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# Sample Paper



**Class 10**

## Unicus English Olympiad (UEO)

**Time: 60 minutes**

Pattern and Marking Scheme			
Section	Total Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
Classic Section	40	1	40
Scholar Section	10	2	20
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>50</b>		<b>60</b>

## Classic Section (Each Question is 1 Mark)

1. Out of the given sentences, choose the **incorrect** one:

- a. The progress of the southwest monsoon is relatively slow as it is not getting favourable system for moving forward.
  - b. Ray is one of those who always finds fault in others
  - c. One of the most important benefits of science is that it makes our life easy.
  - d. Many a students has failed in the test held last Sunday.
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2. Out of the given sentences, choose the correct one:

- a. With hard work and determination, she was able to surmount the challenges that came her way.
  - b. People like him always looks cheerful not because of the peace of mind but merely because of successful gestures.
  - c. The show was cancelled because only the few people appeared in the auditorium.
  - d. They seldom or ever go out these days because they like to stay at home.
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3. Select the option that can be used to improve the underlined part in the given sentence. If no improvement is required, select 'no improvement':

The unreasonable behaviour of his daughter thoroughly upset Mr Peter.

- a. thoroughly upsetted
  - b. throughly upset
  - c. throughly upsetted
  - d. no improvement
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4. Select the option that can be used to improve the underlined part in the given sentence. If no improvement is required, select 'no improvement':

The student who will score the maximum points will carry the trophy.

- a. who scored
  - b. who have scored
  - c. who scores
  - d. no improvement
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5. Select the option that can be used to improve the underlined part in the given sentence. If no improvement is required, select 'no improvement':

The scientist wanted to know why did the apple fall to the ground.

- a. know that why did the apple fall
  - b. know why the apple fell
  - c. know why did the apple fell
  - d. no improvement
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6. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

Everything from our plastic water bottles and cosmetics to our non-stick frying pans \_\_\_\_\_ chemicals that accumulate in our bodies.

- a. contain
  - b. containing
  - c. contained
  - d. contains
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7. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

You must go to the station now, your brother \_\_\_\_\_ go just yet as his train leaves after three hours.

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| a. hasn't   | b. wouldn't |
| c. couldn't | d. needn't  |
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8. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

My book is superior \_\_\_\_\_ yours although it has cost me much less.

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| a. than | b. to   |
| c. as   | d. then |
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9. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

A recent paralytic attack has restricted his movements \_\_\_\_\_, otherwise he is still very active.

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| a. slightly | b. complete |
| c. actively | d. vitally  |
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10. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate preposition:

How can a highly successful businessman like him be devoid \_\_\_\_\_ common sense?

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| a. from | b. to  |
| c. of   | d. off |
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11. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate conjunction:

Mike is knowledgeable about medicines \_\_\_\_\_ his parents are doctors.

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| a. even    | b. though      |
| c. because | d. even though |
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12. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate articles:

I need \_\_\_\_\_ for my new project but I have to finalise the draft first.

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| a. an equipment  | b. the equipments |
| c. the equipment | d. equipment      |
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13. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

A large majority of people \_\_\_\_\_ the bill passed by the Lower House last week.

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| a. supports   | b. support       |
| c. supporting | d. has supported |
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14. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

The applicants \_\_\_\_\_ the committee recommended for the selection should be contacted without delay.

- a. whom
  - b. which
  - c. who
  - d. whose
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15. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

Over the last decade, the global economic downturn that \_\_\_\_\_ in December 2007 has influenced the current real estate environment more than any other factor.

- a. begun
  - b. began
  - c. has begun
  - d. begins
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16. Out of the given alternatives, choose the most appropriate synonym of the word given in bold:

The latest downturn in sales shows just what a **fickle** business this is.

- a. volatile
  - b. fleeting
  - c. resolute
  - d. robust
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17. Out of the given alternatives, choose the most appropriate antonym of the word given in bold:

Written sources are considered virtually **indispensable** for today's history teaching.

- a. genuine
  - b. non-essential
  - c. ingenious
  - d. inefficient
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18. Correct the incorrectly spelt word in the given sentence and find out its meaning:

The team went into a haddle at half-time to discuss their strategy.

