

PGIMER BSc Nursing

General English & GK/Current Affairs — Sample Paper – 14

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: **CONCISE**.

- (A) Lengthy
- (B) Detailed
- (C) Brief
- (D) Vague

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

- (A) Criticise
- (B) Applaud
- (C) Admire
- (D) Compliment



- Q3.** In the sentence below, identify the part that contains a grammatical **error**: “Hardly had I reached / the station / than / the train left.”
- (A) Hardly had I reached
 - (B) the station
 - (C) than
 - (D) the train left
- Q4.** Fill in the blank with the correct preposition: “The surgeon will operate _____ the patient tomorrow.”
- (A) at
 - (B) on
 - (C) in
 - (D) of
- Q5.** Fill in the blank with the correct verb form: “She _____ for an hour before the doctor arrived.”
- (A) waited
 - (B) was waiting
 - (C) has been waiting
 - (D) had been waiting
- Q6.** Choose the correct one-word substitution: “A doctor who specialises in the treatment of mental illness.”
- (A) Psychiatrist
 - (B) Psychologist
 - (C) Neurologist
 - (D) Physiotherapist
- Q7.** Choose the meaning of the idiom: “back on one’s feet”.



- (A) to stand up quickly
- (B) to start walking
- (C) to run away
- (D) to recover and become healthy again

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

- (A) This matter is a secret between you and I.
- (B) This matter is a secret between you and me.
- (C) This matter is a secret between you and myself.
- (D) This matter is a secret between yourself and I.

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

- (A) Neumonia
- (B) Pnuemonia
- (C) Pneumoniya
- (D) Pneumonia

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct word: “The doctor gave sound _____ to the anxious patient.”

- (A) counsel
- (B) council
- (C) consul
- (D) counsil

Part B: General Knowledge & Current Affairs

Q11. What is the term of office of a member of the **Rajya Sabha**?

- (A) 5 years
- (B) 4 years



(C) 6 years

(D) 2 years

Q12. The **Champaran Satyagraha** (1917), led by Mahatma Gandhi, was associated with the cultivation of which crop?

(A) Indigo

(B) Cotton

(C) Tea

(D) Sugarcane

Q13. The **highest mountain peak** in India (including the part of Kashmir under India's claim) is:

(A) Kanchenjunga

(B) K2 (Godwin Austen)

(C) Nanda Devi

(D) Mount Everest

Q14. **Rickets** is caused by the deficiency of which vitamin?

(A) Vitamin A

(B) Vitamin C

(C) Vitamin K

(D) Vitamin D

Q15. Who composed the National Song "**Vande Mataram**"?

(A) Rabindranath Tagore

(B) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

(C) Sarojini Naidu

(D) Subramania Bharati



- Q16.** The **Kalinga Prize**, awarded by UNESCO, is given for the popularisation of:
- (A) Peace
 - (B) Literature
 - (C) Science
 - (D) Art
- Q17.** The **Uber Cup** is associated with which sport?
- (A) Tennis
 - (B) Table tennis
 - (C) Squash
 - (D) Badminton
- Q18.** The ancient treatise “**Arthashastra**” was written by:
- (A) Kautilya (Chanakya)
 - (B) Kalidasa
 - (C) Panini
 - (D) Vishnu Sharma
- Q19.** **World Diabetes Day** is observed every year on:
- (A) 1 December
 - (B) 10 October
 - (C) 14 November
 - (D) 8 May
- Q20.** The chemical name of common **table salt** is:
- (A) Sodium bicarbonate
 - (B) Sodium chloride



- (C) Calcium carbonate
- (D) Potassium chloride

Q21. In banking, “**NEFT**” stands for:

- (A) National Electronic Finance Transaction
- (B) New Electronic Funds Transfer
- (C) National Electric Fund Transfer
- (D) National Electronic Funds Transfer

Q22. Who was the **first woman Prime Minister** of India?

- (A) Sarojini Naidu
- (B) Pratibha Patil
- (C) Indira Gandhi
- (D) Sucheta Kripalani

Q23. The headquarters of **Interpol** is located in:

- (A) Lyon (France)
- (B) Paris
- (C) The Hague
- (D) Geneva

Q24. In medicine, “**BMI**” stands for:

- (A) Basal Metabolic Indicator
- (B) Body Mass Index
- (C) Blood Mass Index
- (D) Body Metabolic Index

Q25. Which country hosted the **G20 Leaders’ Summit in 2025**?



- (A) Brazil
- (B) India
- (C) United States
- (D) South Africa



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: “Concise” describes something that is expressed in a few words, short and to the point.

Step 2 — Match with the options: Among the choices, “Brief” expresses the same idea of being short and compact.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Lengthy): it is the opposite of concise.
- Option B (Detailed): it means full of detail, longer rather than shorter.
- Option D (Vague): it means unclear, unrelated to being short.

