

# PGIMER BSc Nursing

## General English & GK/Current Affairs — Sample Paper – 4

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: **CANDID**.

- (A) Secretive
- (B) Frank
- (C) Rude
- (D) Shy

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

- (A) Triumph
- (B) Success
- (C) Defeat



(D) Win

**Q3.** In the sentence below, identify the part that contains a grammatical **error**: “One of my friend / is / a famous / heart surgeon.”

(A) One of my friend

(B) is

(C) a famous

(D) heart surgeon

**Q4.** Fill in the blank with the correct preposition: “The doctor was accused \_\_\_\_\_ negligence.”

(A) for

(B) with

(C) on

(D) of

**Q5.** Fill in the blank with the correct verb form: “Look! The child \_\_\_\_\_ across the busy road.”

(A) run

(B) is running

(C) ran

(D) has run

**Q6.** Choose the correct one-word substitution: “A person who cannot read or write.”

(A) Ignorant

(B) Innocent

(C) Amateur

(D) Illiterate



- Q7.** Choose the meaning of the idiom: “to break the ice”.
- (A) to end a friendship
  - (B) to solve a hard problem
  - (C) to start a conversation in an awkward situation
  - (D) to waste time
- Q8.** Choose the **grammatically correct** sentence.
- (A) There are many books on the table.
  - (B) There is many books on the table.
  - (C) There are much books on the table.
  - (D) There have many books on the table.
- Q9.** Choose the **correctly spelt** word.
- (A) Occurence
  - (B) Occurrence
  - (C) Ocurrence
  - (D) Occurance
- Q10.** Fill in the blank with the correct word: “The physician will \_\_\_\_\_ you to take complete rest.”
- (A) advice
  - (B) adviced
  - (C) advise
  - (D) advies

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

- Q11.** The minimum age required to become the President of India is:
- (A) 25 years



- (B) 30 years
- (C) 35 years
- (D) 40 years

**Q12.** The Indian National Congress was founded in the year:

- (A) 1857
- (B) 1905
- (C) 1919
- (D) 1885

**Q13.** The smallest state of India by area is:

- (A) Sikkim
- (B) Goa
- (C) Tripura
- (D) Nagaland

**Q14.** Insulin, which controls blood sugar, is secreted by the:

- (A) Pancreas
- (B) Liver
- (C) Kidney
- (D) Thyroid gland

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

- (A) Neem tree
- (B) Peepal tree
- (C) Banyan tree
- (D) Mango tree

**Q16.** The **Dronacharya Award** in India is given to outstanding:



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- (A) Sports coaches
- (B) Sportspersons
- (C) Scientists
- (D) Teachers of schools

**Q17.** The **Davis Cup** is associated with the sport of:

- (A) Golf
- (B) Cricket
- (C) Polo
- (D) Lawn Tennis

**Q18.** The novel “**The God of Small Things**” was written by:

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

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

- (A) 22 April
- (B) 7 April
- (C) 5 June
- (D) 21 June

**Q20.** The chemical symbol of **gold** is:

- (A) Ag
- (B) Gd
- (C) Go
- (D) Au



- Q21.** The official currency of the **United Kingdom** is the:
- (A) Pound Sterling
  - (B) Euro
  - (C) Dollar
  - (D) Franc
- Q22.** The **Secretary-General of the United Nations** is:
- (A) Ban Ki-moon
  - (B) Kofi Annan
  - (C) Antonio Guterres
  - (D) Boutros Boutros-Ghali
- Q23.** The headquarters of **UNESCO** is located in:
- (A) Rome
  - (B) Paris
  - (C) Geneva
  - (D) London
- Q24.** The largest organ of the human body is the:
- (A) Liver
  - (B) Brain
  - (C) Lungs
  - (D) Skin
- Q25.** As of 2023, the most populous country in the world is:
- (A) India
  - (B) China
  - (C) United States
  - (D) Indonesia



**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:** “Candid” describes a person who is open, honest and straightforward in speech.

**Step 2 — Match with the options:** Among the choices, “Frank” expresses the same idea of speaking openly and truthfully.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Secretive): it means hiding things, the opposite of candid.
- Option C (Rude): it means impolite, unrelated to honesty.
- Option D (Shy): it means timid or reserved, not openly honest.

