

PGIMER BSc Nursing

General English & GK/Current Affairs — Sample Paper – 12

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: **ELATED**.

- (A) Gloomy
- (B) Tired
- (C) Overjoyed
- (D) Angry

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

- (A) Poverty
- (B) Wealth
- (C) Success



(D) Growth

Q3. In the sentence below, identify the part that contains a grammatical **error**: “He did not / went to / the hospital / yesterday.”

(A) He did not

(B) went to

(C) the hospital

(D) yesterday

Q4. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition: “All staff must comply _____ the safety rules.”

(A) to

(B) for

(C) by

(D) with

Q5. Fill in the blank with the correct verb form: “The medicines _____ in the refrigerator.”

(A) stores

(B) are stored

(C) storing

(D) is stored

Q6. Choose the correct one-word substitution: “A doctor who specialises in diseases of the skin.”

(A) Dermatologist

(B) Cardiologist

(C) Neurologist

(D) Nephrologist



Q7. Choose the meaning of the idiom: “under the knife”.

- (A) in danger of a cut
- (B) cooking food
- (C) undergoing surgery
- (D) threatening someone

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

- (A) She is a honest nurse.
- (B) She is honest nurse.
- (C) She is an honest a nurse.
- (D) She is an honest nurse.

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

- (A) Physician
- (B) Physican
- (C) Phisician
- (D) Physitian

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct word: “She was happy to ____ the award.”

- (A) except
- (B) accept
- (C) expect
- (D) access

Part B: General Knowledge & Current Affairs

Q11. Which Article of the Indian Constitution provides the **Right to Constitutional Remedies**?

- (A) Article 21



- (B) Article 14
- (C) Article 19
- (D) Article 32

Q12. Who founded the **Indian National Congress** in 1885?

- (A) Dadabhai Naoroji
- (B) W.C. Bonnerjee
- (C) A.O. Hume
- (D) Surendranath Banerjee

Q13. The **Thar Desert** is located mainly in which state?

- (A) Rajasthan
- (B) Gujarat
- (C) Haryana
- (D) Punjab

Q14. The normal **resting heart rate** of a healthy adult is approximately:

- (A) 40 beats per minute
- (B) 72 beats per minute
- (C) 100 beats per minute
- (D) 120 beats per minute

Q15. The **National River** of India is the:

- (A) Yamuna
- (B) Brahmaputra
- (C) Godavari
- (D) Ganga

Q16. The **Dadasaheb Phalke Award** is given for excellence in the field of:



- (A) Literature
- (B) Music
- (C) Cinema (films)
- (D) Sports

Q17. The term “**checkmate**” is used in which game?

- (A) Chess
- (B) Carrom
- (C) Bridge
- (D) Snooker

Q18. The novel “**A Suitable Boy**” was written by:

- (A) Salman Rushdie
- (B) Vikram Seth
- (C) Amitav Ghosh
- (D) Rohinton Mistry

Q19. **World Malaria Day** is observed every year on:

- (A) 24 March
- (B) 7 April
- (C) 8 May
- (D) 25 April

Q20. The gas released by green plants during **photosynthesis** is:

- (A) Oxygen
- (B) Carbon dioxide
- (C) Nitrogen
- (D) Hydrogen



Q21. In India, **IRDAI** regulates which sector?

- (A) Banking
- (B) Securities market
- (C) Insurance
- (D) Pensions

Q22. Who administers the **oath of office** to the President of India?

- (A) The Prime Minister
- (B) The Chief Justice of India
- (C) The Vice-President
- (D) The Speaker

Q23. The headquarters of the **International Court of Justice** is located in:

- (A) The Hague (Netherlands)
- (B) Geneva
- (C) New York
- (D) Vienna

Q24. In hospitals, “**ICU**” stands for:

- (A) Internal Care Unit
- (B) Immediate Care Unit
- (C) Intensive Care Unit
- (D) Intensive Casualty Unit

Q25. The **2026 FIFA World Cup** will be jointly hosted by the USA, Canada and:

- (A) Brazil
- (B) Argentina



(C) Qatar

(D) Mexico



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: “Elated” describes a person who is very happy and full of joy, usually after some good news or success.

Step 2 — Match with the options: Among the choices, “Overjoyed” expresses the same idea of great happiness and delight.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Gloomy): it means sad and low in spirits, the opposite of elated.
- Option B (Tired): it means feeling weary, unrelated to happiness.
- Option D (Angry): it means filled with anger, not joy.

Final Answer: Elated means overjoyed ⇒

Answer: (C) **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: “Prosperity” means the state of being successful and wealthy, with plenty of resources.

