

PGIMER BSc Nursing

General English & GK/Current Affairs — Sample Paper – 6

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: **METICULOUS**.

- (A) Careless
- (B) Careful
- (C) Rough
- (D) Lazy

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

- (A) Kind
- (B) Giving



- (C) Liberal
- (D) Stingy

Q3. In the sentence below, identify the part that contains a grammatical **error**: “The list of / items were / placed on / the table.”

- (A) The list of
- (B) items were
- (C) placed on
- (D) the table

Q4. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition: “The nurse is good _____ handling emergencies.”

- (A) at
- (B) in
- (C) on
- (D) for

Q5. Fill in the blank with the correct verb form: “She _____ in this hospital for five years.”

- (A) works
- (B) is working
- (C) has been working
- (D) worked

Q6. Choose the correct one-word substitution: “A specialist who treats diseases of the heart.”

- (A) Cardiologist
- (B) Neurologist
- (C) Nephrologist



(D) Oncologist

Q7. Choose the meaning of the idiom: “to pull through”.

(A) to pull a rope hard

(B) to fail an examination

(C) to travel a long way

(D) to recover from a serious illness

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

(A) Neither of the answers are correct.

(B) Neither of the answers were correct.

(C) Neither of the answers is correct.

(D) Neither of the answer is correct.

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

(A) Nausia

(B) Nausea

(C) Nasea

(D) Nauzea

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct word: “The hospital will _____ new patients from Monday.”

(A) accept

(B) except

(C) access

(D) expect

Part B: General Knowledge & Current Affairs



- Q11.** How many members can the President of India nominate to the **Rajya Sabha**?
- (A) 2
 - (B) 10
 - (C) 14
 - (D) 12
- Q12.** The **Dandi Salt March** was led by Mahatma Gandhi in which year?
- (A) 1919
 - (B) 1942
 - (C) 1930
 - (D) 1947
- Q13.** Which of the following is the largest **freshwater** lake in India?
- (A) Wular Lake
 - (B) Chilika Lake
 - (C) Dal Lake
 - (D) Sambhar Lake
- Q14.** The **largest bone** in the human body is the:
- (A) Tibia
 - (B) Humerus
 - (C) Femur
 - (D) Sternum
- Q15.** The **National Song** of India is:
- (A) Jana Gana Mana
 - (B) Vande Mataram



- (C) Saare Jahan Se Achha
- (D) Sare Jahan

Q16. The highest **sporting honour** of India is now known as the:

- (A) Arjuna Award
- (B) Dronacharya Award
- (C) Padma Shri
- (D) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award

Q17. The term “**smash**” is most closely associated with which sport?

- (A) Chess
- (B) Archery
- (C) Badminton
- (D) Rowing

Q18. The book “**The Argumentative Indian**” was written by:

- (A) Amartya Sen
- (B) Arundhati Roy
- (C) Vikram Seth
- (D) R.K. Narayan

Q19. **World Tuberculosis (TB) Day** is observed every year on:

- (A) 7 April
- (B) 24 March
- (C) 1 May
- (D) 14 November

Q20. The chemical symbol of the element **sodium** is:



- (A) So
- (B) Sn
- (C) S
- (D) Na

Q21. The currency of the **United States of America** is the:

- (A) Pound
- (B) Euro
- (C) Dollar
- (D) Yen

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

- (A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (B) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- (C) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- (D) Lal Bahadur Shastri

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

- (A) Geneva
- (B) Paris
- (C) Rome
- (D) New York

Q24. The “**Janani Suraksha Yojana**” is mainly related to:

- (A) child education
- (B) old-age pension
- (C) safe motherhood and institutional delivery
- (D) drinking water supply



Q25. Which country hosted the **G20 Leaders' Summit in 2024**?

- (A) India
- (B) Brazil
- (C) Italy
- (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: “Meticulous” describes someone who shows great care and pays close attention to every small detail.