**Final Answer:** Candid means frank ⇒

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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:** “Victory” means winning or succeeding in a contest, struggle or battle.

**Step 2 — Find the opposite:** The opposite of winning is losing, which is expressed by the word “Defeat”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Triumph): it is a synonym of victory, not an antonym.
- Option B (Success): it also means achieving a favourable result.
- Option D (Win): it too means to gain a victory.

**Final Answer:** The antonym of victory is defeat ⇒

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Q3.

**Solution**

**Concept — “One of” construction:** The phrase “one of” is always followed by a plural noun, because it selects a single item from a group of many.

**Step 1 — Locate the phrase:** The sentence begins “One of my friend”. The word “one of” must be followed by a plural noun.

**Step 2 — Correct the error:** It should be “One of my friends”, so the error lies in the first part “One of my friend”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (is): the singular verb “is” correctly agrees with “One”.
- Option C (a famous): correctly phrased.
- Option D (heart surgeon): correctly phrased.

**Final Answer:** The error lies in “One of my friend” ⇒

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

Q4.

**Solution**

**Concept — Fixed prepositions:** Certain verbs are always paired with a fixed preposition. The verb “accuse” is followed by “of”.

**Step 1 — Recall the collocation:** The correct form is “to accuse someone of something”.

**Step 2 — Apply to the sentence:** “The doctor was accused of negligence” is the grammatically correct form.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (for): “accused for” is not the standard collocation.
- Option B (with): “charged with” is correct, but “accused with” is not.
- Option C (on): does not fit the verb “accuse”.

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

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



Q5.

**Solution**

**Concept — Present continuous tense:** An action happening right now, at the moment of speaking, uses “is/am/are + verb-ing”.

**Step 1 — Read the signal word:** The word “Look!” shows the action is happening at this very moment.

**Step 2 — Form the verb:** With the singular subject “child”, the correct form is “is running”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (run): the plain base form does not show an ongoing action.
- Option C (ran): simple past, but the action is happening now.
- Option D (has run): present perfect, which does not fit “Look!”.

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

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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 person who cannot read or write.”

**Step 2 — Match the word:** A person who cannot read or write is called “illiterate”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Ignorant): means lacking knowledge, not specifically unable to read or write.
- Option B (Innocent): means free of guilt, unrelated to literacy.
- Option C (Amateur): means a non-professional, unrelated to reading or writing.

**Final Answer:** A person who cannot read or write is illiterate ⇒

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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 break the ice” pictures breaking through a frozen, tense silence.

**Step 2 — State the meaning:** It means to start a conversation in an awkward or unfamiliar situation.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A: ending a friendship is not the meaning.
- Option B: it is not about solving a hard problem.
- Option D: wasting time is unrelated to the idiom.

**Final Answer:** The idiom means to start a conversation in an awkward situation ⇒  C

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

Q8.

**Solution**

**Concept — “There is” vs “There are”:** Use “There are” with plural countable nouns and “There is” with singular nouns. “Many” is used with countable plurals.

**Step 1 — Check the noun:** “Books” is a plural countable noun, so it needs “There are” and “many”.

**Step 2 — Confirm the sentence:** “There are many books on the table.” is correct in both agreement and word choice.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B: “There is many books” wrongly uses singular “is” with a plural noun.
- Option C: “much” is used with uncountable nouns, not with countable “books”.
- Option D: “There have” is not a correct existential construction.

**Final Answer:** The correct sentence is “There are many books on the table.” ⇒  A



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

Q9.

### Solution

**Concept — Spelling:** The word “occurrence” has a double “c”, a double “r” and ends in “-ence”.

**Step 1 — Break the word:** oc-cur-rence: two c’s, two r’s, and the ending “-ence”.

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

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Occurence): only one “r”, which is wrong.
- Option C (Ocurrance): only one “c”, which is wrong.
- Option D (Occurance): the ending should be “-ence”, not “-ance”.

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

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

Q10.