Step 2 — Find the opposite: The opposite of being wealthy and well off is being poor, which is expressed by the word “Poverty”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Wealth): it is a synonym of prosperity, not an antonym.
- Option C (Success): it also carries the sense of doing well, similar to prosperity.
- Option D (Growth): it means an increase, close in sense to prosperity.

Final Answer: The antonym of prosperity is poverty ⇒

Answer: (A) **Go Back to Q2**



Q3.

Solution

Concept — “did not” with the base verb: After the helping verb “did” (including “did not”), the main verb must be in its base form, not the past form.

Step 1 — Locate the helping verb: The sentence uses “did not”, which already carries the past tense.

Step 2 — Check the main verb: After “did not” the verb should stay in the base form, so “did not go to” is correct, not “did not went to”. The error is in “went to”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (He did not): the subject and helping verb are correct.
- Option C (the hospital): the object is correctly written.
- Option D (yesterday): the time word is correctly placed.

Final Answer: The error lies in “went to” ⇒ **B**

Answer: (B) **Go Back to Q3**

Q4.

Solution

Concept — Verbs with fixed prepositions: The verb “comply” is always followed by the preposition “with”.

Step 1 — Understand the sentence: The staff have to follow or obey the safety rules, and “comply” expresses this idea.

Step 2 — Choose the preposition: “comply with the safety rules” is the correct and idiomatic form.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (to): “comply to” is not a valid combination.
- Option B (for): “comply for” is incorrect usage.
- Option C (by): “comply by” is not used with this verb.

Final Answer: The correct preposition is “with” ⇒ **D**

Answer: (D) **Go Back to Q4**



Q5.

Solution

Concept — Passive voice with a plural subject: In the passive voice, the verb “to be” must agree with the subject, and its form is followed by the past participle.

Step 1 — Check the subject: “The medicines” is a plural subject, so it needs the plural helping verb “are”.

Step 2 — Form the passive: The passive of “store” is “are stored”, giving “The medicines are stored in the refrigerator”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (stores): active singular form, does not fit a plural subject.
- Option C (storing): a bare participle, it cannot stand as the main verb here.
- Option D (is stored): singular passive, wrong for the plural “medicines”.

Final Answer: The correct form is “are stored” ⇒ B

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q5](#)

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 diseases of the skin.”

Step 2 — Match the specialist: A doctor who treats skin diseases is called a “Dermatologist”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Cardiologist): a heart specialist.
- Option C (Neurologist): a specialist in the nervous system.
- Option D (Nephrologist): a specialist in kidney diseases.

Final Answer: A skin doctor is a dermatologist ⇒ A

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q6](#)



Q7.

Solution

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

Step 1 — Recall the idiom: “Under the knife” comes from the image of a patient lying beneath a surgeon’s scalpel.

Step 2 — State the meaning: It means undergoing surgery or being operated on.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A: it is not about the mere risk of a small cut.
- Option B: cooking food has nothing to do with the idiom.
- Option D: threatening someone is not part of the meaning.

Final Answer: The idiom means undergoing surgery ⇒ **C**

Answer: (C) **Go Back to Q7**

Q8.

Solution

Concept — Article usage (a vs an): The article “an” is used before a word that begins with a vowel sound. In “honest”, the letter “h” is silent, so it starts with a vowel sound.

Step 1 — Choose the right article: Because “honest” sounds like it begins with “o”, the correct article is “an”, giving “an honest”.

Step 2 — Build the sentence: “She is an honest nurse.” uses one correct article and reads naturally.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A: “a honest” is wrong because “honest” has a vowel sound and needs “an”.
- Option B: “honest nurse” with no article before the singular noun is incomplete.
- Option C: “an honest a nurse” uses two articles, which is incorrect.

Final Answer: The correct sentence is “She is an honest nurse.” ⇒ **D**

Answer: (D) **Go Back to Q8**



Q9.

Solution

Concept — Correct spelling: A medical doctor who treats illness with medicine is spelt “physician”.

Step 1 — Break the word: The word is formed as “phy-si-cian”, beginning with “phy” and ending with “-cian” as in “musician”.

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

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Physican): a letter “i” is missing before the ending.
- Option C (Phisician): the second letter should be “y”, not “i”.
- Option D (Physitian): the ending should be “-cian”, not “-tian”.

Final Answer: The correct spelling is “Physician” ⇒ A

Answer: (A) **Go Back to Q9**

Q10.

