

# PGIMER BSc Nursing

## General English & GK/Current Affairs — Sample Paper – 7

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: **LUCID**.

- (A) Clear
- (B) Dark
- (C) Confusing
- (D) Loud

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

- (A) Brief
- (B) Momentary
- (C) Permanent



(D) Passing

**Q3.** In the sentence below, identify the part that contains a grammatical **error**: “He is more / cleverer / than his / brother.”

(A) He is more

(B) cleverer

(C) than his

(D) brother

**Q4.** Fill in the blank with the correct preposition: “The report is based \_\_\_\_\_ real data.”

(A) in

(B) at

(C) of

(D) on

**Q5.** Fill in the blank with the correct verb form: “The patient \_\_\_\_\_ when the doctor entered the room.”

(A) sleeps

(B) slept

(C) was sleeping

(D) has slept

**Q6.** Choose the correct one-word substitution: “A substance applied to living tissue to prevent the growth of germs.”

(A) Disinfectant

(B) Antiseptic

(C) Detergent

(D) Preservative



**Q7.** Choose the meaning of the idiom: “to give someone a hand”.

- (A) to slap someone
- (B) to wave goodbye
- (C) to shake hands
- (D) to help someone

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

- (A) The scissors are on the table.
- (B) The scissors is on the table.
- (C) The scissor are on the table.
- (D) A scissors are on the table.

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

- (A) Absess
- (B) Abscess
- (C) Abcess
- (D) Absces

**Q10.** Fill in the blank with the correct word: “The hospital increased \_\_\_\_\_ bed capacity this year.”

- (A) it’s
- (B) its’
- (C) its
- (D) it is

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

**Q11.** Which Article of the Indian Constitution abolishes untouchability?

- (A) Article 14



- (B) Article 17
- (C) Article 19
- (D) Article 21

**Q12.** The first session of the Indian National Congress (1885) was held in which city?

- (A) Bombay
- (B) Calcutta
- (C) Madras
- (D) Delhi

**Q13.** The Tropic of Cancer passes through how many Indian states?

- (A) 5
- (B) 6
- (C) 10
- (D) 8

**Q14.** How many bones are there in the adult human body?

- (A) 201
- (B) 210
- (C) 206
- (D) 300

**Q15.** The National Anthem of India, “Jana Gana Mana”, was written by:

- (A) Rabindranath Tagore
- (B) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
- (C) Sarojini Naidu
- (D) Muhammad Iqbal



- Q16.** The Nobel Peace Prize (1979) was awarded to which person renowned for serving the poor in India?
- (A) Kailash Satyarthi
  - (B) Medha Patkar
  - (C) Baba Amte
  - (D) Mother Teresa
- Q17.** How many players are there in a cricket team on the field at a time?
- (A) 9
  - (B) 10
  - (C) 11
  - (D) 12
- Q18.** The novel “**Train to Pakistan**” was written by:
- (A) Khushwant Singh
  - (B) Salman Rushdie
  - (C) Mulk Raj Anand
  - (D) R.K. Narayan
- Q19.** **World Cancer Day** is observed every year on:
- (A) 24 March
  - (B) 4 February
  - (C) 1 December
  - (D) 8 March
- Q20.** Which gas do humans mainly take in from the air for respiration?
- (A) Carbon dioxide
  - (B) Nitrogen



- (C) Hydrogen
- (D) Oxygen

**Q21.** Which statutory body regulates the securities (share) market in India?

- (A) RBI
- (B) NABARD
- (C) SEBI
- (D) SBI

**Q22.** Who was the **first President of India**?

- (A) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
- (B) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- (C) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (D) Dr. Zakir Husain

**Q23.** The headquarters of the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** is located in:

- (A) Washington D.C.
- (B) New York
- (C) Geneva
- (D) London

**Q24.** In the public health system, “**ANM**” stands for:

- (A) Assistant Nursing Manager
- (B) Additional Nurse Member
- (C) Auxiliary Nursing Machine
- (D) Auxiliary Nurse Midwife

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



- (A) Tokyo
- (B) Paris
- (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:** “Lucid” describes something that is clear and easy to understand.

