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Sample Paper



Class 11

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
Grand Total	50		60

Classic Section (Each Question is 1 Mark)

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

- a. He believed that by patience and perseverance, he should surmount any obstacle in his path of success.
 - b. I am told that Amanda has been suffering from cold for the past few days.
 - c. The team were now in the playground and about to take their place.
 - d. Anaida will be surprised when she hears the news.
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2. Out of the given sentences, choose the correct one:

- a. Either of the roads lead to the auditorium.
 - b. A hot and a cold spring were found near one another.
 - c. The rise and fall of the tide is due to the lunar effect.
 - d. The plans have been under discussion for a year now but no decision has reached yet.
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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':

If he had worked hard, he would have been able to crack the examination with flying colours.

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| a. If he had to work hard | b. If he has worked hard |
| c. If he worked hard | 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':

I would like that you finish the project on time.

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| a. you have finished the project on time. | b. you finished the project on time. |
| c. if you finished the project on time. | 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':

I am eagerly looking forward to meet the CEO of the company for further negotiation.

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| a. looking forward to meeting | b. looking forward to have met |
| c. looking forward for meeting | d. no improvement |
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6. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

Several deadly new viruses have emerged in China in recent years, coronavirus _____ the latest one.

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| a. was | b. be |
| c. being | d. been |
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7. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

The World Health Organisation estimates that globally, about a billion cases of illness _____ every year from diseases and infections naturally transmitted between people.

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| a. occurred | b. occurring |
| c. occur | d. occurs |
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8. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

Since we cannot read every book, we should be content with making a _____ selection.

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| a. judicial | b. judicious |
| c. standard | d. moderate |
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9. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

The pilot of the plane that got crashed last week was _____ injured, he died within half an hour.

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| a. fatally | b. fatefully |
| c. unfortunately | d. vitally |
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10. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate prepositions:

The rainfall _____ our country varies _____ place to place and also from year _____ year.

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| a. in, from, by | b. in, from, to |
| c. over, for, to | d. over, from, by |
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11. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate articles:

Manhattan is _____ most densely populated and geographically smallest of _____ five boroughs of New York City.

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| a. the, the | b. the, an |
| c. the, an | d. a, no article |
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12. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

Several heavy responsibilities with colleagues does not involve loss of prestige or _____ of the authority of an institute's head.

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| a. diminution | b. deterioration |
| c. upgradation | d. dilution |
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13. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

Avail _____ of every opportunity that comes your way lest you should repent in the long run.

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| a. you | b. one's |
| c. yourself | d. no pronoun needed |
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14. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:
President Donald Trump told his national security adviser in August last year that he _____
to continue freezing \$391 million in security assistance to Ukraine.
- a. had wanted b. wanted
c. wants d. has been wanting
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15. Out of the given alternatives, choose the most appropriate synonym of the word given in bold:
He is a good looking but **insipid** young man.
- a. single minded b. unscrupulous
c. arrogant d. lacking in spirit
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16. Out of the given alternatives, choose the most appropriate antonym of the word given in bold:
It would be **impertinent** to suggest that he was generally wrong.
- a. polite b. wrong
c. correct d. impartial
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17. Correct the incorrectly spelt word in the given sentence and find out its meaning:
One's protest against social ills has to be consistent to be fruitful.
- a. a problem or harmful thing b. opposition to something
c. producing many useful results d. having the same opinions, standards, etc.
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18. Correct the incorrectly spelt word in the given sentence and find out its meaning:
Being a sociable bird she was conspicuous by her absense in the club last evening.
- a. the occasion or period of time when somebody is away
b. easy to see or notice
c. enjoying spending time with other people
d. the part of the day between the afternoon and the time you go to bed
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19. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence:
They will broadcast the programme at 10:30 tonight.
- a. The programme shall be broadcast by 10:30 tonight.
b. The programme will be broadcasted at 10:30 tonight.
c. The programme will be broadcast at 10:30 tonight.
d. The programme will be broadcasted for them at 10:30 tonight.

