

PGIMER BSc Nursing

General English & GK/Current Affairs — Sample Paper – 1

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: **BENEVOLENT**.

- (A) Kind
- (B) Cruel
- (C) Greedy
- (D) Timid

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

- (A) Plentiful
- (B) Scarce



- (C) Ample
- (D) Wealthy

Q3. In the sentence below, identify the part that contains a grammatical **error**: “Each of the / candidates / were given / a separate room.”

- (A) Each of the
- (B) candidates
- (C) were given
- (D) a separate room

Q4. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition: “All applications must reach the office _____ 5 p.m. on Monday.”

- (A) at
- (B) in
- (C) till
- (D) by

Q5. Fill in the blank with the correct verb form: “By the time the ambulance arrived, the injured man _____ already lost a lot of blood.”

- (A) has
- (B) had
- (C) have
- (D) was

Q6. Choose the correct one-word substitution: “A doctor who specialises in the medical care of children.”

- (A) Paediatrician
- (B) Cardiologist
- (C) Orthopaedist



(D) Dermatologist

Q7. Choose the meaning of the idiom: “to burn the midnight oil”.

- (A) to waste money carelessly
- (B) to accidentally start a fire
- (C) to become very angry
- (D) to work or study late into the night

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

- (A) She don't like coffee.
- (B) She not like coffee.
- (C) She does not like coffee.
- (D) She do not likes coffee.

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

- (A) Recieve
- (B) Receive
- (C) Receeve
- (D) Recive

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct word: “The new medicine had an immediate _____ on the patient's fever.”

- (A) effect
- (B) affect
- (C) affair
- (D) effort

Part B: General Knowledge & Current Affairs



- Q11.** How many Fundamental Duties are enshrined in the Constitution of India (after the 86th Amendment)?
- (A) 6
 - (B) 9
 - (C) 11
 - (D) 7
- Q12.** The Jallianwala Bagh massacre at Amritsar took place in which year?
- (A) 1905
 - (B) 1930
 - (C) 1942
 - (D) 1919
- Q13.** Which of the following is the longest river flowing within India?
- (A) Ganga
 - (B) Godavari
 - (C) Yamuna
 - (D) Brahmaputra
- Q14.** Deficiency of which vitamin causes the disease **scurvy**?
- (A) Vitamin A
 - (B) Vitamin C
 - (C) Vitamin D
 - (D) Vitamin K
- Q15.** Which animal has been declared the **National Aquatic Animal** of India?
- (A) Blue whale
 - (B) Gharial



- (C) Ganges river dolphin
- (D) Olive ridley turtle

Q16. The **Bharat Ratna** is the highest _____ award of India.

- (A) military
- (B) sports
- (C) literary
- (D) civilian

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

- (A) Cricket
- (B) Hockey
- (C) Tennis
- (D) Badminton

Q18. The autobiography “**Wings of Fire**” was written by:

- (A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (B) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- (C) Mahatma Gandhi
- (D) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

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

- (A) 1 December
- (B) 12 May
- (C) 7 April
- (D) 5 June

Q20. India’s **Chandrayaan-3** mission (2023) made a successful soft landing near which region of the Moon?



- (A) Equatorial region
- (B) North pole
- (C) Centre of the near side
- (D) South pole region

Q21. The headquarters of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** is located in:

- (A) Mumbai
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Kolkata
- (D) Chennai

Q22. Who is the **President of India** (in office since 2022)?

- (A) Ram Nath Kovind
- (B) Droupadi Murmu
- (C) Pratibha Patil
- (D) Pranab Mukherjee

Q23. India hosted the **G20 Leaders' Summit** in 2023 in which city?

- (A) Mumbai
- (B) Bengaluru
- (C) Hyderabad
- (D) New Delhi

Q24. The Government of India's "**Ayushman Bharat**" scheme is primarily related to:

- (A) school education
- (B) agriculture
- (C) health insurance and healthcare
- (D) rural housing



Q25. The **2024 Summer Olympic Games** were held in which city?

- (A) Paris
- (B) Tokyo
- (C) Los Angeles
- (D) London



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: “Benevolent” describes a person who is well-meaning, generous and kind towards others.