Final Answer: Concise means brief ⇒

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: “Praise” means to express approval or admiration for someone or something.

Step 2 — Find the opposite: The opposite of expressing approval is finding fault, which is expressed by the word “Criticise”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Applaud): it is a synonym of praise, not an antonym.
- Option C (Admire): it also means to regard with approval.
- Option D (Compliment): it means to express praise, similar in meaning.

Final Answer: The antonym of praise is criticise ⇒

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q2](#)



Q3.

Solution

Concept — Correlative conjunctions: When a sentence begins with “Hardly”, the correct word that follows the clause is “when”, not “than”.

Step 1 — Locate the structure: The sentence uses the pattern “Hardly had I reached the station ... the train left”.

Step 2 — Check the linking word: The correct correlative of “Hardly” is “when”, so the sentence should read “Hardly had I reached the station when the train left”. The word “than” is the error.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Hardly had I reached): the inversion after “Hardly” is correct.
- Option B (the station): correctly used as the place reached.
- Option D (the train left): the second clause is correctly framed.

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

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

Q4.

Solution

Concept — Verbs with fixed prepositions: The verb “operate” takes the preposition “on” when it refers to performing surgery on a patient.

Step 1 — Understand the sentence: The surgeon will perform surgery on the patient the next day.

Step 2 — Choose the preposition: “operate on the patient” is the correct and idiomatic medical usage.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (at): “operate at the patient” is not correct usage.
- Option C (in): “operate in the patient” does not fit here.
- Option D (of): “operate of the patient” is grammatically wrong.

Final Answer: The correct preposition is “on” ⇒ B

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q4](#)



Q5.

Solution

Concept — Past perfect continuous tense: This tense shows an action that had been going on for a period of time before another past action happened.

Step 1 — Identify the sequence: The waiting continued for an hour and then the doctor arrived, so one past action came before another.

Step 2 — Form the verb: The action running up to a point in the past uses “had been waiting”, giving “She had been waiting for an hour before the doctor arrived”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (waited): simple past, it does not show the ongoing hour of waiting.
- Option B (was waiting): past continuous, it does not stress the duration before the arrival.
- Option C (has been waiting): present perfect continuous, wrong for a completed past situation.

Final Answer: The correct form is “had been waiting” ⇒ D

Answer: (D) [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 the treatment of mental illness.”

Step 2 — Match the specialist: A doctor who treats mental illness is called a “Psychiatrist”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Psychologist): studies the mind and behaviour but is not a medical doctor who prescribes treatment for illness.
- Option C (Neurologist): treats disorders of the nervous system, not mental illness in general.
- Option D (Physiotherapist): treats the body through physical exercise and



movement.

Final Answer: A doctor for mental illness is a psychiatrist ⇒ 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: “Back on one’s feet” pictures a person who was down and is now standing again.

Step 2 — State the meaning: It means to recover and become healthy or successful again after an illness or a difficulty.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A: standing up quickly is a literal action, not the idiomatic meaning.
- Option B: simply starting to walk is not what the idiom conveys.
- Option C: running away has nothing to do with recovery.

Final Answer: The idiom means to recover and become healthy again ⇒ D

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q7](#)

Q8.

Solution

Concept — Pronoun case after prepositions: After a preposition such as “between”, the object form of the pronoun is used, so “me” is correct, not “I”.

Step 1 — Identify the preposition: “Between” is a preposition and needs pronouns in the object case after it.

Step 2 — Build the sentence: “This matter is a secret between you and me.” correctly uses the object pronoun “me”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A: “between you and I” wrongly uses the subject pronoun “I”.
- Option C: “between you and myself” misuses the reflexive pronoun “myself”.
- Option D: “between yourself and I” wrongly uses both a reflexive and a sub-



ject pronoun.

Final Answer: The correct sentence uses “between you and me” ⇒ **B**

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q8](#)

Q9.

Solution

Concept — Correct spelling: A serious lung infection is spelt “pneumonia”, beginning with a silent “p”.

Step 1 — Note the tricky part: The word starts with “pneu-”, where the “p” is silent and the vowels are in the order “e-u”.

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

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Neumonia): the silent “p” at the start is missing.
- Option B (Pnuemonia): the vowels “u” and “e” are swapped.
- Option C (Pneumoniya): an extra “y” has been added to the ending.

Final Answer: The correct spelling is “Pneumonia” ⇒ **D**

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

Q10.

Solution

Concept — “counsel” vs “council”: “Counsel” means advice or to advise, while “council” is a group of people who meet to make decisions.

Step 1 — Check the sense of the blank: The doctor gave the patient advice, so the word needed here means advice.

