

# PGIMER BSc Nursing

## General English & GK/Current Affairs — Sample Paper – 2

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: **DILIGENT**.

- (A) Lazy
- (B) Careless
- (C) Cheerful
- (D) Hardworking

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

- (A) Opaque
- (B) Clear



(C) Bright

(D) Visible

**Q3.** In the sentence below, identify the part that contains a grammatical **error**: “The number of patients / in the ward / are increasing / rapidly.”

(A) The number of patients

(B) in the ward

(C) are increasing

(D) rapidly

**Q4.** Fill in the blank with the correct preposition: “The child is allergic \_\_\_\_\_ penicillin.”

(A) with

(B) to

(C) of

(D) for

**Q5.** Fill in the blank with the correct verb form: “Water \_\_\_\_\_ at 100 degrees Celsius at sea level.”

(A) boils

(B) boiled

(C) is boiling

(D) will boil

**Q6.** Choose the correct one-word substitution: “A place where medicines are prepared and dispensed.”

(A) Laboratory

(B) Clinic

(C) Nursery



(D) Pharmacy

**Q7.** Choose the meaning of the idiom: “once in a blue moon”.

(A) every night

(B) very rarely

(C) very often

(D) at midnight

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

(A) He is ill since Monday.

(B) He was ill since Monday.

(C) He has been ill since Monday.

(D) He has been ill from Monday.

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

(A) Hygiene

(B) Hygeine

(C) Hygine

(D) Hyigene

**Q10.** Fill in the blank with the correct word: “Honesty is the guiding \_\_\_\_\_ of her life.”

(A) principal

(B) principle

(C) principel

(D) principled

### Part B: General Knowledge & Current Affairs

**Q11.** How many Schedules are there in the Constitution of India (currently)?



- (A) 8
- (B) 10
- (C) 9
- (D) 12

**Q12.** The First War of Indian Independence (Revolt) took place in the year:

- (A) 1757
- (B) 1885
- (C) 1857
- (D) 1919

**Q13.** The highest mountain peak located **entirely within India** is:

- (A) Mount Everest
- (B) Kangchenjunga
- (C) K2
- (D) Nanda Devi

**Q14.** Deficiency of iodine in the diet causes:

- (A) Goitre
- (B) Anaemia
- (C) Rickets
- (D) Beriberi

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

- (A) Sparrow
- (B) Parrot
- (C) Eagle
- (D) Indian Peacock



- Q16.** The first Indian to be awarded the **Nobel Prize** (1913, Literature) was:
- (A) C.V. Raman
  - (B) Rabindranath Tagore
  - (C) Mother Teresa
  - (D) Amartya Sen
- Q17.** The **Thomas Cup** is associated with the sport of:
- (A) Badminton
  - (B) Lawn Tennis
  - (C) Table Tennis
  - (D) Squash
- Q18.** The book “**The Discovery of India**” was written by:
- (A) Mahatma Gandhi
  - (B) B.R. Ambedkar
  - (C) Jawaharlal Nehru
  - (D) Sardar Patel
- Q19.** **International Nurses Day** is observed every year on:
- (A) 7 April
  - (B) 1 December
  - (C) 5 June
  - (D) 12 May
- Q20.** India’s first Mars orbiter mission was popularly named:
- (A) Chandrayaan
  - (B) Gaganyaan
  - (C) Aryabhata



(D) Mangalyaan

**Q21.** The currency of **Japan** is the:

- (A) Yen
- (B) Won
- (C) Yuan
- (D) Baht

**Q22.** The **Prime Minister of India** (in office) is:

- (A) Manmohan Singh
- (B) Rajnath Singh
- (C) Amit Shah
- (D) Narendra Modi

**Q23.** The headquarters of the **World Health Organization (WHO)** is located in:

- (A) New York, USA
- (B) Geneva, Switzerland
- (C) Paris, France
- (D) Vienna, Austria

**Q24.** In India's health system, **ASHA** stands for:

- (A) Authorised Senior Health Assistant
- (B) Approved State Health Aide
- (C) Accredited Social Health Activist
- (D) Accredited Skilled Hospital Attendant

**Q25.** The **ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023** was hosted by:

- (A) India



- (B) England
- (C) Australia
- (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:** “Diligent” describes a person who works hard and with steady, careful effort.

