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Sample Paper



Class 5

Unicus English Olympiad (UEO)

Time: 60 minutes

Pattern and Marking Scheme			
Section	Total Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
Classic Section	30	1	30
Scholar Section	10	2	20
Grand Total	40		50

Classic Section (Each Question is 1 Mark)

1. Choose the option with the true statement:

Mowgli saved the village and the animals from the attacks of a savage tiger.

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| a. There are four nouns. | b. There are two verbs. |
| c. There are no adjectives. | d. None is true. |
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2. Choose the option in which the words are spelt correctly:

They layed the dinning table with the finest cuttlery and crockery.



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| a. layed and dinning table | b. cuttlery and dinning table |
| c. finest and crockery | d. cuttlery and crockery |
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3. Fill in the blank with a word that means:

something or someone that annoys you or causes trouble for you

"These flies are such a _____," cried the cook, swatting the insects.

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| a. nuisance | b. pandemonium |
| c. terror | d. troublemaker |
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4. Choose the option which is correctly punctuated and has the words in the right order:

- a. Many children were there who had come for the exciting options to attend the storytelling festival.
 - b. There were many exciting options for the children who had come to attend the storytelling festival.
 - c. Were there many children who had come to attend the exciting options for the storytelling festival?
 - d. Were there many exciting children who had come for the storytelling options to attend the festival?
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5. Choose the correct option:

_____ the grand reunion? I hope _____ not on Saturday. Our office colleagues _____ let us leave early. _____ a surprise farewell party in the evening.

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| a. Where's/ that's/isn't/We've | b. How's/ its'/aren't/They've |
| c. When's/these's/can't/I've | d. When's/it's/won't/There's |
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6. Choose the option which is in the simple past tense:

- a. The Chief Guest shook hands with the winners of the basketball match.
 - b. They cut a cake on their wedding anniversary every year.
 - c. My neighbour's grandchildren visit during the summer holidays.
 - d. We often put some flowers in those jars on the shelves.
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7. Choose the correct option:

Ana: Hi! Hasn't Rachel come? It's time to begin practices.

Pam: Hi! She must be coming.

Ana: Have you seen _____ cap?

Pam: Isn't this blue one _____?

Ana: No, _____ is a red one.

Rachel was looking for her cap too. I'm sure this is _____.

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| a. her/hers/mine/yours | b. your/yours/his/hers |
| c. my/yours/mine/hers | d. my/yours/hers/mine |
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8. Which articles are incorrect?

Do you think we could reach **the** (A) Times Square in **an** (B) hour? We don't want to miss **the** (C) Midnight Moment art show that takes place at 11:57 p.m. in **the** (D) night.

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| a. A and B | b. C and D |
| c. A | d. None are incorrect. |
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9. Pick out the option with an incorrect preposition:

- a. The children I was talking to are my neighbours.
 - b. The dog I was playing with belongs to Raghu.
 - c. She looked for the key everywhere and finally found it in her bag.
 - d. The woodcutter was cutting the tree by an old axe that had belonged to his father.
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10. Pick out the option with no error:

- a. On some days the children at the day care centre **do a mess** – the attendants have a tough job cleaning up.
 - b. They decided to **have a decision** by the end of the day.
 - c. Do you have a list of the students who **took the exam**?
 - d. We found it difficult to **give attention** to all the boring details.
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11. Count the number of nouns in the given sentence:

The President praised the valour and sacrifice of the soldiers in protecting the country.



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| a. two | b. three |
| c. four | d. five |

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12. Spot the incorrect contraction/s:

Isn't (A) it a lovely day for a picnic?

Let's pack some food and go to the beach. There **isn't** (B) any bread for sandwiches but **they're** (C) got plenty of buns.

We **don't** (D) stay too long because Arun is coming over at four.

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| a. A and C | b. C and D |
| c. B | d. B and D |

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13. Choose the option with the correct articles:

We saw a clown riding ___ unicycle. ___ little later another clown entered on ___ elephant. ___ huge creature trumpeted loudly and the clown pretended to be scared.



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| a. a/A/an/The | b. an/The/an/A |
| c. a/No article/an/The | d. an/No article/the/A |

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14. Spot the part of the sentence with errors:

It's getting late. Don't you think we should call John and found out what is the matter?

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| a. It's getting late. | b. Don't you think |
| c. we should call John | d. and found out what is the matter? |

15. Choose a suitable option to substitute the word in bold:
Mountaineering is very challenging. It requires you to be **indomitable**.



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| a. brash | b. vulnerable |
| c. determined | d. resourceful |

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16. Choose the correct option to complete the following:
Right now I can stay here _____.