20. Select the correct active form of the given sentence:

A Christmas in New York is never complete without visiting a Christmas Market.

- a. A Christmas Market is never complete without Christmas in New York.
 - b. A visit to a Christmas market is never to complete Christmas in New York.
 - c. A visit to Christmas market is incomplete without Christmas in New York.
 - d. A visit to a Christmas market is a must to complete Christmas in New York.
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21. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence:

"No," said the child, "I won't kneel for if I do, I shall spoil my new pair of trousers."

- a. The child said that he would not kneel for if he do so he will spoil his new pair of trousers.
 - b. The child said that he would not kneel for if he did so he would spoil his new pair of trousers.
 - c. The child said that he will not kneel for if he did so he would spoil his new pair of trousers.
 - d. The child said that he would not kneel for if I did so I would spoil my new pair of trousers.
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22. Select the correct direct form of the given sentence:

George asked me whether I had seen the cricket match on television the earlier night.

- a. George said to me, "Did you saw the cricket match on television last night?"
 - b. George asked me, "whether you saw the cricket match on television last night?"
 - c. George asked me, "Did I see the cricket match on television last night?"
 - d. George said to me, "Did you see the cricket match on television last night?"
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23. Choose the word which can be used to substitute the given group of words:

one who is incharge of a museum

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| a. compere | b. usurer |
| c. curator | d. invigilator |
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24. Out of the given alternatives, select the option in which the given idiom has been used correctly:

- a. He has brought down the house by committing the crime.
 - b. Though it was his maiden speech, he brought down the house because of his oratory skill.
 - c. Those who interfere in the affairs of others, often bring the house down.
 - d. Most of the leaders in today's world have proved to bring down the house.
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25. Rearrange the given sentences in a meaningful order:

- A. agricultural experts have advised
- B. the night to protect vegetables from cold
- C. keeping in view the prevailing weather conditions
- D. farmers to smoke their fields during

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| a. CADB | b. ADCB |
| c. ABCD | d. ADBC |
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26. A set of six words is given below. Pick the most appropriate word to fill in the blank:

1. intemperate
2. denied
3. specious
4. preparations
5. hampered
6. commitments

Shaun had to drop his plan of going to picnic as he had certain _____ to meet during that period.

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| a. preparations | b. specious |
| c. commitments | d. spurious |
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27. A set of six words is given below. Pick the most appropriate word to fill in the blank:

1. intemperate
2. denied
3. specious
4. preparations
5. hampered
6. commitments

The construction of the hall has been _____ because of the shortage of cement in the market.

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| a. specious | b. denied |
| c. hampered | d. commitment |
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28. A set of six words is given below. Pick the most appropriate word to fill in the blank:

1. intemperate
2. denied
3. specious
4. preparations
5. hampered
6. commitments

The _____ arguments put forth for not disclosing the facts did not impress anybody.

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| a. specious | b. denied |
| c. intemperate | d. hampered |
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29. Complete the given sentence:

It is a wonder that migratory birds always _____.

- a. try to finding their home but they seldom succeed in it
 - b. find their home without ever getting lost
 - c. finds their home and never get lost
 - d. come back to their homes and never tries to go back
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30. Complete the given sentence:

Although Tina usually dresses in simple attire, she was feeling inspired

_____.

- a. and realised that she will wear some fashionable outfit in the wedding.
- b. so decided to wear lousy outfit to the function
- c. and made up her mind to change her dressing style and try something decorative for the wedding
- d. and decided to wear extraordinary outfit to the art opening.

31. Complete the given sentence:

The mill workers were not satisfied with their low wages and non-payment of wages for the last three months _____.

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| a. poured fuel to the fire | b. added fuel to the fire |
| c. put fuel to the fire | d. mixed fuel to the fire |

32. Answer the question based on the given information:

Petra: Inhabited since prehistoric times, this Nabataean caravan-city, situated between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, was an important crossroads between Arabia, Egypt and Syria-Phoenicia. Petra is half-built, half-carved into the rock, and is surrounded by mountains riddled with passages and gorges. It is one of the world's most famous archaeological sites, where ancient Eastern traditions blend with Hellenistic architecture.