**Step 2 — Match with the options:** Among the choices, “Hardworking” expresses the same idea of steady, sincere effort.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Lazy): it is the opposite of diligent.
- Option B (Careless): it means without attention, the reverse of careful effort.
- Option C (Cheerful): it describes mood, not effort.

**Final Answer:** Diligent means hardworking ⇒

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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:** “Transparent” means allowing light to pass through so that objects behind can be seen clearly.

**Step 2 — Find the opposite:** The opposite is a material that light cannot pass through, which is “Opaque”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Clear): it is a synonym of transparent, not an antonym.
- Option C (Bright): it refers to brightness of light, not to see-through quality.
- Option D (Visible): it means able to be seen, not the opposite of transparent.

**Final Answer:** The antonym of transparent is opaque ⇒

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Q3.

**Solution**

**Concept — Subject–verb agreement:** The phrase “The number of ...” takes a **singular** verb, because the real subject is the singular word “number”.

**Step 1 — Locate the subject:** The subject is “The number”, which is singular, even though “patients” (plural) follows it.

**Step 2 — Check the verb:** The phrase “are increasing” is plural. It should be “is increasing” to agree with the singular subject “The number”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (The number of patients): correct subject phrase, no error.
- Option B (in the ward): a correct prepositional phrase.
- Option D (rapidly): a correctly used adverb.

**Final Answer:** The error lies in “are increasing” ⇒

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

Q4.

**Solution**

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

**Step 1 — Fix the collocation:** The standard phrase is “allergic to something”, for example “allergic to dust”.

**Step 2 — Apply to the sentence:** “The child is allergic to penicillin” is the correct form.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (with): “allergic with” is not a valid collocation.
- Option C (of): “allergic of” is incorrect English.
- Option D (for): “allergic for” is not used.

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

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



Q5.

**Solution**

**Concept — Simple present for universal truths:** Facts that are always true are written in the simple present tense.

**Step 1 — Identify the type of statement:** Water boiling at 100 degrees Celsius at sea level is a scientific fact that is always true.

**Step 2 — Form the verb:** A general truth with the singular subject “Water” takes the simple present “boils”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (boiled): the past tense, wrong for an always-true fact.
- Option C (is boiling): the present continuous, which shows an action happening now, not a general truth.
- Option D (will boil): the future tense, wrong for a permanent fact.

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

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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 place where medicines are prepared and dispensed.”

**Step 2 — Match the place:** The place where medicines are prepared and given out is a “Pharmacy”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Laboratory): a place for scientific tests and experiments.
- Option B (Clinic): a place where patients are examined and treated.
- Option C (Nursery): a place for young children or for growing plants.

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

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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:** “Once in a blue moon” refers to a rare astronomical event, an extra full moon.

**Step 2 — State the meaning:** It is used to mean something that happens very rarely.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (every night): the opposite of rare.
- Option C (very often): also the opposite of the intended meaning.
- Option D (at midnight): a literal misreading of “moon”.

**Final Answer:** The idiom means very rarely ⇒

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Q8.

**Solution**

**Concept — Present perfect with “since”:** An action that started in the past and still continues uses the present perfect (has/have been) with “since” for a point of time.

**Step 1 — Check the tense:** The illness began on Monday and still continues, so the present perfect “has been” is required.

**Step 2 — Check the time word:** “Since” is used with a point of time such as “Monday”. Hence “He has been ill since Monday.”

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (He is ill since Monday): the simple present cannot be used with “since”.
- Option B (He was ill since Monday): the simple past does not fit a continuing state with “since”.
- Option D (He has been ill from Monday): “from” needs a matching “to”; with a continuing state we use “since”.

**Final Answer:** The correct sentence is “He has been ill since Monday.” ⇒



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

Q9.

### Solution

**Concept — Spelling:** The word for cleanliness that promotes health is spelt “hygiene”.

**Step 1 — Fix the letter order:** The correct order is h-y-g-i-e-n-e, with “ie” in the middle.

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

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Hygeine): the “ei” order is wrong.
- Option C (Hygine): a letter is missing.
- Option D (Hyigene): the letters are misplaced.

**Final Answer:** The correct spelling is “Hygiene” ⇒ **A**

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

Q10.