Step 2 — Match with the options: Among the choices, “Kind” expresses the same idea of goodwill and warmth.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Cruel): it is the opposite of benevolent.
- Option C (Greedy): it means selfish and grasping, not kind.
- Option D (Timid): it means shy or fearful, unrelated to kindness.

Final Answer: Benevolent means kind ⇒

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Q2.

Solution

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

Step 1 — Meaning of the key word: “Abundant” means present in a very large quantity, more than enough.

Step 2 — Find the opposite: The opposite of “more than enough” is “too little”, which is expressed by the word “Scarce”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Plentiful): it is a synonym of abundant, not an antonym.
- Option C (Ample): it also means more than enough.
- Option D (Wealthy): it refers to riches, not quantity.

Final Answer: The antonym of abundant is scarce ⇒

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Q3.

Solution

Concept — Subject–verb agreement: When a sentence begins with “Each of the ...”, the subject is the singular word “Each”, so it takes a **singular** verb.

Step 1 — Locate the subject: The real subject is “Each”, which is singular, even though “candidates” (plural) follows it.

Step 2 — Check the verb: The phrase “were given” is plural. It should be “was given” to agree with the singular subject “Each”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Each of the): correct beginning, no error.
- Option B (candidates): correct plural noun after “of the”.
- Option D (a separate room): correctly phrased.

Final Answer: The error lies in “were given” ⇒

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Q4.

Solution

Concept — Prepositions of time (deadline): The preposition “by” is used to show the latest time at which something must be completed.

Step 1 — Understand the sentence: The applications must arrive no later than 5 p.m.; that is, 5 p.m. is a deadline.

Step 2 — Choose the preposition: “by 5 p.m.” correctly conveys the deadline sense.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (at): “at 5 p.m.” means exactly at that moment, not a deadline.
- Option B (in): used with months, years or durations, not a clock deadline.
- Option C (till): “till” shows continuation up to a time, which does not fit “must reach”.

Final Answer: The correct preposition is “by” ⇒

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Q5.

Solution

Concept — Past perfect tense: When two actions happen in the past, the one that happened **earlier** uses the past perfect tense “had + past participle”.

Step 1 — Identify the earlier action: Losing blood happened before the ambulance arrived, so the earlier action needs the past perfect.

Step 2 — Form the verb: “had already lost” is the correct past perfect form.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (has): present perfect, wrong for a past narration.
- Option C (have): plural present perfect, does not agree with “man”.
- Option D (was): “was lost” would be passive and change the meaning.

Final Answer: The correct form is “had” ⇒

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 the medical care of children.”

Step 2 — Match the specialist: A children’s doctor is called a “Paediatrician”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Cardiologist): a heart specialist.
- Option C (Orthopaedist): a bone and joint specialist.
- Option D (Dermatologist): a skin specialist.

Final Answer: A children’s doctor is a paediatrician ⇒

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: “To burn the midnight oil” comes from the old practice of using an oil lamp to study late.

Step 2 — State the meaning: It means to work or study late into the night.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A: wasting money is unrelated to the idiom.
- Option B: it is not about a literal fire.
- Option C: anger is not part of the meaning.

Final Answer: The idiom means to work late into the night ⇒ D

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

Q8.

Solution

Concept — Negatives with “do/does”: In the simple present, “does not” is followed by the base form of the verb for a third-person singular subject (he/she/it).

Step 1 — Check the subject: “She” is third-person singular, so the correct auxiliary is “does”.

Step 2 — Check the main verb: After “does not”, the verb stays in its base form: “like”. Hence “She does not like coffee.”

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A: “don’t” is used with I/you/we/they, not “she”.
- Option B: “not like” has no auxiliary verb.
- Option D: “do not likes” wrongly adds “-s” after the auxiliary.

Final Answer: The correct sentence is “She does not like coffee.” ⇒ C

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



Q9.

Solution

Concept — Spelling rule (“i before e”): The word is spelt “receive”, following the rule “i before e except after c”.

Step 1 — Apply the rule: Because the letters come after “c”, the order is “ei”, giving “rec-ei-ve”.

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

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Recieve): the “ie” order is wrong after “c”.
- Option C (Receeve): the double “e” is incorrect.
- Option D (Recive): a letter is missing.