According to the given information, which city was an important crossroads between Arabia, Egypt and Syria-Phoenicia?

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| a. Petra | b. Nabataean |
| c. Hellenistic | d. caravan-city |

33. Answer the question based on the given information:

The Great Pyramid of Giza is a defining symbol of Egypt and the last of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. It is located on the Giza plateau near the modern city of Cairo and was built over a twenty-year period during the reign of the king Khufu (2589-2566 BCE, also known as Cheops) of the 4th Dynasty. Until the Eiffel Tower was completed in Paris, France in 1889 CE, the Great Pyramid was the tallest structure made by human hands in the world; a record it held for over 3,000 years and one unlikely to be broken.

According to the given information, which is the tallest structure made by human hands?

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| a. Giza plateau | b. Pyramid of Giza |
| c. Eiffel Tower | d. Both a and b |

34. Answer the question based on the given information:

Notice

This is to inform all the students that our school is organising a Green Drive to create awareness among the students as well as general public about the need to conserve our forests and wildlife as part of the World Wildlife Day on 3rd March. All students are requested to participate and make a difference to the world. For more information, please contact the undersigned.

Adam (Student Coordinator)

What is the main motto of the given notice?

- a. to attract the attention of students and general public
- b. to create awareness about the need to conserve forests and wildlife
- c. to organise Green Drive
- d. to encourage the students to participate in the Green Drive

35. Complete the given conversation:

Nancy: Are you going to cook dinner now?

Garry: No, I have _____ cooked it.

Nancy: So, when are you going to eat it?

Garry: I am waiting for Greg, he is _____ at work.

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| a. even, yet | b. already, yet |
| c. recently, only | d. already, still |

36. Complete the given conversation:

Ronny: Who is the creative person you admire?

Tara: I admire Mr Benson, who is an _____ creative maths teacher.

Ronny: Why do you admire him?

Tara: I used to hate maths before I _____ lessons with Mr Benson.

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| a. tremendously, attend | b. exceedingly, have |
| c. usually, joined | d. extremely, took |

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

Global Warming is a term almost everyone is familiar with. But, its meaning is still not clear to most of us. So, Global warming refers to the gradual rise in the overall temperature of the atmosphere of the Earth. There are various activities taking place which have been increasing the temperature gradually. Global warming is melting our ice glaciers rapidly. This is extremely harmful to the earth as well as humans. It is quite challenging to control global warming; however, it is not unmanageable. The first step in solving any problem is identifying the cause of the problem. Therefore, we need to first understand the causes of global warming that will help us proceed further in solving it.

Global warming has become a grave problem which needs undivided attention. It is not happening because of a single cause but several causes. These causes are both natural as well as manmade. The natural causes include the release of greenhouses gases which are not able to escape from earth, causing the temperature to increase. Further, volcanic eruptions are also responsible for global warming.

After that, the excessive use of automobiles and fossil fuels results in increased levels of carbon dioxide. In addition, activities like mining and cattle rearing are very harmful to the environment. As stated earlier, it might be challenging but it is not entirely impossible. Global warming can be stopped when combined efforts are put in. For that, individuals and governments, both have to take steps towards achieving it. We must begin with the reduction of greenhouse gas.

Furthermore, they need to monitor the consumption of gasoline. Switch to a hybrid car and reduce the release of carbon dioxide. Moreover, citizens can choose public transport or carpool together. Subsequently, recycling must also be encouraged.

37. Out of given alternatives, select the word most similar to the word 'hybrid'.

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| a. amalgam | b. modern |
| c. hi-tech | d. expensive |
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38. According to the passage what should be the first step to solve a problem?

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| a. to understand the problem | b. to identify the cause of the problem |
| c. to think of the solution | d. to identify how intense the problem is |
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39. Which of the following statements is not true according to the given passage?