### Solution

**Concept — “principle” vs “principal”:** “Principle” is a noun meaning a rule or fundamental truth, while “principal” means the head of a school or the most important thing.

**Step 1 — Understand the sentence:** “Honesty is the guiding rule of her life” needs a word meaning a rule or belief.

**Step 2 — Choose the word:** The noun meaning a guiding rule is “principle”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (principal): means a head of an institution, wrong meaning.
- Option C (principel): a misspelling, not a real word.
- Option D (principled): an adjective meaning having good morals, which does not fit “the guiding ...”.

**Final Answer:** The correct word is “principle” ⇒ **B**

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



Q11.

**Solution**

**Concept — Schedules of the Constitution:** The Schedules are lists that classify and tabulate bureaucratic activity and government policy.

**Step 1 — Original and added Schedules:** The Constitution began with 8 Schedules; four more were added by later amendments.

**Step 2 — Current total:** At present there are **12** Schedules in the Constitution of India.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (8): the original number at commencement in 1950.
- Option B (10): an intermediate figure, not the current total.
- Option C (9): not the correct count.

**Final Answer:** There are 12 Schedules ⇒  D

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

Q12.

**Solution**

**Concept — Modern Indian history:** The Revolt of 1857 is called the First War of Indian Independence.

**Step 1 — Recall the event:** The uprising against the East India Company began at Meerut and spread widely in the year 1857.

**Step 2 — Fix the year:** The First War of Indian Independence took place in **1857**.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (1757): the year of the Battle of Plassey.
- Option B (1885): the year the Indian National Congress was founded.
- Option D (1919): the year of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

**Final Answer:** The Revolt took place in 1857 ⇒  C

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



Q13.

**Solution**

**Concept — Mountain peaks of India:** The highest peak lying wholly inside Indian territory is asked here.

**Step 1 — Apply the “within India” condition:** Kangchenjunga (about 8,586 m) is the highest peak that lies entirely within India, on the Sikkim border.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the correct choice is Kangchenjunga.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Mount Everest): the world’s highest peak, but it lies in Nepal–China, not within India.
- Option C (K2): higher than Kangchenjunga, but it lies in the Pakistan-administered region, not within India.
- Option D (Nanda Devi): entirely within India, but lower than Kangchenjunga.

**Final Answer:** The highest peak entirely within India is Kangchenjunga ⇒

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Q14.

**Solution**

**Concept — Deficiency disorders:** A shortage of a specific nutrient leads to a specific disease.

**Step 1 — Identify the nutrient:** Iodine is needed by the thyroid gland to make its hormones.

**Step 2 — Link the deficiency:** A lack of iodine enlarges the thyroid gland, a condition called goitre.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Anaemia): caused mainly by iron deficiency.
- Option C (Rickets): caused by Vitamin D deficiency.
- Option D (Beriberi): caused by Vitamin B1 (thiamine) deficiency.

**Final Answer:** Iodine deficiency causes goitre ⇒

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Q15.

**Solution**

**Concept — National symbols of India:** India has an officially declared national bird.

**Step 1 — Recall the declaration:** The Indian Peacock (*Pavo cristatus*) was declared the National Bird of India in 1963.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the National Bird of India is the Indian Peacock.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Sparrow): a common bird, but not the national bird.
- Option B (Parrot): not an Indian national symbol.
- Option C (Eagle): not the declared national bird of India.

**Final Answer:** The National Bird of India is the Indian Peacock ⇒

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

Q16.

**Solution**

**Concept — Nobel laureates from India:** The first Indian Nobel Prize winner is a common GK fact.

**Step 1 — Recall the laureate:** Rabindranath Tagore won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913 for his work “Gitanjali”.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** He was the first Indian, and the first Asian, to receive a Nobel Prize.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (C.V. Raman): won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.
- Option C (Mother Teresa): won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.
- Option D (Amartya Sen): won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1998.

**Final Answer:** The first Indian Nobel laureate was Rabindranath Tagore ⇒

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



Q17.

**Solution**

**Concept — Sports trophies:** Certain cups and trophies belong to a specific sport.

**Step 1 — Identify the trophy:** The Thomas Cup is the premier international men's team championship in badminton.

**Step 2 — Link to the sport:** Hence the Thomas Cup is associated with badminton.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Lawn Tennis): associated with the Davis Cup and Wimbledon.
- Option C (Table Tennis): associated with the Swaythling Cup.
- Option D (Squash): not linked to the Thomas Cup.