### Solution

**Concept — “advice” vs “advise”:** “Advice” is a noun (a suggestion), while “advise” is a verb (to give a suggestion).

**Step 1 — Check the grammar of the blank:** The blank follows “will”, so a base verb is needed. The verb is “advise”.

**Step 2 — Confirm the meaning:** “The physician will advise you to take complete rest” correctly uses the verb form.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (advice): a noun, cannot follow “will”.
- Option B (advised): not a correct word; the past tense is “advised”.
- Option D (advies): a misspelling, not a real word.

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

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



Q11.

**Solution**

**Concept — Qualifications for President:** Article 58 of the Constitution lays down the eligibility conditions for the office of President.

**Step 1 — Recall the rule:** A candidate must have completed 35 years of age to be eligible for the post of President.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the minimum age required is 35 years.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (25 years): the minimum age to become a member of the Lok Sabha.
- Option B (30 years): the minimum age to become a member of the Rajya Sabha.
- Option D (40 years): not the constitutional requirement.

**Final Answer:** The minimum age to become President is 35 years ⇒

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Q12.

**Solution**

**Concept — Modern Indian history:** The Indian National Congress was the leading organisation of the freedom movement.

**Step 1 — Recall the founding:** The Indian National Congress was founded in 1885 by A.O. Hume, along with other leaders, at Bombay.

**Step 2 — Fix the year:** Hence the year of founding is 1885.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (1857): the year of the First War of Independence (Revolt of 1857).
- Option B (1905): the year of the Partition of Bengal.
- Option C (1919): the year of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

**Final Answer:** The Indian National Congress was founded in 1885 ⇒

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Q13.

**Solution**

**Concept — States of India by area:** Indian states differ widely in geographical area.

**Step 1 — Recall the smallest:** Goa, with an area of about 3,702 square kilometres, is the smallest state of India by area.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the smallest state by area is Goa.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Sikkim): the second smallest state, larger than Goa.
- Option C (Tripura): larger in area than Goa.
- Option D (Nagaland): also larger in area than Goa.

**Final Answer:** The smallest state of India by area is Goa ⇒ **B**

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

Q14.

**Solution**

**Concept — Human endocrine system:** Hormones are secreted by specific glands and organs of the body.

**Step 1 — Identify the gland:** Insulin is produced by the beta cells in the islets of Langerhans of the pancreas.

**Step 2 — Link to its function:** Insulin lowers blood glucose, keeping blood sugar under control.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Liver): stores glucose as glycogen but does not secrete insulin.
- Option C (Kidney): filters blood and forms urine, does not make insulin.
- Option D (Thyroid gland): secretes thyroxine, not insulin.

**Final Answer:** Insulin is secreted by the pancreas ⇒ **A**

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q14](#)



Q15.

**Solution**

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

**Step 1 — Recall the national tree:** The Banyan tree (*Ficus benghalensis*) is the National Tree of India, symbolising longevity and unity.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the National Tree of India is the Banyan tree.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Neem tree): valued in medicine, but not the national tree.
- Option B (Peepal tree): culturally important, but not the national tree.
- Option D (Mango tree): the mango is the national fruit, not the national tree.

**Final Answer:** The National Tree of India is the Banyan tree ⇒

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Q16.

**Solution**

**Concept — Sports awards of India:** Different national awards honour different roles in sports.

**Step 1 — Recall the award:** The Dronacharya Award is given for outstanding coaching, honouring sports coaches who have produced medal-winning athletes.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence it is given to outstanding sports coaches.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Sportspersons): players are honoured by the Arjuna Award and the Khel Ratna.
- Option C (Scientists): scientists receive awards like the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize.
- Option D (Teachers of schools): school teachers receive the National Teachers' Award.

**Final Answer:** The Dronacharya Award is given to sports coaches ⇒

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Q17.

**Solution**

**Concept — Sports and their trophies:** Major trophies are linked to specific sports.

**Step 1 — Recall the trophy:** The Davis Cup is the premier international team event in men's lawn tennis.

**Step 2 — Link to the sport:** Hence the Davis Cup is associated with lawn tennis.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Golf): associated with trophies like the Ryder Cup.
- Option B (Cricket): associated with events like the World Cup and Ashes.
- Option C (Polo): not linked with the Davis Cup.