Step 2 — Confirm the word: “The doctor gave sound counsel to the anxious patient” correctly means the doctor gave good advice.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (council): means an assembly of people, not advice.
- Option C (consul): means an official who represents a country abroad.
- Option D (counsel): not a correct English word at all.

Final Answer: The correct word is “counsel” ⇒ **A**



Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q10](#)

Q11.

Solution

Concept — Indian Parliament: The Rajya Sabha is the permanent upper house and is never fully dissolved.

Step 1 — Recall the term: A member of the Rajya Sabha is elected for a term of six years.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: One-third of the members retire every two years, but each member's full term is six years.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (5 years): this is the normal term of the Lok Sabha, not the Rajya Sabha.
- Option B (4 years): no house of Parliament has a four-year term.
- Option D (2 years): this is the gap after which one-third of members retire, not the full term.

Final Answer: The term of a Rajya Sabha member is 6 years $\Rightarrow$ **C**

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q11](#)

Q12.

Solution

Concept — Modern Indian history: The Champaran Satyagraha of 1917 was Gandhiji's first major movement in India.

Step 1 — Recall the grievance: The peasants of Champaran in Bihar were forced by European planters to grow indigo under the oppressive tinkathia system.

Step 2 — Fix the crop: The movement was therefore linked to the cultivation of indigo.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Cotton): cotton was important elsewhere but not the cause of the Champaran struggle.
- Option C (Tea): tea plantations were mainly in Assam and Bengal, not Champaran.



- Option D (Sugarcane): sugarcane was not the crop forced upon the Champaran peasants.

Final Answer: The Champaran Satyagraha was linked to indigo ⇒ A

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

Q13.

Solution

Concept — Physical features of India: The highest peaks of the country lie in the northern mountain belt.

Step 1 — Identify the peak: K2, also called Godwin Austen, rises to about 8,611 metres and is the highest peak within the region India claims.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence K2 (Godwin Austen) is the highest peak in India by this measure.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Kanchenjunga): at about 8,586 metres it is the highest peak fully within present Indian territory, but it is lower than K2.
- Option C (Nanda Devi): a high Himalayan peak, but much lower than K2.
- Option D (Mount Everest): the world's highest peak, but it lies in Nepal and China, not India.

Final Answer: The highest peak in India is K2 (Godwin Austen) ⇒ B

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q13](#)

Q14.

Solution

Concept — Vitamins and deficiency diseases: Each vitamin has a special role, and its shortage leads to a particular disease.

Step 1 — Identify the vitamin: Vitamin D helps the body absorb calcium and phosphorus and keeps bones strong.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: A lack of vitamin D weakens and softens the bones, causing rickets in children.

Why other options are wrong:



- Option A (Vitamin A): its deficiency causes night blindness, not rickets.
- Option B (Vitamin C): its deficiency causes scurvy.
- Option C (Vitamin K): its deficiency affects blood clotting, not bone formation.

Final Answer: Rickets is caused by a deficiency of vitamin D ⇒ D

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q14](#)

Q15.

Solution

Concept — National symbols: The National Song is different from the National Anthem and has its own composer.

Step 1 — Recall the composer: “Vande Mataram” was written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and first appeared in his novel Anandamath.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the composer of the National Song is Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Rabindranath Tagore): he wrote the National Anthem “Jana Gana Mana”, not the National Song.
- Option C (Sarojini Naidu): a famous poet and freedom fighter, but not the composer of Vande Mataram.
- Option D (Subramania Bharati): a Tamil poet, not the author of this song.

Final Answer: Vande Mataram was composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay ⇒ B

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q15](#)

Q16.

Solution

Concept — International awards: UNESCO gives several prizes, each for a specific field.

Step 1 — Recall the field: The Kalinga Prize is awarded for outstanding work in making science popular and understandable to ordinary people.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the Kalinga Prize is given for the popular-



isation of science.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Peace): peace is honoured by prizes such as the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Option B (Literature): literature has its own separate awards.
- Option D (Art): art is recognised by other honours, not the Kalinga Prize.

Final Answer: The Kalinga Prize is for popularising science ⇒ C

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q16](#)

Q17.

Solution

Concept — Sports and trophies: Many trophies are linked to one particular sport.

Step 1 — Identify the trophy: The Uber Cup is the world team championship for women's badminton.

Step 2 — Link to the sport: Since it is contested by women's teams in badminton, the answer is badminton.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Tennis): tennis has trophies such as the Davis Cup and the Fed Cup.
- Option B (Table tennis): table tennis has the Swaythling and Corbillon Cups.
- Option C (Squash): squash does not use the Uber Cup.

Final Answer: The Uber Cup is associated with badminton ⇒ D

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q17](#)

Q18.