- a. a group of people who play a particular game against another group of people
  - b. to gather closely together
  - c. a plan that is intended to achieve a particular purpose
  - d. to talk about something with somebody
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19. Correct the incorrectly spelt word in the given sentence and find out its meaning:

His colleagues ostracised him after he critisised the company in public.

- a. a person that you work with
  - b. to refuse to let somebody be a member of a group
  - c. to say that you think somebody/something is bad
  - d. a group of people who work or perform together
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20. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence:

They are going to build a new airport near the city bus stop.

- a. A new airport is going to be built near the city bus stop.
  - b. A new airport is being built near the city bus stop.
  - c. They will built a new airport near the city bus stop.
  - d. A new airport will be built by them near the city bus stop.
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21. Select the correct active form of the given sentence:

Rivers, mountains and deep forests are mostly liked by people living in urban areas.

- a. People living in urban areas are mostly like rivers, mountains and deep forests.
  - b. Rivers, mountains and deep forests are being liked by people living in urban areas.
  - c. People living in urban areas mostly like rivers, mountains and deep forests.
  - d. People living in urban areas mostly liked rivers, mountains and deep forests.
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22. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence:

I said to my friends, "Let us go to a picnic for a change."

- a. I suggested my friends that we should go to a picnic for a change.
  - b. I suggested to my friends that we should go to a picnic for a change.
  - c. I permitted my friends to go to a picnic for a change.
  - d. I suggested my friends that they should go to a picnic for a change.
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23. Select the correct direct form of the given sentence:

The teacher warned the student that he would report the matter to the Principal if he misbehaved again.

- a. The teacher said to the student, "I will report the matter to the Principal if he misbehave again."
  - b. The teacher said to the student, "Don't misbehave again otherwise I shall report the matter to the Principal."
  - c. The teacher asked the student, "I shall report the matter to the Principal if you misbehave again."
  - d. The teacher said to the student, "I shall report the matter to the Principal if you misbehave again."
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24. Choose the word which can be used to substitute the given group of words in bold:

Jasper visited **a place where birds are kept.**

- a. apiary
  - b. aquarium
  - c. arena
  - d. aviary
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25. Out of the given alternatives, select the option in which the given idiom has been used correctly:

- a. The employees in this sector have gift of the gab because they have to do whatever they are told to do.
  - b. Raymond is not highly qualified but he has the gift of gab.
  - c. The C.B.I. has revealed that many ministers have gift of the gab.
  - d. He has gift of the gab by investing his money in shares.
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26. Rearrange the given sentences in a meaningful order:

- A. Life is not to collapse, there is need for
- B. Of water, credit, technology, market and land and agrarian reforms
- C. Attention today to farmers' needs in the areas
- D. If farming as a profession and as a way of

- a. ACDB
  - b. ACBD
  - c. DACB
  - d. DCAB
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27. A set of six words is given below. Pick the most appropriate word to fill in the blank:

- 1. incredible
- 2. credulous
- 3. creditable
- 4. credible
- 5. inevitable
- 6. credibility

The chairman welcomed the company's \_\_\_\_\_ performance in the previous year.

- a. inevitable
  - b. creditable
  - c. credulous
  - d. credible
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- 3. creditable
- 4. credible
- 5. inevitable
- 6. credibility

Travelling to Australia was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ experience for me.

- a. Incredible
  - b. credulous
  - c. inevitable
  - d. credible
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The con man was able to easily sell his wonder products to \_\_\_\_\_ buyers.

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|---------------|--------------|
| a. inevitable | b. credible  |
| c. incredible | d. credulous |

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30. Complete the given sentence:

The education minister emphasised the need to discover \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. and belittle each student's concealed talents
- b. and flourish each student's intrinsic talents
- c. so that develop each student's hidden talents
- d. for enlarging each student's intrinsic talents

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31. Complete the given sentence:

We must prevent endangered wild animal species from becoming extinct \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. so that our future generations will protect the great diversity of animal life
- b. even if our future generations may know the great diversity of animal life
- c. so our upcoming generations may enjoy the great diversity of animal life
- d. in order that our future generation may enjoy the great diversity of animal life

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32. Complete the given sentence:

Children are more adaptable than adults, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. it is reflected in their quickness in learning a new language
- b. it is disproved by their quickness in learning a new language.
- c. as is examined in their capability to learn any new language.
- d. as is demonstrated in their capability to learn a new language

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33. Answer the question based on the given information:

**Notice**

This is to inform all the students that the annual day of 2020 will be celebrated on December 31<sup>st</sup> at the school auditorium with various cultural programmes. The retired officer, Mr Richard, will be the chief guest. Students who would like to participate in various programmes should contact their respective class teachers before December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin (event incharge)

What is the occasion for which the notice is published?

