

# PGIMER BSc Nursing

## General English & GK/Current Affairs — Sample Paper – 10

Duration: 23 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 25

### Instructions

- This paper contains **25** Multiple Choice Questions (Single Correct Answer), modelled on the General English and General Knowledge/Current Affairs portion of the **PGIMER BSc Nursing** entrance exam.
- **Part A** (Q1–Q10) tests **General English**; **Part B** (Q11–Q25) tests **General Knowledge & Current Affairs**.
- Each correct answer carries **+1 mark**. **0.25 mark** is deducted for every incorrect answer. Unattempted questions carry **0 marks**.
- Only **one** option is correct. Choose carefully.
- The exam is conducted as a computer-based test. Mobile phones and other electronic gadgets are strictly prohibited.

### Part A: General English

**Q1.** Choose the word that is most **similar** in meaning to the word: **COURTEOUS**.

- (A) Rude
- (B) Polite
- (C) Cruel
- (D) Careless

**Q2.** Choose the word that is most **opposite** in meaning to the word: **EXPAND**.

- (A) Enlarge
- (B) Stretch



- (C) Contract
- (D) Grow

**Q3.** In the sentence below, identify the part that contains a grammatical **error**: “She prefers / tea / than / coffee.”

- (A) She prefers
- (B) tea
- (C) than
- (D) coffee

**Q4.** Fill in the blank with the correct preposition: “The clinic is adjacent \_\_\_\_\_ the pharmacy.”

- (A) to
- (B) with
- (C) from
- (D) by

**Q5.** Fill in the blank with the correct verb form: “If I \_\_\_\_\_ you, I would take complete rest.”

- (A) am
- (B) was
- (C) will be
- (D) were

**Q6.** Choose the correct one-word substitution: “A doctor who specialises in the care of elderly people.”

- (A) Paediatrician
- (B) Geriatrician
- (C) Gynaecologist



(D) Radiologist

**Q7.** Choose the meaning of the idiom: “to hit the sack”.

- (A) to hit a bag hard
- (B) to go to bed
- (C) to lose one’s temper
- (D) to start a fight

**Q8.** Choose the **grammatically correct** sentence.

- (A) Ravi is taller than his brother.
- (B) Ravi is more taller than his brother.
- (C) Ravi is tallest than his brother.
- (D) Ravi is more tall than his brother.

**Q9.** Choose the **correctly spelt** word.

- (A) Ointmnt
- (B) Oinment
- (C) Ointmant
- (D) Ointment

**Q10.** Fill in the blank with the correct word: “The surgeon must decide \_\_\_\_\_ to operate immediately.”

- (A) weather
- (B) wether
- (C) whether
- (D) whither

**Part B: General Knowledge & Current Affairs**



- Q11.** The idea of the **Directive Principles of State Policy** in the Indian Constitution was borrowed from the Constitution of:
- (A) the United States
  - (B) Britain
  - (C) France
  - (D) Ireland
- Q12.** The **Simon Commission** arrived in India in which year?
- (A) 1928
  - (B) 1919
  - (C) 1935
  - (D) 1942
- Q13.** Which mountain range forms the natural **northern boundary** of India?
- (A) Aravalli
  - (B) Himalayas
  - (C) Vindhya
  - (D) Satpura
- Q14.** Which gland is known as the “**master gland**” of the human body?
- (A) Pituitary
  - (B) Thyroid
  - (C) Adrenal
  - (D) Pancreas
- Q15.** The motto inscribed below the **national emblem** of India is:
- (A) Vande Mataram
  - (B) Jai Hind



