



GK SYLLABUS

II-PERIODIC ASSESSMENT



CLASSES VI-VIII

2017-2018

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)



France was the first to introduce GST. Only Canada has dual GST model (Just like India is going to implement Dual GST Model).

Goods and Services Tax (GST) was introduced in India on 1 July 2017 and was applicable throughout India which replaced multiple cascading taxes levied by the central and state governments. It was introduced as The Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act 2017, following the passage of the Constitution 122nd Amendment Act Bill. The GST is governed by a GST Council and its Chairman is the Finance Minister of India.

Benefits of GST to the Indian Economy

- Removal of bundled indirect taxes such as VAT, CST, Service tax, CAD, SAD, and Excise.
- Less tax compliance and a simplified tax policy compared to the current tax structure.
- Removal of cascading effect of taxes i.e. removes tax on tax.

- Control of black money circulation as the system normally followed by traders and shopkeepers will be put to a mandatory check.
- Boost to the Indian economy in the long run.

Launch

The Goods and Services Tax was launched at midnight on 1 July 2017 by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi. The launch was marked by a historic midnight (30 June – 1 July) session of both the houses of Parliament, convened at the Central Hall of the Parliament. It is one of the few midnight sessions that have been held by the Parliament - the others being the declaration of India's independence on 15 August 1947, and the silver and golden jubilees of that occasion.

Reaction of people against GST

Textile merchants of Surat and Ahmedabad are set to prolong their ongoing agitation against the implementation of the goods and services tax (GST). Over 80,000 merchants of Surat have refused to open their shops if the government does not consider their demand.

Members of the Congress party boycotted the GST launch altogether. The parties reported that they found virtually no difference between the GST and the existing taxation system. They also argued that the GST would increase existing rates on common daily goods while reducing rates on luxury items, and affect many Indians adversely, especially the middle, lower middle and poorer classes.

DIAGNOSTICS



1. Which test is used to detect anaemia?

[Ans. Hemoglobin in blood test.](#)

2. Which test is used to detect malaria?

[Ans. Blood test.](#)

3. Which test is used to detect typhoid?

[Ans. Widal's test.](#)

4. Which test is used to detect diabetes mellitus?

[Ans. Checking blood sugar level.](#)

5. The level of bilirubin in blood is measured to detect jaundice.
Which test offers this measurement?

[Ans. Van Den Bergh's test.](#)

6. Which test is carried out to detect worm infestation?

[Ans. Stool examination.](#)

7. Name the machine that keeps up the blood circulation while the heart is stopped during surgery.

[Ans. Heart Lung Machine.](#)

8. Which instrument can detect heart disorders?

[Ans. Electrocardiograph.](#)

9. Which device is used to examine the eyes?

[Ans. Ophthalmoscope.](#)

10. Which instrument is used to check the ears?

[Ans. Oscopes.](#)

11. Which instrument helps in viewing the inside of the stomach?

[Ans. Gastro scope.](#)

12. Which test is used to detect mental retardation?

[Ans. Chromosomal analysis.](#)

13. Which instrument can detect Brain Haemorrhage?

[Ans. CAT scanner.](#)

14. Name the instrument commonly used by doctors to measure arterial blood pressure.

[Ans. Sphygmomanometer.](#)

15. Which instrument is used to measure the extent of deafness?

[Ans. Audiometer.](#)

CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. Suresh Raina is appointed as the brand ambassador of Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation

Raina appointed as the brand ambassador of the Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation (GMC) at a programme at Ghaziabad. It is the only city which has been declared open defecation free. This programme will help the municipal corporation in spreading awareness about sanitation.

2. India and World Bank Signed \$200 Million Loan Agreement for Assam

The Government of India and the World Bank signed a \$200 million Loan Agreement for the Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project.

3. Kidambi Srikanth Wins French Open to Clinch 4th Super Series Title of 2017

India's Kidambi Srikanth created history by becoming the first Indian player to win four Super series titles in a year after he won the men's singles title at the French Open. He also became the only Indian to win the French Open since it became a Super series event in 2007.

4. Union Cabinet approves Rs 7,000 crore for construction of six IIT campuses

Union Cabinet approved over Rs 7,000 crore for construction of permanent campuses of six new Indian Institute of Technology (IITs). They will be constructed at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Palakkad

(Kerala), Dharwad (Karnataka), Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh) and Goa.

5. Patna Pirates won Third Pro Kabaddi Successive Title

Pardeep Narwal scored an incredible 24 points to steer Patna Pirates to third consecutive Pro Kabaddi title. Gujarat's Sachin Tawar was the only player who had managed to break through Patna defence with 11 points.

6. India Overtakes US to Become Second Largest Smartphone Market: Report

India overtake the US to become the world's second-largest smartphone market, trailing only China, according to a new report by analyst firm Canalys. Smartphone penetration and the explosion of LTE (long-term evolution, or 4G) are the main drivers behind this.

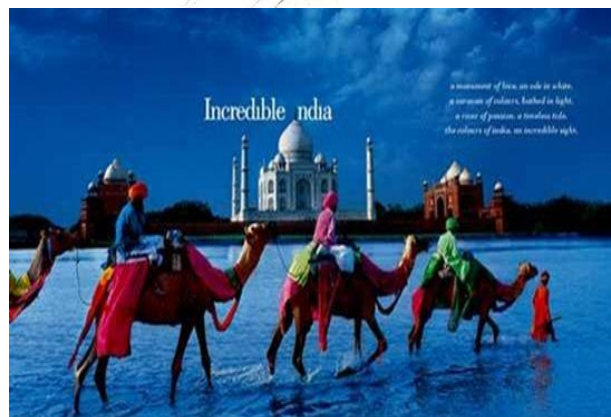
7. Puducherry Becomes an Associate Member of BCCI

The Cricket Association of Puducherry (CAP) was chosen by the Committee of Administrators as an associate member of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). This means Puducherry will be allowed to play the Ranji Trophy in 2018.

8. Indian medical student Manushi Chillar wins Miss World 2017 Title.

The Miss World pageant, was held on 18th November 2017 at the Sanya City arena, in Sanya, China .118 contestants from all over the world competed for the crown. Manushi Chillar, 20, from Haryana is the sixth Indian winner of the prestigious competition.

KNOW MORE ABOUT INDIA



1. When did the first war of Independence start?

Ans.) May 10, 1857.

2. When was India's national song 'Vande Mataram' sung for the first time?

Ans.) 1896.

3. Who composed the famous patriotic song "Saare Jahan Se Achchha"?

Ans.) Mohammad Iqbal.

4. Who is known as the “Heroine of 1942 Quit India Movement”?

Ans.) Aruna Asaf Ali.

5. Who addressed Mahatma Gandhi as the “Father of the Nation”?

Ans.) Subhash Chandra Bose.

6. Who was the leader of Indian National Congress when Mahatma Gandhi reached India?

Ans.) Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

7. Which Indian company sponsored the first ever Cricket World Cup held outside England, in India and Pakistan?

Ans.) Reliance.

8. In 1984, Rakesh Sharma became the first Indian to orbit in space. Abroad which space capsule did he make his journey?

Ans.) Soyuz T-11.

9. Asia’s first nuclear reactor was built in India. What was it called?

Ans.) Apsara.

10. Which Act was passed during the Emergency period in order to give the state enormous powers in maintaining “the integrity of the nation”?

Ans.) Maintenance of Internal Security Act [MISA].