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- a. teacher's day
- c. annual day

- b. to organise cultural programmes
  - d. welcome of chief guest
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### 34. Answer the question based on the given information:

Moobola Rd, Industrial Area  
Buteko Ave, Lusaka, Zambia  
Dated: 17 July 20XX

The Editor,  
Times of Zambia,  
Lusaka.

Subject: Need for people's movement for a clean Zambezi

Respected sir/ma'am,

I am Tara, member of NGO WECZ (Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia). I am writing to you in order to highlight the deteriorating condition of river Zambezi. The city of Lusaka is getting contaminated water from river Zambezi. The residents are to be blamed for this. They pollute the river with garbage, sewage and filth. The river water is full of bacteria, plastic, chemicals and other waste materials. It is unfit for consumption.

The people have been demanding a Water Treatment plant. The authorities have not yet responded to the repeated requests.

I request you to highlight the problem in your newspaper and arouse public interest. We all need to get together in order to get the plant set up in the area.

Thank You  
Yours sincerely

Tara  
Member WECZ.

What is the main cause of contamination of water of river Zambezi?

- a. ignorance by residents
  - b. lack of interest of authorities
  - c. delay in the construction of water treatment plant
  - d. presence of bacteria, plastic, etc. in the water
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### 35. Complete the given conversation:

Guide: Sir, the road is icy, you should walk carefully.

Tourist: Yes, it is very \_\_\_\_\_. I am walking slowly and carefully. When did snowfall happen here?

Guide: The day before yesterday. Do you like snowfall?

Tourist: Yes, I do \_\_\_\_\_ the roads should be cleaned after snowfall.

- a. slippery, but
  - b. risky, and
  - c. dangerous, so
  - d. beautiful, but
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36. Complete the given conversation:

Ben: Which type of games \_\_\_\_\_ the most?

Ray: I like outdoor games more than the indoor games. What about you?

Ben: I, too, like outdoor games. Which is your favourite game?

Ray: I like many outdoor games \_\_\_\_\_ football, basketball, cricket, etc. but football is my favourite.

a. you like, as

b. you liked, just as

c. did you liked, like

d. do you like, like

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**Direction (Q. 37 to Q. 40):** Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follows:

Child labour refers to a crime where children are forced to work from a very early age. It is like expecting kids to perform responsibilities like working and fending for themselves. There are certain policies which have put restrictions and limitations on children working. The average age for a child to be appropriate to work is considered fifteen years and more. Children falling below this age limit won't be allowed to indulge in any type of work forcefully.

Child Labour happens due to a number of reasons. Firstly, it happens in countries that have a lot of poverty and unemployment. When the families won't have enough earning, they put the children of the family to work so they can have enough money to survive. Similarly, if the adults of the family are unemployed, the younger ones have to work in their place. Moreover, when people do not have access to the education, they will ultimately put their children to work. The uneducated only care about a short-term result which is why they put children to work so they can survive their present.

If we wish to eradicate child labour, we need to formulate some very effective solutions which will save our children. To begin with, one can create a number of unions that solely work to prevent child labour. It should help the children indulging in this work and punishing those who make them do it.

Furthermore, we need to keep the parents in the loop so as to teach them the importance of education. If we make education free and the people aware, we will be able to educate more and more children who won't have to do child labour. Moreover, making people aware of the harmful consequences of child labour is a must.

37. Which word can replace 'eradicate' as used in the given passage?

a. understand

b. comprehend

c. abolish

d. ratify

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38. Out of the given alternatives, which solution to eradicate child labour is not mentioned in the passage?

a. People should be made aware of the harmful consequences of the child labour.

b. Family control measures may also help in eradicating the evils of child labour.

c. A number of unions can be created that work to prevent the child labour.

d. Providing free education to children is also an effective measure to eradicate child labour.

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39. Which of the following is not true according to the passage?

1. Child labour is prevalent in countries that have poverty and unemployment.
2. There is no age limit for children that make them appropriate to work.
3. Parents should be taught the importance of education.