**Final Answer:** The Davis Cup is associated with lawn tennis ⇒ **D**

**Answer: (D)** [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 God of Small Things” is the debut novel of Arundhati Roy, which won the Booker Prize in 1997.

**Step 2 — Confirm the author:** Hence the author is Arundhati Roy.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Kiran Desai): wrote “The Inheritance of Loss”.
- Option C (Anita Desai): wrote novels such as “Fasting, Feasting”.
- Option D (Jhumpa Lahiri): wrote “The Namesake” and “Interpreter of Maladies”.

**Final Answer:** “The God of Small Things” was written by Arundhati Roy ⇒ **B**

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



Q19.

**Solution**

**Concept — Important international days:** Environment-related days are frequently asked in entrance exams.

**Step 1 — Recall the date:** World Environment Day is observed on 5 June every year, led by the United Nations Environment Programme.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the correct date is 5 June.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (22 April): Earth Day.
- Option B (7 April): World Health Day.
- Option D (21 June): International Day of Yoga.

**Final Answer:** World Environment Day is on 5 June ⇒

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

Q20.

**Solution**

**Concept — Chemical symbols of elements:** Many symbols come from the Latin names of elements.

**Step 1 — Recall the symbol:** Gold has the chemical symbol “Au”, from its Latin name “aurum”.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the chemical symbol of gold is Au.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Ag): the symbol for silver (from “argentum”).
- Option B (Gd): the symbol for gadolinium.
- Option C (Go): not the symbol of any standard element.

**Final Answer:** The chemical symbol of gold is Au ⇒

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



Q21.

**Solution**

**Concept — Currencies of the world:** Each country has an official currency.

**Step 1 — Recall the currency:** The official currency of the United Kingdom is the Pound Sterling, written with the symbol £.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the currency of the UK is the Pound Sterling.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Euro): the currency of the Eurozone, but the UK does not use it.
- Option C (Dollar): the currency of countries such as the USA and Australia.
- Option D (Franc): historically used in France and Switzerland, not the UK.

**Final Answer:** The currency of the United Kingdom is the Pound Sterling ⇒

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

Q22.

**Solution**

**Concept — International organisations:** The Secretary-General is the head of the UN Secretariat.

**Step 1 — Recall the current holder:** Antonio Guterres of Portugal has served as the Secretary-General of the United Nations since 1 January 2017.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the Secretary-General is Antonio Guterres.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Ban Ki-moon): served as Secretary-General from 2007 to 2016.
- Option B (Kofi Annan): served from 1997 to 2006.
- Option D (Boutros Boutros-Ghali): served from 1992 to 1996.

**Final Answer:** The Secretary-General of the UN is Antonio Guterres ⇒

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



Q23.

**Solution**

**Concept — Headquarters of world bodies:** Each UN agency has a specific headquarters city.

**Step 1 — Recall the headquarters:** UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) has its headquarters in Paris, France.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the UNESCO headquarters is in Paris.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Rome): the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- Option C (Geneva): the headquarters of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Option D (London): not the location of the UNESCO headquarters.

**Final Answer:** The headquarters of UNESCO is in Paris ⇒

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Q24.

**Solution**

**Concept — Human body organs:** Organs vary greatly in size, and the skin is counted as an organ.

**Step 1 — Identify the largest:** The skin is the largest organ of the human body, covering the entire external surface.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the largest organ of the human body is the skin.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Liver): the largest internal organ, but smaller than the skin.
- Option B (Brain): the control centre, but not the largest organ.
- Option C (Lungs): important for respiration, but not the largest organ.

**Final Answer:** The largest organ of the human body is the skin ⇒

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Q25.

**Solution**

**Concept — World population:** Rankings of the most populous countries change over time.

**Step 1 — Recall the update:** In 2023, India overtook China to become the most populous country in the world, with over 1.4 billion people.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence, as of 2023, the most populous country is India.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (China): was the most populous until 2022, now the second most populous.
- Option C (United States): the third most populous, far behind India and China.
- Option D (Indonesia): the fourth most populous, well behind the top three.

**Final Answer:** As of 2023, the most populous country is India ⇒

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**Answer Key**

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