- A. Global warming means gradual rise in the overall temperature of the atmosphere of the Earth.
- B. Greenhouse gases which are not able to escape from earth, is a manmade cause of global warming.
- C. Switching to hybrid cars and reducing the release of carbon dioxide might be a solution to global warming.

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| a. only A | b. only B |
| c. only C | d. all are correct |
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40. To stop global warming _____.

- a. consumption of gasoline should be encouraged
 - b. we should plant more trees
 - c. People should start using hybrid cars
 - d. both a and c
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Scholar Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

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

1. If I were you I would not tolerate his arrogant behaviour.
2. The news of buying new equipments for the new project is circulating within the company.
3. It being a rainy day, I decided not to go out and stay at home.

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

1. These kinds of apparels are in vague nowadays.
2. When the police accused him of the theft, nobody believed them as he was well known for his honesty.
3. We spent a year discussing about his career.

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| a. only 1 | b. only 2 |
| c. both 1 and 2 | d. both 1 and 3 |
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43. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate prepositions:

My friend was afflicted _____ a serious illness and was almost confined _____ bed _____ more than two months.

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| a. by, on, for | b. with, on, since |
| c. by, to, since | d. with, to, for |
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44. Choose the word that fits in both the blanks most appropriately:

1. The system is in _____ danger of collapse.
2. An announcement about his resignation is _____.

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| a. eminent | b. impetuous |
| c. illicit | d. imminent |
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45. Choose the word that fits in both the blanks most appropriately:

1. You'll _____ at the job interview if you wear jeans.
2. After forgetting his lines during the play, he _____ in front of the audience.

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| a. cut a sorry figure | b. cut a sad figure |
| c. made a sorry figure | d. made a sad figure |
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46. Choose the word that fits in both the blanks most appropriately:

1. The son was reluctant to _____ involvement in the company.
2. The prince was persuaded to _____ his claim to the throne.

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| a. rejuvenate | b. relegate |
| c. relinquish | d. delegate |
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47. Choose the most appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks:

1. She _____ him _____ with the excuse that she had too much work to do.
2. Brazil _____ the victory in the last stage of the match.

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| a. put out, pull out | b. put off, pull off |
| c. put off, pull through | d. pull through, put off |
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48. Choose the most appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks:

1. In spite of financial difficulties he _____ and succeeded in the long run.
2. The terrorists _____ the motor car and kept the passengers as hostages.

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| a. held up, held out | b. held on, held over |
| c. held up, held over | d. held on, held up |
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49. Rearrange the given sentences in a meaningful order. Third sentence of the sequence is fixed and named S3:

S3: But their ways differ from the humans.

- A. Both humans and animals communicate through body language.
- B. Even animals communicate with one another.
- C. There are lot of ways to communicate: speaking, singing, clapping, hooting.
- D. Sometimes we don't use words, but make gestures or simple movements of the hand in order to communicate.
- E. Only humans can express their thoughts and feelings in words because of our superior brain.

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| a. ADECB | b. CADBC |
| c. DACBE | d. CBEAD |
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50. Rearrange the given sentences in a meaningful order. Third sentence of the sequence is fixed and named S3:

S3: The National space science programme has been working

- A. covering astronomy, astrophysics, and the space science.
- B. with cooperative Indian industries and has been
- C. Our country has a vibrant space science programme
- D. aid the growth of space industry in the nation.
- E. formulating an industrial participation policy to

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| a. BECAD | b. CABED |
| c. BCADE | d. CADBE |
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Answer Key

1.	a	2.	c	3.	d	4.	b	5.	a	6.	c	7.	c
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15.	d	16.	a	17.	c	18.	a	19.	c	20.	d	21.	b
22.	d	23.	c	24.	b	25.	a	26.	c	27.	c	28.	a
29.	b	30.	d	31.	b	32.	a	33.	c	34.	b	35.	d
36.	d	37.	a	38.	b	39.	b	40.	c	41.	b	42.	d
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