**Step 2 — Match with the options:** Among the choices, “Clear” expresses the same idea of being easy to grasp.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Dark): it suggests the absence of light, not clarity.
- Option C (Confusing): it is the opposite of lucid.
- Option D (Loud): it refers to sound, unrelated to clarity.

**Final Answer:** Lucid means clear ⇒

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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:** “Temporary” means lasting for only a short time, not permanent.

**Step 2 — Find the opposite:** The opposite of “short-lasting” is “lasting forever”, expressed by “Permanent”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Brief): it is a synonym of temporary, not an antonym.
- Option B (Momentary): it also means very short-lived.
- Option D (Passing): it means fleeting, again close in meaning to temporary.

**Final Answer:** The antonym of temporary is permanent ⇒

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Q3.

**Solution**

**Concept — Double comparatives:** A comparative adjective is formed either by adding “-er” or by placing “more” before it, but never both together.

**Step 1 — Locate the fault:** The sentence uses “more cleverer”, which combines “more” with the comparative form “cleverer”.

**Step 2 — Correct the form:** It should read either “more clever” or “cleverer”, not both. The error therefore lies in the part “cleverer”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (He is more): correct as it introduces the comparison.
- Option C (than his): the correct word “than” is used for comparison.
- Option D (brother): correctly phrased noun.

**Final Answer:** The error lies in “cleverer” ⇒

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Q4.

**Solution**

**Concept — Fixed prepositions:** Certain words always take a fixed preposition; the phrase is “based on”.

**Step 1 — Understand the sentence:** The report draws its foundation from real data, so we need the expression “based on”.

**Step 2 — Choose the preposition:** “based on real data” is the correct and idiomatic form.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (in): “based in” refers to a place, not a foundation.
- Option B (at): “based at” is not the standard collocation here.
- Option C (of): “based of” is grammatically incorrect.

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

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Q5.

**Solution**

**Concept — Past continuous tense:** An action that was going on in the past, and was interrupted by another past action, uses “was/were + verb-ing”.

**Step 1 — Identify the ongoing action:** The patient’s sleeping was in progress when the doctor entered, so it needs the past continuous.

**Step 2 — Form the verb:** “was sleeping” is the correct past continuous form for the singular subject “patient”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (sleeps): simple present, wrong for a past narration.
- Option B (slept): simple past, does not show the action was in progress.
- Option D (has slept): present perfect, does not fit a past interruption.

**Final Answer:** The correct form is “was sleeping” ⇒

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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 substance applied to living tissue to prevent the growth of germs.”

**Step 2 — Match the term:** A substance used on living tissue (skin, wounds) to stop germs is called an “Antiseptic”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Disinfectant): used on non-living surfaces, not living tissue.
- Option C (Detergent): a cleaning agent, not a germ-preventing medicine.
- Option D (Preservative): keeps food or samples from spoiling, not applied to tissue.

**Final Answer:** The correct word is antiseptic ⇒

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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 give someone a hand” does not mean to offer a physical hand.

**Step 2 — State the meaning:** It means to help or assist someone.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (to slap someone): violence is not the meaning of the idiom.
- Option B (to wave goodbye): parting is unrelated to the idiom.
- Option C (to shake hands): a literal gesture, not the idiomatic sense.

**Final Answer:** The idiom means to help someone ⇒ **D**

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

Q8.

**Solution**

**Concept — Plural-only nouns:** Some nouns such as “scissors” exist only in the plural form and take a plural verb.

**Step 1 — Check the subject:** “Scissors” is a plural-only noun, so it needs the plural verb “are”.

**Step 2 — Confirm the sentence:** “The scissors are on the table.” correctly pairs the plural noun with the plural verb.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (The scissors is on the table.): uses the singular verb “is” with a plural noun.
- Option C (The scissor are on the table.): “scissor” is not the standard singular form.
- Option D (A scissors are on the table.): the article “a” cannot go with the plural noun.

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

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



Q9.

**Solution**

**Concept — Spelling of medical terms:** “Abscess” is a common medical word that is often misspelt.

**Step 1 — Recall the correct spelling:** The word is spelt with “bsc” in the middle: ab-scess.

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

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Absess): the “c” is missing.
- Option C (Abcess): the “s” after “b” is missing.
- Option D (Absces): a letter is missing at the end.