- (C) Satyameva Jayate
- (D) Ahimsa Paramo Dharma

**Q16.** The **Arjuna Award** is given by the Government of India for excellence in:

- (A) literature
- (B) science
- (C) social service
- (D) sports

**Q17.** The term “**birdie**” is associated with which sport?

- (A) Golf
- (B) Cricket
- (C) Table tennis
- (D) Boxing

**Q18.** The novel “**The White Tiger**”, which won the Man Booker Prize, was written by:

- (A) Kiran Desai
- (B) Arundhati Roy
- (C) Aravind Adiga
- (D) Jhumpa Lahiri

**Q19.** **World Mental Health Day** is observed every year on:

- (A) 1 December
- (B) 10 October
- (C) 7 April
- (D) 14 June



- Q20.** ISRO's "Gaganyaan" mission is related to:
- (A) a Mars landing
  - (B) a weather satellite
  - (C) a lunar rover
  - (D) India's first human spaceflight
- Q21.** In digital payments, "UPI" stands for:
- (A) Unified Payments Interface
  - (B) Universal Payment Interface
  - (C) United Payment of India
  - (D) Unique Personal Identity
- Q22.** Who was the **first woman President** of India?
- (A) Sarojini Naidu
  - (B) Indira Gandhi
  - (C) Pratibha Patil
  - (D) Droupadi Murmu
- Q23.** The secretariat of **SAARC** is located in which city?
- (A) New Delhi
  - (B) Kathmandu
  - (C) Dhaka
  - (D) Colombo
- Q24.** In the treatment of dehydration, "ORS" stands for:
- (A) Organic Relief Syrup
  - (B) Oral Recovery Serum
  - (C) Overnight Rest Schedule



(D) Oral Rehydration Solution

**Q25.** The **2028 Summer Olympic Games** are scheduled to be held in which city?

(A) Paris

(B) Brisbane

(C) Los Angeles

(D) Tokyo



**Detailed Solutions**

Q1.

**Solution**

**Concept — Synonyms:** A synonym is a word that carries nearly the same meaning as the given word.

**Step 1 — Meaning of the key word:** “Courteous” describes a person who is polite, well-mannered and respectful towards others.

**Step 2 — Match with the options:** Among the choices, “Polite” expresses the same idea of good manners and respect.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Rude): it is the opposite of courteous.
- Option C (Cruel): it means unkind and harsh, not polite.
- Option D (Careless): it means negligent, unrelated to good manners.

**Final Answer:** Courteous means polite ⇒ **B**

**Answer: (B)** [Go Back to Q1](#)

Q2.

**Solution**

**Concept — Antonyms:** An antonym is a word opposite in meaning to the given word.

**Step 1 — Meaning of the key word:** “Expand” means to become larger in size, area or volume.

**Step 2 — Find the opposite:** The opposite of becoming larger is becoming smaller, which is expressed by the word “Contract”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Enlarge): it is a synonym of expand, not an antonym.
- Option B (Stretch): it also means to extend or make bigger.
- Option D (Grow): it means to increase, similar to expand.

**Final Answer:** The antonym of expand is contract ⇒ **C**

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q2](#)



Q3.

**Solution**

**Concept — Verbs with fixed prepositions:** The verb “prefer” is followed by “to”, not “than”, when comparing two things.

**Step 1 — Locate the comparison:** The sentence compares tea and coffee using the verb “prefers”.

**Step 2 — Check the linking word:** “prefers tea than coffee” is wrong; the correct form is “prefers tea to coffee”. So “than” is the error.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (She prefers): the subject and verb are correct.
- Option B (tea): correctly used as the preferred item.
- Option D (coffee): correctly used as the second item.

**Final Answer:** The error lies in “than” ⇒

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q3](#)

Q4.

**Solution**

**Concept — Prepositions with adjectives:** The adjective “adjacent” is always followed by the preposition “to”.

**Step 1 — Understand the sentence:** The clinic is right next to the pharmacy, so “adjacent” describes their nearness.

**Step 2 — Choose the preposition:** “adjacent to the pharmacy” is the correct and idiomatic form.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (with): “adjacent with” is not a valid combination.
- Option C (from): “adjacent from” is incorrect usage.
- Option D (by): “adjacent by” is not used with this adjective.

**Final Answer:** The correct preposition is “to” ⇒

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q4](#)



Q5.

**Solution**

**Concept — Second conditional (subjunctive):** In an unreal or hypothetical condition, “were” is used for all subjects after “if”.