Final Answer: The correct spelling is “Receive” ⇒

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

Q10.

Solution

Concept — “effect” vs “affect”: “Effect” is usually a noun meaning a result, while “affect” is usually a verb meaning to influence.

Step 1 — Check the grammar of the blank: The blank follows “an immediate”, so a noun is needed. “Effect” is the noun.

Step 2 — Confirm the meaning: “an immediate effect on the fever” means a result on the fever, which fits perfectly.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (affect): a verb, cannot follow “an immediate”.
- Option C (affair): means an event or matter, wrong meaning.
- Option D (effort): means an attempt, does not fit the sense.

Final Answer: The correct word is “effect” ⇒

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



Q11.

Solution

Concept — Fundamental Duties: The Fundamental Duties were added by the 42nd Amendment (1976); the 86th Amendment (2002) added one more, making the total eleven.

Step 1 — Original number: Initially there were ten Fundamental Duties in Article 51A.

Step 2 — Addition by the 86th Amendment: An eleventh duty, relating to a parent providing education to their child, was added, giving a total of 11.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (6): this is the number of Fundamental Rights categories.
- Option B (9): not the correct count.
- Option D (7): not the correct count.

Final Answer: There are 11 Fundamental Duties ⇒

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Q12.

Solution

Concept — Modern Indian history: The Jallianwala Bagh massacre was a turning point in the freedom struggle.

Step 1 — Recall the event: On 13 April 1919, General Dyer ordered troops to fire on a peaceful gathering at Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar.

Step 2 — Fix the year: The massacre took place in the year 1919.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (1905): the year of the Partition of Bengal.
- Option B (1930): the year of the Dandi Salt March.
- Option C (1942): the year of the Quit India Movement.

Final Answer: The massacre occurred in 1919 ⇒

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Q13.

Solution

Concept — Rivers of India: River length is compared by the distance flowed within the country.

Step 1 — Compare the options: The Ganga flows about 2,525 km, the longest course within India.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the Ganga is the longest river flowing within India.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Godavari): the longest river of peninsular India, but shorter than the Ganga.
- Option C (Yamuna): a major tributary of the Ganga, shorter still.
- Option D (Brahmaputra): very long overall, but most of its length lies outside India.

Final Answer: The Ganga is the longest river within India ⇒

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

Q14.

Solution

Concept — Vitamins and deficiency diseases: Each vitamin, when deficient, leads to a specific disorder.

Step 1 — Identify the vitamin: Scurvy is caused by a lack of Vitamin C (ascorbic acid), which is needed to form collagen.

Step 2 — Symptoms link: A deficiency causes bleeding gums and weakness, the classic signs of scurvy.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Vitamin A): its deficiency causes night blindness.
- Option C (Vitamin D): its deficiency causes rickets.
- Option D (Vitamin K): its deficiency affects blood clotting.

Final Answer: Scurvy is caused by Vitamin C deficiency ⇒

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



Q15.

Solution

Concept — National symbols of India: India has officially declared several national animals and birds.

Step 1 — Recall the declaration: The Ganges river dolphin was declared the National Aquatic Animal of India in 2009.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct choice is the Ganges river dolphin.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Blue whale): not an Indian national symbol.
- Option B (Gharial): a protected crocodilian, but not the national aquatic animal.
- Option D (Olive ridley turtle): a protected sea turtle, but not the national aquatic animal.

Final Answer: The National Aquatic Animal is the Ganges river dolphin ⇒

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

Q16.

Solution

Concept — Civilian awards: The Bharat Ratna sits at the top of India's civilian honours.

Step 1 — Rank the award: The Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award, given for exceptional service in any field.

Step 2 — Fill the blank: Therefore it is the highest "civilian" award of India.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (military): the highest military honour is the Param Vir Chakra.
- Option B (sports): the highest sports honour is the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna.
- Option C (literary): literary honours such as the Jnanpith are separate.

Final Answer: The Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award ⇒

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



Q17.

Solution

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

Step 1 — Identify the term: A “googly” is a deceptive delivery bowled by a leg-spinner.