Step 2 — Match with the options: Among the choices, “Careful” conveys the same idea of doing something with attention and caution.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Careless): it is the opposite of meticulous.
- Option C (Rough): it means not gentle or not precise, unlike meticulous.
- Option D (Lazy): it means unwilling to work, unrelated to care.

Final Answer: Meticulous means careful ⇒ **B**

Answer: (B) [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: “Generous” means willing to give freely and share with others.

Step 2 — Find the opposite: The opposite of giving freely is being mean and unwilling to give, which is expressed by “Stingy”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Kind): it is close in sense to generous, not an antonym.
- Option B (Giving): it is a synonym of generous.
- Option C (Liberal): it also means open-handed and generous.

Final Answer: The antonym of generous is stingy ⇒ **D**

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



Q3.

Solution

Concept — Subject–verb agreement: The verb must agree with the true subject of the sentence, not with a nearby noun.

Step 1 — Locate the subject: The subject is “The list”, which is singular, even though the plural word “items” comes just after it.

Step 2 — Check the verb: The phrase “items were” uses the plural verb “were”. It should be “was placed” to agree with the singular subject “list”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (The list of): correct beginning, no error.
- Option C (placed on): correctly phrased.
- Option D (the table): correctly phrased.

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

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

Q4.

Solution

Concept — Prepositions with adjectives: The adjective “good” is followed by “at” when we talk about skill in doing something.

Step 1 — Understand the sentence: The sentence says the nurse has skill in handling emergencies.

Step 2 — Choose the preposition: The fixed pattern “good at” followed by a gerund (“handling”) fits perfectly.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (in): “good in” is not the standard pattern for a skill.
- Option C (on): “good on” does not fit this sense.
- Option D (for): “good for” means beneficial, which changes the meaning.

Final Answer: The correct preposition is “at” ⇒

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



Q5.

Solution

Concept — Present perfect continuous: The tense “has/have been + verb-ing” is used for an action that started in the past and is still continuing.

Step 1 — Read the time expression: “for five years” shows an action that began in the past and continues up to now.

Step 2 — Form the verb: For the singular subject “She”, the correct form is “has been working”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (works): simple present, does not show the ongoing five-year period.
- Option B (is working): present continuous, misses the “for five years” duration.
- Option D (worked): simple past, suggests the action is finished.

Final Answer: The correct form is “has been working” ⇒

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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 specialist who treats diseases of the heart.”

Step 2 — Match the specialist: A heart specialist is called a “Cardiologist”.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Neurologist): a specialist in the nerves and nervous system.
- Option C (Nephrologist): a specialist in the kidneys.
- Option D (Oncologist): a specialist in cancer.

Final Answer: A heart specialist is a cardiologist ⇒

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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 pull through” is used when a person survives a serious difficulty, especially a bad illness.

Step 2 — State the meaning: It means to recover from a serious illness.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (to pull a rope hard): this is only the literal words, not the idiom.
- Option B (to fail an examination): unrelated to the meaning.
- Option C (to travel a long way): unrelated to the meaning.

Final Answer: The idiom means to recover from a serious illness ⇒

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

Q8.

Solution

Concept — “Neither of” + singular verb: When “Neither of the ...” is the subject, it is treated as singular and takes a singular verb, while the noun after “of the” stays plural.

Step 1 — Fix the noun: The correct phrase is “Neither of the answers”, using the plural noun “answers” after “of the”.

Step 2 — Fix the verb: Because “Neither” is singular, the verb must be “is”, giving “Neither of the answers is correct.”

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (... answers are correct): uses the plural verb “are”, which is wrong.
- Option B (... answers were correct): uses the plural verb “were”, which is wrong.
- Option D (... answer is correct): wrongly uses the singular “answer” after “of the”.

Final Answer: The correct sentence is “Neither of the answers is correct.” ⇒

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



Q9.

Solution

Concept — Correct spelling: A medical word like this must follow its exact standard spelling.

Step 1 — Recall the word: “Nausea” means the feeling of sickness with an urge to vomit.

Step 2 — Confirm the correct option: The correctly spelt word is “Nausea”, spelt N-A-U-S-E-A.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Nausia): the ending “sia” is incorrect.
- Option C (Nasea): the letter “u” is missing.
- Option D (Nauzea): the letter “z” is wrong; it should be “s”.