**Step 1 — Identify the sentence type:** “If I . . . , I would take rest” is a hypothetical second conditional.

**Step 2 — Form the verb:** The subjunctive uses “were” even with “I”, giving “If I were you”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (am): present tense, wrong for an unreal condition.
- Option B (was): informal, but “were” is correct in the subjunctive.
- Option C (will be): future tense, does not fit the conditional structure.

**Final Answer:** The correct form is “were” ⇒

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Q6.

**Solution**

**Concept — One-word substitution:** A single word can replace a longer descriptive phrase.

**Step 1 — Read the description:** “A doctor who specialises in the care of elderly people.”

**Step 2 — Match the specialist:** A doctor who treats the elderly is called a “Geriatrician”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Paediatrician): a children’s doctor.
- Option C (Gynaecologist): a specialist in women’s reproductive health.
- Option D (Radiologist): a specialist in medical imaging.

**Final Answer:** A doctor for the elderly is a geriatrician ⇒

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Q7.

**Solution**

**Concept — Idioms:** An idiom is a fixed expression whose meaning cannot be guessed from the literal words.

**Step 1 — Recall the idiom:** “To hit the sack” comes from the old habit of sleeping on a sack filled with straw.

**Step 2 — State the meaning:** It means to go to bed or to go to sleep.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A: it is not about literally striking a bag.
- Option C: losing one’s temper is unrelated to the idiom.
- Option D: starting a fight is not part of the meaning.

**Final Answer:** The idiom means to go to bed ⇒ **B**

**Answer: (B)** [Go Back to Q7](#)

Q8.

**Solution**

**Concept — Comparative degree:** To compare two people, a single comparative form such as “taller” is used, without adding “more”.

**Step 1 — Form the comparative:** The comparative of “tall” is “taller”; two comparative markers must never be combined.

**Step 2 — Build the sentence:** “Ravi is taller than his brother.” is the correct comparison of two people.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B: “more taller” is a double comparative, which is wrong.
- Option C: “tallest” is a superlative, not used for only two people.
- Option D: “more tall” is incorrect; the comparative is “taller”.

**Final Answer:** The correct sentence is “Ravi is taller than his brother.” ⇒ **A**

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q8](#)



Q9.

**Solution**

**Concept — Correct spelling:** A medicated cream applied to the skin is spelt “ointment”.

**Step 1 — Break the word:** The word is formed as “oint-ment”, with the ending “-ment” as in “treatment”.

**Step 2 — Confirm the correct option:** The correctly spelt word is “Ointment”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Ointmnt): a vowel is missing before “nt”.
- Option B (Oinment): the letter “t” is missing.
- Option C (Ointmant): the ending should be “-ment”, not “-mant”.

**Final Answer:** The correct spelling is “Ointment” ⇒

**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q9](#)

Q10.

**Solution**

**Concept — “whether” vs “weather”:** “Whether” introduces a choice or doubt (means “if”), while “weather” refers to the state of the atmosphere.

**Step 1 — Check the sense of the blank:** The surgeon must decide about a choice: to operate immediately or not. This calls for “whether”.

**Step 2 — Confirm the word:** “must decide whether to operate” correctly conveys the doubt or choice.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (weather): refers to climate, wrong meaning here.
- Option B (wether): means a castrated ram, not relevant.
- Option D (whither): an old word meaning “to what place”, does not fit.

**Final Answer:** The correct word is “whether” ⇒

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q10](#)



Q11.

**Solution**

**Concept — Borrowed features of the Constitution:** Many ideas in the Indian Constitution were adopted from other countries.

**Step 1 — Recall the source:** The Directive Principles of State Policy were borrowed from the Constitution of Ireland (the Irish model).

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the correct source country is Ireland.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (the United States): source of Fundamental Rights and judicial review.
- Option B (Britain): source of the parliamentary system and rule of law.
- Option C (France): source of the ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity.

**Final Answer:** The DPSP were borrowed from Ireland ⇒

**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q11](#)

Q12.

**Solution**

**Concept — Modern Indian history:** The Simon Commission led to nationwide protests with the slogan “Simon, go back”.

**Step 1 — Recall the event:** The seven-member Simon Commission, set up to review constitutional reforms, arrived in India in 1928.