Solution

Concept — “accept” vs “except”: “Accept” is a verb meaning to receive or agree to something, while “except” means leaving out or excluding.

Step 1 — Check the sense of the blank: The sentence says she was happy to receive the award, so the meaning needed is to take or receive.

Step 2 — Confirm the word: “happy to accept the award” correctly conveys receiving the award with pleasure.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (except): means to leave out, wrong meaning here.
- Option C (expect): means to look forward to, not to receive.
- Option D (access): means a way to enter or use something, unrelated here.

Final Answer: The correct word is “accept” ⇒ B

Answer: (B) **Go Back to Q10**



Q11.

Solution

Concept — Fundamental Rights: The Constitution gives citizens the means to protect their Fundamental Rights through the courts.

Step 1 — Recall the Article: Article 32 gives every citizen the Right to Constitutional Remedies, allowing them to move the Supreme Court directly if a Fundamental Right is violated.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Dr B.R. Ambedkar called Article 32 the “heart and soul” of the Constitution, so the correct answer is Article 32.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Article 21): protects the right to life and personal liberty.
- Option B (Article 14): guarantees equality before the law.
- Option C (Article 19): protects freedoms such as speech and expression.

Final Answer: The Right to Constitutional Remedies is under Article 32 ⇒ **D**

Answer: (D) Go Back to Q11

Q12.

Solution

Concept — Formation of the Indian National Congress: The Congress became the main platform of the national movement.

Step 1 — Recall the founder: The Indian National Congress was founded in 1885 by Allan Octavian Hume, a retired British civil servant.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the founder was A.O. Hume.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Dadabhai Naoroji): an early leader and Congress president, but not its founder.
- Option B (W.C. Bonnerjee): the first president of the Congress, not its founder.
- Option D (Surendranath Banerjee): a moderate leader linked to earlier associations, not the founder of the Congress.

Final Answer: The Indian National Congress was founded by A.O. Hume ⇒ **C**

Answer: (C) Go Back to Q12



Q13.

Solution

Concept — Deserts of India: India's largest desert lies in its north-western part.

Step 1 — Identify the desert: The Thar Desert, also called the Great Indian Desert, spreads mainly across the western state of Rajasthan.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the Thar Desert is located mainly in Rajasthan.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Gujarat): only a small part of the desert extends into it, not the main area.
- Option C (Haryana): lies to the north-east of the desert, not its main location.
- Option D (Punjab): a fertile agricultural state, not the desert's main area.

Final Answer: The Thar Desert is mainly in Rajasthan $\Rightarrow$ **A**

Answer: (A) **Go Back to Q13**

Q14.

Solution

Concept — Vital signs: The resting heart rate is one of the basic vital signs measured in nursing.

Step 1 — Recall the normal range: The normal resting heart rate of a healthy adult is about 60 to 100 beats per minute, with an average close to 72 beats per minute.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the approximate normal resting heart rate is 72 beats per minute.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (40 beats per minute): too slow, a sign of bradycardia in most adults.
- Option C (100 beats per minute): the upper edge of normal, not the usual average.
- Option D (120 beats per minute): too fast, a sign of tachycardia at rest.

Final Answer: The normal resting heart rate is about 72 beats per minute $\Rightarrow$ **B**



Answer: (B) Go Back to Q14

Q15.

Solution

Concept — National symbols of India: India has several officially recognised national symbols.

Step 1 — Recall the river: The Ganga was declared the National River of India in 2008 because of its importance to the country's culture, faith and daily life.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the National River of India is the Ganga.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Yamuna): a major tributary of the Ganga, not the national river.
- Option B (Brahmaputra): a large river of the north-east, not the national river.
- Option C (Godavari): the largest river of peninsular India, but not the national river.

Final Answer: The National River of India is the Ganga ⇒ **D**

Answer: (D) Go Back to Q15

Q16.

Solution

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

Step 1 — Recall the field: The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the highest honour in Indian cinema, given for lifetime contribution to films.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the award is given for excellence in cinema.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Literature): honoured by awards such as the Jnanpith Award.
- Option B (Music): recognised by honours such as the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.
- Option D (Sports): recognised by the Arjuna and Khel Ratna awards.

Final Answer: The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is for cinema ⇒ **C**



Answer: (C) Go Back to Q16

Q17.

Solution

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

Step 1 — Identify the term: “Checkmate” is the move that traps the opponent’s king so that it cannot escape, ending the game.

Step 2 — Link to the game: Trapping the king belongs to chess, so “checkmate” is a chess term.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Carrom): uses terms like “striker” and “queen”.
- Option C (Bridge): a card game that uses terms like “trump” and “bid”.
- Option D (Snooker): uses terms like “break” and “pot”.