- a. 2 and 3  
c. only 3
- b. 1 and 3  
d. only 2
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40. According to the passage, what is the main cause of child labour?

- a. ignorance by parents  
c. poverty and unemployment
- b. lack of effective policies by government  
d. evil nature of industrialists
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### Scholar Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

41. Out of the given alternatives, find grammatically incorrect sentence/sentences.

1. I could not remember a story to tell the students so I made one up as I went along.
2. Until she spoke I didn't realise that she wasn't an Indian.
3. He is not among those who believe whatever they read in social media.

- a. 1  
c. 3
- b. 2  
d. all are correct
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42. Out of the given alternatives, find out grammatically incorrect sentence/sentences:

1. To promote the business of the company in the rural areas the company is planning to hire over one hundred trainees.
2. She was good at mathematics despite of the fact that she found it boring.
3. Everyone of the employees were against the new norms introduced by the mill owner.

- a. both 1 and 3  
c. both 2 and 3
- b. only 2  
d. all are correct
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43. Choose the most appropriate word that fits in both the blanks:

1. The police were corrupt and were operating in \_\_\_\_\_ with the drug dealers.
2. There was \_\_\_\_\_ between the two witnesses.

- a. collision  
c. conclusion
- b. conflict  
d. collusion
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44. Choose the most appropriate word that fits in both the blanks:

1. The judge said it was the most \_\_\_\_\_ act he had ever seen.
2. It was an \_\_\_\_\_ error for a statesman to show such ignorance.

- a. egregious  
c. inhuman
- b. cumbersome  
d. acceptable
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45. Choose the most appropriate word that fits in both the blanks:

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ his identity from fans, the actor often wears a disguise in public.
2. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ his envy at my success.

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| a. escape  | b. hinder |
| c. conceal | d. block  |
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46. Choose the most appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks:

1. If you \_\_\_\_\_ him to explain your problem, he will surely help you.
2. The manufacturers will \_\_\_\_\_ the cars with serious faults.

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| a. call at, call upon | b. call in, call upon |
| c. call for, call in  | d. call upon, call in |
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47. Choose the most appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks:

1. It took sometime for me to \_\_\_\_\_ the correct explanation to the problem.
2. I always try to stay calm to \_\_\_\_\_ the difficult situations in life.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. get through, get ahead | b. get across, get through |
| c. get across, get along  | d. get through, get over   |
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48. Rearrange the given sentences in a meaningful order. Third sentence of the sequence is fixed and named S3:

S3: In this rubbish the flies breed and multiply.

- A. Such carelessness invites flies to the rubbish.
- B. A lot of people simply dump their rubbish in open.
- C. All sorts of diseases are carried by the flies.
- D. Consumption of such food can only bring disease and sickness.
- E. Then they come into the house and infect uncovered food.

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| a. BACED | b. BAECD |
| c. ACBED | d. CEDBA |
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49. Rearrange the given sentences in a meaningful order. Third sentence of the sequence is fixed and named S3:

S3: However, with time it becomes an exaggerated form of self display.

- A. Beyond any shadow of doubt, it is a defect that ought to be constantly hunted down and scotched.
- B. It is the product of a perfectly natural desire to display oneself.
- C. Egotism is the most common fault of mankind.
- D. One should always be on guard not to give into egotism.
- E. This is necessary as it impairs the personality and frustrates all efforts at self improvement.

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| a. DBEAC | b. BCEAD |
| c. CBDEA | d. CEBAD |
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50. Answer the question based on the given information:

Potala Palace, immense religious and administrative complex in Lhasa, southern Tibet Autonomous Region, southwestern China. It is situated atop Mar-po-ri (Red Mountain), 425 feet (130 metres) above the Lhasa River valley, and rises up dramatically from its rocky base. Potrang Karpo (completed 1648; White Palace) once served as the seat of the Tibetan government and the main residence of the Dalai Lama; from the mid-18th century it was used as a winter palace. Potrang Marpo (1694; Red Palace) houses several chapels, sacred statues, and the tombs of eight Dalai Lamas; it remains a major pilgrimage site for Tibetan Buddhists.

Where are the tombs of Dalai Lamas housed?

- a. Potrang Karpo
- b. Potala Palace
- c. Potrang Marpo
- d. Mar-po-ri

### Answer Key

1.	d	2.	a	3.	d	4.	c	5.	b	6.	d	7.	d
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