**Final Answer:** The Thomas Cup is associated with badminton ⇒

**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 Discovery of India” was written by Jawaharlal Nehru while he was imprisoned at Ahmednagar Fort during 1942–1946.

**Step 2 — Confirm the author:** Hence the author is Jawaharlal Nehru.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Mahatma Gandhi): wrote “The Story of My Experiments with Truth”.
- Option B (B.R. Ambedkar): wrote “Annihilation of Caste”.
- Option D (Sardar Patel): not the author of this book.

**Final Answer:** “The Discovery of India” was written by Jawaharlal Nehru ⇒

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



Q19.

**Solution**

**Concept — Important international days:** Health and nursing days are frequently asked in nursing entrance exams.

**Step 1 — Recall the date:** International Nurses Day is observed on 12 May every year, the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the correct date is 12 May.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (7 April): World Health Day.
- Option B (1 December): World AIDS Day.
- Option C (5 June): World Environment Day.

**Final Answer:** International Nurses Day is on 12 May ⇒

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

Q20.

**Solution**

**Concept — Indian space missions:** ISRO's first mission to Mars had a popular name.

**Step 1 — Recall the mission:** The Mars Orbiter Mission, launched in 2013, was popularly called "Mangalyaan".

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** It made India the first country to reach Mars orbit on its very first attempt.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Chandrayaan): India's Moon mission, not the Mars mission.
- Option B (Gaganyaan): India's planned human spaceflight mission.
- Option C (Aryabhata): India's first satellite, launched in 1975.

**Final Answer:** India's first Mars orbiter was Mangalyaan ⇒

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



Q21.

**Solution**

**Concept — World currencies:** Each country has its own official currency.

**Step 1 — Recall the currency:** The official currency of Japan is the Yen.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the currency of Japan is the Yen.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Won): the currency of South Korea.
- Option C (Yuan): the currency of China.
- Option D (Baht): the currency of Thailand.

**Final Answer:** The currency of Japan is the Yen ⇒ **A**

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

Q22.

**Solution**

**Concept — Constitutional posts:** The Prime Minister is the head of the Union Government.

**Step 1 — Recall the current holder:** Narendra Modi has served as the Prime Minister of India since 2014.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the Prime Minister in office is Narendra Modi.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Manmohan Singh): the Prime Minister during 2004–2014.
- Option B (Rajnath Singh): a senior Union Cabinet Minister, not the Prime Minister.
- Option C (Amit Shah): a senior Union Cabinet Minister, not the Prime Minister.

**Final Answer:** The Prime Minister of India is Narendra Modi ⇒ **D**

**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q22](#)



Q23.

**Solution**

**Concept — International organisations:** The WHO is the health agency of the United Nations.

**Step 1 — Recall the headquarters:** The World Health Organization has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the WHO headquarters is in Geneva.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (New York, USA): the headquarters of the United Nations, not the WHO.
- Option C (Paris, France): the headquarters of UNESCO.
- Option D (Vienna, Austria): the headquarters of the IAEA.

**Final Answer:** The WHO headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland ⇒

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Q24.

**Solution**

**Concept — Health workforce:** ASHA workers are community health volunteers under the National Health Mission.

**Step 1 — Expand the abbreviation:** ASHA stands for “Accredited Social Health Activist”.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** These are trained female community health workers who link villagers with the public health system.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Authorised Senior Health Assistant): not the correct full form.
- Option B (Approved State Health Aide): not the correct full form.
- Option D (Accredited Skilled Hospital Attendant): not the correct full form.

**Final Answer:** ASHA means Accredited Social Health Activist ⇒

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Q25.

**Solution**

**Concept — Major sporting events:** The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup is hosted by a member nation.

**Step 1 — Recall the host:** The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 was hosted by India, with the final played at Ahmedabad.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the 2023 World Cup was hosted by India.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (England): hosted the 2019 World Cup.
- Option C (Australia): hosted the 2015 World Cup (with New Zealand).
- Option D (South Africa): did not host the 2023 World Cup.

**Final Answer:** The 2023 Cricket World Cup was hosted by India ⇒

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q25](#)



**Answer Key**

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