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

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

Q10.

**Solution**

**Concept — “its” vs “it’s”:** “Its” is the possessive form meaning “belonging to it”, while “it’s” is the contraction of “it is”.

**Step 1 — Check the grammar of the blank:** The blank shows possession of the hospital’s “bed capacity”, so a possessive is needed.

**Step 2 — Choose the word:** “its bed capacity” is correct, using the possessive “its”.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (it’s): means “it is”, which does not fit the sentence.
- Option B (its’): not a valid English word.
- Option D (it is): expanding to “it is bed capacity” is ungrammatical.

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

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



Q11.

**Solution**

**Concept — Fundamental Rights:** The Right to Equality includes provisions that abolish social discrimination.

**Step 1 — Recall the Article:** Article 17 of the Constitution abolishes “untouchability” and forbids its practice in any form.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence untouchability is abolished by Article 17.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Article 14): guarantees equality before the law.
- Option C (Article 19): guarantees freedoms such as speech and expression.
- Option D (Article 21): protects life and personal liberty.

**Final Answer:** Untouchability is abolished by Article 17 ⇒

**Answer: (B)** [Go Back to Q11](#)

Q12.

**Solution**

**Concept — Freedom struggle:** The Indian National Congress was founded in 1885.

**Step 1 — Recall the first session:** The first session of the Congress was held in December 1885 in Bombay, presided over by W.C. Bonnerjee.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the first session was held in Bombay.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Calcutta): hosted later Congress sessions, not the first.
- Option C (Madras): also hosted later sessions, not the first.
- Option D (Delhi): not the venue of the founding session.

**Final Answer:** The first Congress session was held in Bombay ⇒

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



Q13.

**Solution**

**Concept — Latitudes over India:** The Tropic of Cancer (about 23.5° N) runs across central India.

**Step 1 — Trace the line:** Moving from west to east, it passes through Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Tripura and Mizoram.

**Step 2 — Count the states:** That gives a total of **8** Indian states.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (5): an undercount of the states crossed.
- Option B (6): still fewer than the actual number.
- Option C (10): an overcount of the states crossed.

**Final Answer:** The Tropic of Cancer passes through 8 states ⇒

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Q14.

**Solution**

**Concept — Human skeletal system:** The number of bones changes from birth to adulthood as some bones fuse.

**Step 1 — Recall the count:** An adult human body has **206** bones.

**Step 2 — Explain the change:** A newborn has about 300 bones, many of which fuse together as the body grows, leaving 206 in adulthood.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (201): not the correct total.
- Option B (210): not the correct total.
- Option D (300): this is the approximate number in a newborn, not an adult.

**Final Answer:** An adult body has 206 bones ⇒

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Q15.

**Solution**

**Concept — National symbols:** India's national anthem and national song have different authors.

**Step 1 — Recall the author:** "Jana Gana Mana", the National Anthem, was written and composed by Rabindranath Tagore.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the anthem was written by Rabindranath Tagore.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Bankim Chandra Chatterjee): wrote "Vande Mataram", the National Song.
- Option C (Sarojini Naidu): a poet and freedom fighter, but not the author of the anthem.
- Option D (Muhammad Iqbal): wrote "Saare Jahan Se Achha", not the anthem.

**Final Answer:** "Jana Gana Mana" was written by Rabindranath Tagore ⇒

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

Q16.

**Solution**

**Concept — Nobel laureates from India:** Several people connected with India have won the Nobel Peace Prize.

**Step 1 — Recall the 1979 laureate:** Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work with the poor and destitute in India.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the 1979 Peace Prize went to Mother Teresa.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Kailash Satyarthi): won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, not 1979.
- Option B (Medha Patkar): a social activist, but not a Nobel laureate.
- Option C (Baba Amte): a noted social worker, but not a Nobel laureate.

**Final Answer:** The 1979 Peace Prize was awarded to Mother Teresa ⇒

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



Q17.

**Solution**

**Concept — Team sports:** Each sport fields a fixed number of players per side.

**Step 1 — Recall the number:** A cricket team has 11 players on the field at a time.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the correct count is 11.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (9): the number of players in a baseball team, not cricket.
- Option B (10): not the size of a cricket team.
- Option D (12): one more than the correct number; the twelfth man is only a substitute.