Solution

Concept — Ancient Indian texts: Classical works are often matched with their authors in GK papers.

Step 1 — Recall the author: The Arthashastra, a treatise on statecraft, economics and military strategy, was written by Kautilya, also known as Chanakya.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the author of the Arthashastra is Kautilya



(Chanakya).

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Kalidasa): a great poet and dramatist who wrote Abhijnanashakuntalam.
- Option C (Panini): the ancient grammarian who wrote the Ashtadhyayi.
- Option D (Vishnu Sharma): the author of the Panchatantra fables.

Final Answer: The Arthashastra was written by Kautilya (Chanakya) ⇒ A

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q18](#)

Q19.

Solution

Concept — Important health days: Health awareness days are commonly asked in nursing entrance exams.

Step 1 — Recall the date: World Diabetes Day is observed on 14 November every year, marking the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who helped discover insulin.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct date is 14 November.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (1 December): World AIDS Day.
- Option B (10 October): World Mental Health Day.
- Option D (8 May): World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day.

Final Answer: World Diabetes Day is on 14 November ⇒ C

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q19](#)

Q20.

Solution

Concept — Common chemical names: Everyday substances have simple chemical names that are worth knowing.

Step 1 — Identify the compound: Common table salt is made of sodium and chlorine joined together.

Step 2 — Name the compound: Its chemical name is sodium chloride, with the formula NaCl.



Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Sodium bicarbonate): this is baking soda, not table salt.
- Option C (Calcium carbonate): this is found in limestone and chalk.
- Option D (Potassium chloride): a salt substitute, but not common table salt.

Final Answer: The chemical name of table salt is sodium chloride $\Rightarrow$ **B**

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q20](#)

Q21.

Solution

Concept — Banking abbreviations: NEFT is a widely used electronic money transfer system in India.

Step 1 — Expand the abbreviation: “NEFT” stands for National Electronic Funds Transfer, run under the supervision of the Reserve Bank of India.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct full form is National Electronic Funds Transfer.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (National Electronic Finance Transaction): the words “Finance Transaction” are wrong.
- Option B (New Electronic Funds Transfer): the first word should be “National”, not “New”.
- Option C (National Electric Fund Transfer): “Electric” and “Fund” are incorrect forms.

Final Answer: NEFT stands for National Electronic Funds Transfer $\Rightarrow$ **D**

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q21](#)



Q22.

Solution

Concept — Constitutional and political posts: India has had several notable “first women” in high offices.

Step 1 — Recall the first woman Prime Minister: Indira Gandhi became the first woman Prime Minister of India in 1966.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the first woman Prime Minister was Indira Gandhi.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Sarojini Naidu): the first woman Governor of an Indian state, not a Prime Minister.
- Option B (Pratibha Patil): the first woman President of India, not Prime Minister.
- Option D (Sucheta Kripalani): the first woman Chief Minister of an Indian state, not Prime Minister.

Final Answer: The first woman Prime Minister was Indira Gandhi ⇒

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q22](#)

Q23.

Solution

Concept — International organisations: Interpol is the international police organisation that helps member countries fight crime.

Step 1 — Recall the headquarters: The headquarters of Interpol is located in the city of Lyon in France.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct location is Lyon, France.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Paris): the capital of France, but not the seat of Interpol.
- Option C (The Hague): the seat of the International Court of Justice, not Interpol.
- Option D (Geneva): home to many UN bodies, but not the Interpol headquarters.

Final Answer: The headquarters of Interpol is in Lyon, France ⇒



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

Q24.

Solution

Concept — Medical abbreviations: BMI is a common measure of body weight in relation to height.

Step 1 — Expand the abbreviation: “BMI” stands for Body Mass Index, calculated as weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in metres.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct full form is Body Mass Index.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Basal Metabolic Indicator): not the correct expansion of BMI.
- Option C (Blood Mass Index): “Blood” is wrong; the term refers to body mass.
- Option D (Body Metabolic Index): “Metabolic” is wrong; the second word is “Mass”.

Final Answer: BMI stands for Body Mass Index $\Rightarrow$ **B**

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

Q25.

Solution

Concept — Current affairs, global summits: The G20 Leaders’ Summit is held each year in a different member country.

Step 1 — Recall the host: The 2025 G20 Leaders’ Summit was hosted by South Africa, in Johannesburg.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the host country of the 2025 summit was South Africa.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Brazil): Brazil hosted the G20 Summit in 2024.
- Option B (India): India hosted the G20 Summit in 2023, in New Delhi.
- Option C (United States): the United States is set to host in 2026, not 2025.

Final Answer: The 2025 G20 Leaders’ Summit was hosted by South Africa $\Rightarrow$ **D**



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



Answer Key

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