Final Answer: The correct spelling is “Nausea” ⇒

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Q10.

Solution

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

Step 1 — Understand the sentence: The hospital will start receiving new patients from Monday, so a verb meaning “to receive” is needed.

Step 2 — Choose the word: “Accept” fits, giving “The hospital will accept new patients from Monday.”

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (except): it means “leaving out”, which does not fit here.
- Option C (access): it means to reach or enter, wrong meaning.
- Option D (expect): it means to wait for or anticipate, not to receive.

Final Answer: The correct word is “accept” ⇒

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Q11.

Solution

Concept — Composition of the Rajya Sabha: The President nominates a fixed number of members to the Rajya Sabha for their special knowledge.

Step 1 — Recall the provision: The Constitution allows the President to nominate members having special knowledge or experience in fields such as art, literature, science and social service.

Step 2 — Fix the number: The number of such nominated members is **12**.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (2): this was the number of Anglo-Indian members the President could nominate to the Lok Sabha (now discontinued).
- Option B (10): not the correct count.
- Option C (14): not the correct count.

Final Answer: The President nominates 12 members to the Rajya Sabha ⇒

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Q12.

Solution

Concept — Modern Indian history: The Dandi Salt March began the Civil Disobedience Movement.

Step 1 — Recall the event: Mahatma Gandhi marched from Sabarmati Ashram to Dandi and broke the salt law by making salt from sea water.

Step 2 — Fix the year: This famous march took place in the year **1930**.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (1919): the year of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.
- Option B (1942): the year of the Quit India Movement.
- Option D (1947): the year of India's independence.

Final Answer: The Dandi Salt March took place in 1930 ⇒

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Q13.

Solution

Concept — Lakes of India: Lakes are classified by their water type as freshwater, brackish or saltwater.

Step 1 — Identify the lake: Wular Lake in Jammu and Kashmir is the largest freshwater lake in India.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct choice is Wular Lake.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Chilika Lake): it is the largest brackish-water lagoon, not a freshwater lake.
- Option C (Dal Lake): a well-known but much smaller lake.
- Option D (Sambhar Lake): it is the largest inland saltwater lake.

Final Answer: The largest freshwater lake is Wular Lake ⇒

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

Q14.

Solution

Concept — Human skeleton: The bones of the body differ greatly in size.

Step 1 — Identify the bone: The femur, or thigh bone, runs from the hip to the knee and is the longest and strongest bone.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the largest bone in the human body is the femur.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Tibia): the shin bone, long but shorter than the femur.
- Option B (Humerus): the upper arm bone, shorter than the femur.
- Option D (Sternum): the flat breastbone, not a long bone.

Final Answer: The largest bone is the femur ⇒

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



Q15.

Solution

Concept — National symbols of India: India has a separate National Anthem and National Song.

Step 1 — Recall the National Song: “Vande Mataram”, written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, is the National Song of India.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct choice is Vande Mataram.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Jana Gana Mana): this is the National Anthem, not the National Song.
- Option C (Saare Jahan Se Achha): a popular patriotic song, but not the National Song.
- Option D (Sare Jahan): not an official national symbol.

Final Answer: The National Song of India is Vande Mataram ⇒

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Q16.

Solution

Concept — Sports awards of India: India’s top sporting honour was renamed in 2021.

Step 1 — Recall the change: The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award was renamed the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2021, in honour of the hockey legend.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the highest sporting honour is now the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Arjuna Award): given for consistent performance over years, but not the highest.
- Option B (Dronacharya Award): given to outstanding coaches.
- Option C (Padma Shri): a civilian award, not a specific sporting honour.

Final Answer: The highest sporting honour is the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 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 “smash” is a powerful downward stroke played to hit the shuttlecock steeply into the opponent’s court.