**Step 2 — Fix the year:** The commission reached India in the year **1928**.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (1919): the year of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.
- Option C (1935): the year of the Government of India Act.
- Option D (1942): the year of the Quit India Movement.

**Final Answer:** The Simon Commission arrived in 1928 ⇒

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q12](#)



Q13.

**Solution**

**Concept — Physical features of India:** India's borders are marked by distinct landforms.

**Step 1 — Identify the range:** The Himalayas stretch across the north and separate India from Central Asia.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the Himalayas form the natural northern boundary of India.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Aravalli): an old range in western India, not the northern boundary.
- Option C (Vindhya): a range in central India dividing north from south.
- Option D (Satpura): a central Indian range, not the northern border.

**Final Answer:** The Himalayas form the northern boundary ⇒

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Q14.

**Solution**

**Concept — Endocrine system:** Some glands control the activity of other glands in the body.

**Step 1 — Identify the gland:** The pituitary gland secretes hormones that regulate many other endocrine glands, so it is called the “master gland”.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the master gland is the pituitary.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Thyroid): controls metabolism, but is itself regulated by the pituitary.
- Option C (Adrenal): produces stress hormones, not the master gland.
- Option D (Pancreas): controls blood sugar, not the master gland.

**Final Answer:** The master gland is the pituitary ⇒

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Q15.

**Solution**

**Concept — National emblem of India:** The State Emblem carries a motto in Devanagari script below it.

**Step 1 — Recall the motto:** The words “Satyameva Jayate”, meaning “Truth alone triumphs”, are inscribed below the Lion Capital.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the correct motto is Satyameva Jayate.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Vande Mataram): the national song, not the emblem’s motto.
- Option B (Jai Hind): a patriotic slogan, not the inscribed motto.
- Option D (Ahimsa Paramo Dharma): a moral maxim, not the state motto.

**Final Answer:** The motto is Satyameva Jayate ⇒

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q15](#)

Q16.

**Solution**

**Concept — National awards:** Different awards honour achievement in different fields.

**Step 1 — Recall the field:** The Arjuna Award recognises outstanding performance in sports and games.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the Arjuna Award is given for excellence in sports.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (literature): honoured by awards such as the Sahitya Akademi Award.
- Option B (science): honoured by awards such as the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize.
- Option C (social service): recognised by other civilian honours, not the Arjuna Award.

**Final Answer:** The Arjuna Award is for sports ⇒

**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q16](#)



Q17.

**Solution**

**Concept — Sports terminology:** Certain scoring terms belong to a particular game.

**Step 1 — Identify the term:** A “birdie” means completing a hole in one stroke under par.

**Step 2 — Link to the sport:** Scoring against par belongs to golf, so “birdie” is a golf term.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Cricket): uses terms like “googly” and “yorker”.
- Option C (Table tennis): uses terms like “rally” and “smash”.
- Option D (Boxing): uses terms like “jab” and “knockout”.

**Final Answer:** “Birdie” is a golf term ⇒

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q17](#)

Q18.

**Solution**

**Concept — Books and authors:** Matching a famous book with its author is a common GK question.

**Step 1 — Recall the book:** “The White Tiger” won the Man Booker Prize in 2008 and was written by Aravind Adiga.

**Step 2 — Confirm the author:** Hence the author is Aravind Adiga.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Kiran Desai): wrote “The Inheritance of Loss”.
- Option B (Arundhati Roy): wrote “The God of Small Things”.
- Option D (Jhumpa Lahiri): wrote “The Namesake”.

**Final Answer:** “The White Tiger” was written by Aravind Adiga ⇒

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q18](#)



Q19.

**Solution**

**Concept — Important health days:** Health-related days are frequently asked in nursing entrance exams.

**Step 1 — Recall the date:** World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October every year to raise awareness of mental health issues.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the correct date is 10 October.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (1 December): World AIDS Day.
- Option C (7 April): World Health Day.
- Option D (14 June): World Blood Donor Day.