Step 2 — Link to the sport: Bowling belongs to cricket, so “googly” is a cricket term.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Hockey): uses terms like “bully” and “penalty corner”.
- Option C (Tennis): uses terms like “deuce” and “ace”.
- Option D (Badminton): uses terms like “smash” and “shuttle”.

Final Answer: “Googly” is a cricket 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: “Wings of Fire” is the autobiography of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, co-written with Arun Tiwari.

Step 2 — Confirm the author: Hence the author is A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Nehru): wrote “The Discovery of India”.
- Option C (Gandhi): wrote “The Story of My Experiments with Truth”.
- Option D (Radhakrishnan): a philosopher, not the author of this book.

Final Answer: “Wings of Fire” was written by A.P.J. Abdul Kalam ⇒ **B**

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



Q19.

Solution

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

Step 1 — Recall the date: World Health Day is observed on 7 April every year, marking the founding of the World Health Organization in 1948.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct date is 7 April.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (1 December): World AIDS Day.
- Option B (12 May): International Nurses Day.
- Option D (5 June): World Environment Day.

Final Answer: World Health Day is on 7 April ⇒

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Q20.

Solution

Concept — Indian space missions: Chandrayaan-3 was ISRO's lunar landing mission.

Step 1 — Recall the achievement: On 23 August 2023, the Vikram lander touched down safely, making India the first country to land near the Moon's south pole.

Step 2 — Identify the region: The landing site lies in the south pole region of the Moon.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Equatorial region): earlier missions targeted near-equatorial sites, not Chandrayaan-3.
- Option B (North pole): not the landing region.
- Option C (Centre of the near side): not the landing region.

Final Answer: Chandrayaan-3 landed near the south pole region ⇒

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Q21.

Solution

Concept — Banking general knowledge: The RBI is India's central bank.

Step 1 — Recall the headquarters: The Reserve Bank of India was established in 1935 and has its central office in Mumbai.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the RBI headquarters is in Mumbai.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (New Delhi): the national capital, but not the RBI head office.
- Option C (Kolkata): the original 1935 location, but the head office shifted to Mumbai in 1937.
- Option D (Chennai): a regional office, not the headquarters.

Final Answer: The RBI headquarters is in Mumbai ⇒

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

Q22.

Solution

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

Step 1 — Recall the current holder: Droupadi Murmu took office as the 15th President of India in July 2022.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the President in office since 2022 is Droupadi Murmu.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Ram Nath Kovind): the previous President (2017–2022).
- Option C (Pratibha Patil): President during 2007–2012.
- Option D (Pranab Mukherjee): President during 2012–2017.

Final Answer: The President since 2022 is Droupadi Murmu ⇒

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



Q23.

Solution

Concept — International summits: The G20 is a group of major world economies.

Step 1 — Recall the host city: Under India's presidency, the G20 Leaders' Summit was held on 9–10 September 2023 in New Delhi.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the host city was New Delhi.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Mumbai): hosted some working-group meetings, not the leaders' summit.
- Option B (Bengaluru): hosted finance-track meetings, not the summit.
- Option C (Hyderabad): not the summit venue.

Final Answer: The 2023 G20 Leaders' Summit was held in New Delhi ⇒

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

Q24.

Solution

Concept — Government health schemes: Ayushman Bharat is a flagship national health programme.

Step 1 — Recall the aim: Ayushman Bharat, through the PM-JAY component, provides health insurance cover to poor and vulnerable families for hospital treatment.

Step 2 — Classify the scheme: It is therefore related to health insurance and healthcare.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (school education): covered by schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
- Option B (agriculture): covered by schemes like PM-KISAN.
- Option D (rural housing): covered by PM Awas Yojana.

Final Answer: Ayushman Bharat relates to health insurance and healthcare ⇒

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



Q25.

Solution

Concept — Major sporting events: The Summer Olympics are held once every four years.

Step 1 — Recall the host city: The Games of the XXXIII Olympiad were held in Paris, France, in 2024.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the 2024 Summer Olympics were held in Paris.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Tokyo): hosted the 2020 Games (held in 2021).
- Option C (Los Angeles): will host the 2028 Games.
- Option D (London): hosted the 2012 Games.

Final Answer: The 2024 Summer Olympics were held in Paris ⇒

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Answer Key

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

