chairman

When: published on 25th November 2020

Greg Barclay, an Auckland-based commercial lawyer and director of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) since 2012, has been elected as the new chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

"It is an honour to be elected as the chair of the International Cricket Council and I would like to thank my fellow ICC Directors for their support. I hope we can come together to lead the sport and emerge



from the global pandemic in a strong position and poised for growth," said Barclay as per an ICC media release. ([Read more](#))





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