**Final Answer:** World Mental Health Day is on 10 October ⇒ **B**

**Answer: (B)** [Go Back to Q19](#)

Q20.

**Solution**

**Concept — Indian space missions:** ISRO undertakes both satellite and human spaceflight programmes.

**Step 1 — Recall the mission:** “Gaganyaan” is India’s project to send astronauts into low-Earth orbit and bring them back safely.

**Step 2 — Classify the mission:** It is therefore related to India’s first human spaceflight.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (a Mars landing): that goal relates to the Mangalyaan family of missions.
- Option B (a weather satellite): weather work is done by INSAT/GSAT satellites.
- Option C (a lunar rover): a Moon rover belongs to the Chandrayaan missions.

**Final Answer:** Gaganyaan is India’s first human spaceflight mission ⇒ **D**

**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q20](#)



Q21.

**Solution**

**Concept — Digital payments:** UPI is a popular real-time payment system in India.

**Step 1 — Expand the abbreviation:** “UPI” stands for Unified Payments Interface, developed by the National Payments Corporation of India.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the correct full form is Unified Payments Interface.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Universal Payment Interface): the word “Unified”, not “Universal”, is correct.
- Option C (United Payment of India): not the official expansion.
- Option D (Unique Personal Identity): describes an identity system, not a payment interface.

**Final Answer:** UPI stands for Unified Payments Interface ⇒

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Q22.

**Solution**

**Concept — Constitutional posts:** The President is the head of the Indian State.

**Step 1 — Recall the first woman President:** Pratibha Patil became the first woman President of India, serving from 2007 to 2012.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the first woman President was Pratibha Patil.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Sarojini Naidu): the first woman Governor of an Indian state, not President.
- Option B (Indira Gandhi): the first woman Prime Minister, not President.
- Option D (Droupadi Murmu): the second woman President, in office since 2022.

**Final Answer:** The first woman President was Pratibha Patil ⇒

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Q23.

**Solution**

**Concept — International organisations:** SAARC is the regional grouping of South Asian nations.

**Step 1 — Recall the headquarters:** The SAARC Secretariat was established in 1987 and is located in Kathmandu, Nepal.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the secretariat is in Kathmandu.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (New Delhi): India's capital, but not the SAARC headquarters.
- Option C (Dhaka): where SAARC was founded in 1985, but not the secretariat's seat.
- Option D (Colombo): a member capital, not the secretariat's location.

**Final Answer:** The SAARC Secretariat is in Kathmandu ⇒ **B**

**Answer: (B)** [Go Back to Q23](#)

Q24.

**Solution**

**Concept — Treatment of dehydration:** ORS is a simple, life-saving remedy for fluid loss.

**Step 1 — Expand the abbreviation:** "ORS" stands for Oral Rehydration Solution, a mixture of clean water, salts and sugar.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** It replaces the water and salts lost during diarrhoea, so the full form is Oral Rehydration Solution.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Organic Relief Syrup): not a recognised medical term.
- Option B (Oral Recovery Serum): an invented phrase, not the correct expansion.
- Option C (Overnight Rest Schedule): unrelated to dehydration treatment.

**Final Answer:** ORS stands for Oral Rehydration Solution ⇒ **D**

**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q24](#)



Q25.

**Solution**

**Concept — Major sporting events:** The Summer Olympics are held once every four years in different host cities.

**Step 1 — Recall the host city:** The 2028 Summer Olympic Games are scheduled to be held in Los Angeles, United States.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the 2028 Games will be held in Los Angeles.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Paris): hosted the 2024 Summer Olympics.
- Option B (Brisbane): will host the 2032 Summer Olympics.
- Option D (Tokyo): hosted the 2020 Games (held in 2021).

**Final Answer:** The 2028 Summer Olympics will be held in Los Angeles ⇒

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**Answer Key**

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	B	2	C	3	C	4	A	5	D
6	B	7	B	8	A	9	D	10	C
11	D	12	A	13	B	14	A	15	C
16	D	17	A	18	C	19	B	20	D
21	A	22	C	23	B	24	D	25	C