Final Answer: “Checkmate” is a chess term ⇒ **A**

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: “A Suitable Boy”, one of the longest novels in English, was written by the Indian author Vikram Seth.

Step 2 — Confirm the author: Hence the author is Vikram Seth.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Salman Rushdie): wrote “Midnight’s Children”.
- Option C (Amitav Ghosh): wrote “The Shadow Lines”.
- Option D (Rohinton Mistry): wrote “A Fine Balance”.

Final Answer: “A Suitable Boy” was written by Vikram Seth ⇒ **B**

Answer: (B) 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 Malaria Day is observed on 25 April every year to raise awareness about the fight against malaria.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct date is 25 April.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (24 March): World Tuberculosis Day.
- Option B (7 April): World Health Day.
- Option C (8 May): World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day.

Final Answer: World Malaria Day is on 25 April ⇒ D

Answer: (D) **Go Back to Q19**

Q20.

Solution

Concept — Photosynthesis: Green plants prepare their food in the presence of sunlight.

Step 1 — Recall the process: During photosynthesis, plants take in carbon dioxide and water and, using sunlight, make glucose while releasing a gas.

Step 2 — Identify the gas: The gas given out during photosynthesis is oxygen.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Carbon dioxide): it is taken in by the plant, not released.
- Option C (Nitrogen): it is not a product of photosynthesis.
- Option D (Hydrogen): it stays combined in the sugars, not released as a free gas.

Final Answer: The gas released during photosynthesis is oxygen ⇒ A

Answer: (A) **Go Back to Q20**



Q21.

Solution

Concept — Regulators in India: Different regulators oversee different parts of the economy.

Step 1 — Expand the name: IRDAI stands for the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.

Step 2 — Identify the sector: As its name shows, IRDAI regulates the insurance sector in India.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Banking): regulated by the Reserve Bank of India.
- Option B (Securities market): regulated by SEBI.
- Option D (Pensions): regulated by the PFRDA.

Final Answer: IRDAI regulates the insurance sector ⇒ **C**

Answer: (C) Go Back to Q21

Q22.

Solution

Concept — Constitutional posts: The President is the head of the Indian State and takes an oath before entering office.

Step 1 — Recall the rule: Under the Constitution, the oath of office to the President is administered by the Chief Justice of India.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the oath is administered by the Chief Justice of India.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (The Prime Minister): heads the government but does not administer the President's oath.
- Option C (The Vice-President): takes an oath from the President, not the other way round.
- Option D (The Speaker): presides over the Lok Sabha, not the President's oath.

Final Answer: The oath is administered by the Chief Justice of India ⇒ **B**

Answer: (B) Go Back to Q22



Q23.

Solution

Concept — International organisations: The International Court of Justice is the main judicial body of the United Nations.

Step 1 — Recall the headquarters: The International Court of Justice sits at the Peace Palace in The Hague, in the Netherlands.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence its headquarters is in The Hague.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Geneva): hosts many UN agencies, but not the International Court of Justice.
- Option C (New York): the seat of the UN General Assembly, not the Court.
- Option D (Vienna): hosts bodies such as the IAEA, not the Court.

Final Answer: The International Court of Justice is in The Hague ⇒ A

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q23](#)

Q24.

Solution

Concept — Hospital terms: Common hospital abbreviations are important for nursing students.

Step 1 — Expand the abbreviation: “ICU” stands for Intensive Care Unit, a special ward for patients who need close monitoring and constant care.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct full form is Intensive Care Unit.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Internal Care Unit): not a recognised hospital term.
- Option B (Immediate Care Unit): an invented phrase, not the correct expansion.
- Option D (Intensive Casualty Unit): mixes up the words; the correct term is Intensive Care Unit.

Final Answer: ICU stands for Intensive Care Unit ⇒ C

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q24](#)



Q25.

Solution

Concept — Major sporting events: The FIFA World Cup is football's biggest tournament, held once every four years.

Step 1 — Recall the hosts: The 2026 FIFA World Cup will be jointly hosted by three countries in North America: the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the third host country, along with the USA and Canada, is Mexico.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Brazil): a football power, but not a host of the 2026 World Cup.
- Option B (Argentina): won the 2022 World Cup, but is not a 2026 host.
- Option C (Qatar): hosted the 2022 World Cup, not the 2026 edition.

Final Answer: The third host of the 2026 FIFA World Cup is Mexico ⇒ D

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q25](#)



Answer Key

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