Step 2 — Link to the sport: This stroke is played in badminton, so “smash” is a badminton term.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Chess): uses terms like “check” and “checkmate”.
- Option B (Archery): uses terms like “bull’s eye” and “quiver”.
- Option D (Rowing): uses terms like “stroke” and “regatta”.

Final Answer: “Smash” is a badminton term ⇒

Answer: (C) [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 Argumentative Indian” is a book of essays on Indian history, culture and identity.

Step 2 — Confirm the author: It was written by the Nobel laureate economist Amartya Sen.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Arundhati Roy): wrote “The God of Small Things”.
- Option C (Vikram Seth): wrote “A Suitable Boy”.
- Option D (R.K. Narayan): wrote “Malgudi Days”.

Final Answer: “The Argumentative Indian” was written by Amartya Sen ⇒

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



Q19.

Solution

Concept — Important health days: Disease-awareness days are frequently asked in nursing entrance exams.

Step 1 — Recall the date: World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is observed on 24 March every year to raise awareness about the disease.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct date is 24 March.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (7 April): World Health Day.
- Option C (1 May): International Labour Day.
- Option D (14 November): Children's Day in India (and World Diabetes Day).

Final Answer: World TB Day is on 24 March ⇒

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

Q20.

Solution

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

Step 1 — Recall the symbol: Sodium takes its symbol from its Latin name “natrium”, which gives the symbol Na.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the chemical symbol of sodium is Na.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (So): not a valid element symbol.
- Option B (Sn): this is the symbol of tin (from Latin “stannum”).
- Option C (S): this is the symbol of sulphur.

Final Answer: The symbol of sodium is Na ⇒

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 the United States of America is the US Dollar.

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

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Pound): the currency of the United Kingdom.
- Option B (Euro): the currency of many European Union countries.
- Option D (Yen): the currency of Japan.

Final Answer: The currency of the USA is the Dollar ⇒

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

Q22.

Solution

Concept — Post-independence leadership: India's first government was formed in 1947.

Step 1 — Recall the leader: Jawaharlal Nehru became the first Prime Minister of independent India on 15 August 1947.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the first Prime Minister was Jawaharlal Nehru.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option B (Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel): the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister.
- Option C (Dr. Rajendra Prasad): the first President of India, not the Prime Minister.
- Option D (Lal Bahadur Shastri): the second Prime Minister of India.

Final Answer: The first Prime Minister was Jawaharlal Nehru ⇒

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



Q23.

Solution

Concept — International organisations: Each UN body has a designated headquarters city.

Step 1 — Recall the headquarters: UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, has its headquarters in New York, USA.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the correct choice is New York.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (Geneva): headquarters of the WHO, not UNICEF.
- Option B (Paris): headquarters of UNESCO.
- Option C (Rome): headquarters of the FAO.

Final Answer: The headquarters of UNICEF is in New York ⇒ D

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

Q24.

Solution

Concept — Government health schemes: The Janani Suraksha Yojana is part of the National Health Mission.

Step 1 — Recall the aim: It gives cash assistance to pregnant women to encourage them to deliver their babies in hospitals and health centres.

Step 2 — Classify the scheme: It is therefore related to safe motherhood and institutional delivery, helping to reduce maternal and infant deaths.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (child education): covered by schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
- Option B (old-age pension): covered by schemes like the National Old Age Pension Scheme.
- Option D (drinking water supply): covered by schemes like the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Final Answer: Janani Suraksha Yojana relates to safe motherhood and institutional delivery ⇒ C

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



Q25.

Solution

Concept — International summits: The G20 summit is hosted by a different member country each year.

Step 1 — Recall the host: The 2024 G20 Leaders' Summit was held in Rio de Janeiro under the presidency of Brazil.

Step 2 — Confirm the answer: Hence the host country in 2024 was Brazil.

Why other options are wrong:

- Option A (India): India hosted the summit in 2023 in New Delhi.
- Option C (Italy): Italy hosted the summit in 2021.
- Option D (Indonesia): Indonesia hosted the summit in 2022.

Final Answer: Brazil hosted the 2024 G20 Leaders' Summit ⇒ **B**

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



Answer Key

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