**Final Answer:** A cricket team fields 11 players ⇒

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Q18.

**Solution**

**Concept — Books and authors:** Matching a famous book with its author is a common GK question.

**Step 1 — Recall the book:** “Train to Pakistan” is a well-known novel set during the Partition of 1947.

**Step 2 — Confirm the author:** It was written by Khushwant Singh.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (Salman Rushdie): wrote “Midnight’s Children”.
- Option C (Mulk Raj Anand): wrote “Untouchable” and “Coolie”.
- Option D (R.K. Narayan): wrote “Malgudi Days” and “Swami and Friends”.

**Final Answer:** “Train to Pakistan” was written by Khushwant Singh ⇒

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Q19.

**Solution**

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

**Step 1 — Recall the date:** World Cancer Day is observed on 4 February every year to raise awareness about cancer.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the correct date is 4 February.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (24 March): World Tuberculosis Day.
- Option C (1 December): World AIDS Day.
- Option D (8 March): International Women's Day.

**Final Answer:** World Cancer Day is on 4 February ⇒

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

Q20.

**Solution**

**Concept — Human respiration:** Breathing exchanges gases between the air and the blood.

**Step 1 — Identify the intake gas:** During inhalation, humans mainly take in oxygen from the air, which the blood carries to body cells.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the gas taken in for respiration is oxygen.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Carbon dioxide): this is breathed out, not taken in.
- Option B (Nitrogen): though abundant in air, it is not used in respiration.
- Option C (Hydrogen): it is not a respiratory gas for humans.

**Final Answer:** Humans take in oxygen for respiration ⇒

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



Q21.

**Solution**

**Concept — Financial regulators:** Different bodies regulate different parts of India's financial system.

**Step 1 — Identify the regulator:** The securities (share) market is regulated by SEBI, the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the correct regulator is SEBI.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (RBI): regulates banking and monetary policy, not the share market.
- Option B (NABARD): supports rural and agricultural development finance.
- Option D (SBI): a commercial bank, not a regulator.

**Final Answer:** The share market is regulated by SEBI ⇒

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

Q22.

**Solution**

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

**Step 1 — Recall the first holder:** Dr. Rajendra Prasad became the first President of India in 1950 and served two terms.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the first President was Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Dr. S. Radhakrishnan): the second President of India.
- Option C (Jawaharlal Nehru): the first Prime Minister, not President.
- Option D (Dr. Zakir Husain): the third President of India.

**Final Answer:** The first President was Dr. Rajendra Prasad ⇒

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



Q23.

**Solution**

**Concept — International organisations:** Global bodies have their headquarters in specific cities.

**Step 1 — Recall the headquarters:** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has its headquarters in Washington D.C., United States.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the IMF headquarters is in Washington D.C.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option B (New York): the headquarters of the United Nations, not the IMF.
- Option C (Geneva): hosts the WHO and WTO, not the IMF.
- Option D (London): not the location of the IMF headquarters.

**Final Answer:** The IMF headquarters is in Washington D.C. ⇒

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Q24.

**Solution**

**Concept — Public health workforce:** The health system uses several abbreviations for frontline workers.

**Step 1 — Expand the abbreviation:** “ANM” stands for Auxiliary Nurse Midwife, a village-level female health worker.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence ANM means Auxiliary Nurse Midwife.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- Option A (Assistant Nursing Manager): not the standard public-health expansion.
- Option B (Additional Nurse Member): not a recognised health-service term.
- Option C (Auxiliary Nursing Machine): meaningless, as ANM refers to a person, not a machine.

**Final Answer:** ANM stands for Auxiliary Nurse Midwife ⇒

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Q25.

**Solution**

**Concept — Major sporting events:** The Paralympic Games follow the Summer Olympics in the same host city.

**Step 1 — Recall the host city:** The 2024 Summer Paralympic Games were held in Paris, France, right after the Paris Olympics.

**Step 2 — Confirm the answer:** Hence the 2024 Paralympics were held in Paris.

**Why other options are wrong:**

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

**Final Answer:** The 2024 Summer Paralympics were held in Paris ⇒

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**Answer Key**

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