- a. but I have to get back before the clock strikes twelve
- b. though the clock won't strike twelve when I am at the party
- c. since the clock might strike twelve
- d. as the clock struck twelve I will be home

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17. Choose the option which is correctly punctuated and has the words in the right order:



- a. Did you know that the Eiffel Tower in Paris named is after the engineer Gustave Eiffel?
- b. Did you know the Eiffel tower in Paris that is named, after the Engineer gustave Eiffel?
- c. Did you know, that after the engineer gustave Eiffel, the Eiffel Tower in Paris is named?
- d. Did you know that the Eiffel Tower in Paris is named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel?

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18. Choose the most suitable option to complete the conversation between Stacy and the librarian:

Stacy: Hello!

Librarian: Hello! Can I help you?

Stacy: I'm looking for Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*.

Librarian: _____ (A)

Stacy: Okay. Do you have other books by Rudyard Kipling?

Librarian: _____ (B)

Stacy: Thanks a lot! I get lost in this library.



- a. (A) I'm new here.
(B) *The Jungle Book* is his most popular book.
 - b. (A) The fiction section is over there.
(B) You'll find them on the second shelf in the third row.
 - c. (A) Please show me your library card.
(B) You'll find them on the second shelf in the third row.
 - d. (A) The book is due back in one week.
(B) *The Jungle Book* is his most popular book.
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19. Choose the most suitable option to complete the conversation between Stacy and the librarian:

Stacy: I found *The Jungle Book*.

Librarian: _____ (A)

Stacy: _____ (B)

Librarian: May I do anything else for you?

Stacy: That's all. Thanks.

Librarian: _____ (C)

Stacy: I'll remember that.

- a. (A) Great! Could I have your library card?
(B) I became a member last week.
(C) Have a good day!
 - b. (A) Okay. Do you have a library card?
(B) Could I keep it for two weeks?
(C) The book is due back in one week.
 - c. (A) Great! Could I have your library card?
(B) Here it is.
(C) The book is due back in one week.
 - d. (A) Wonderful! He also wrote *Kim*.
(B) I have a library card.
(C) Do you need anything else?
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20. Which of the options has an error?

- a. The students are supposed to do the project themselves.
 - b. Hi, Ryan and Mia! Make yourselves at home. There is some juice in the fridge.
 - c. We made the pudding all by ourself so that we could give our grandparents a surprise.
 - d. Benjy is making himself a raincoat out of that old plastic sheet.
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21. Pick out the option which does not have adjectives:

- a. Which movie are you going for?
 - b. Her umbrella is on the bottom shelf.
 - c. The children paid forty rupees for the ticket.
 - d. I called her yesterday but she did not reply.
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Direction (Q. 22 to Q. 25): Read the passage and answer the question:

Ranjit Lal is an author, environmentalist and bird watcher. Here are some interesting bits from an article written by him.

In a world full of computer screens and smartphones and iPads, how on Earth do we expect the modern child to develop an interest in nature? Studies have shown that children who spend their time outdoors, rambling, playing or goofing about on treetops, pilfering mangoes and guavas, are more likely to develop an interest in the natural world — and later, go on to take on careers which involve it. My generation was lucky — we had no electronic gadgets or social media to distract us and our parents did not throw hissy fits when we returned home after a whole day out, usually bitten, scratched, pricked, our clothes in tatters; knees and elbows scraped and scabby. They just calmly told us to go take a bath.

Modern parents, alas, are neurotic about “germs” and forbid their kids from venturing out without being lathered in sunscreen. Playing in the mud (in which, incidentally every plant grows naturally) or in muddy puddles is a complete no-no.

(The Times of India)

22. Rambling means:

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| a. walking in the countryside for pleasure | b. stealing eggs from birds' nests |
| c. behaving in a silly or playful way | d. climbing trees for fun |
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23. Choose the correct option to complete the following:

Modern parents _____.

- a. like their children to play in the outdoors
 - b. get anxious if their children play in the Sun or get dirty
 - c. are very scared of letting their children use electronic gadgets
 - d. send their children out without sunscreen
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24. Choose the correct option to complete the following:

Ranjit Lal says that his generation was lucky because _____.

- a. they were distracted by electronic gadgets
 - b. they could use sunscreen and play outdoors
 - c. parents did not worry about children playing in the outdoors
 - d. parents would get angry if the children got hurt or dirtied themselves
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25. Modern parents are **neurotic** about germs. **Neurotic** means:

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| a. often in a bad temper | b. impatient |
| c. irritable | d. frightened or worried |
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26. Spot the part of the sentence with errors:

You are doing your homework regularly, are you?

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| a. you are doing | b. your homework |
| c. regularly | d. are you? |
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27. Choose the word that answers the question:

Nixon does not believe in God. What do you call a person who does not believe that God exists?

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| a. ascetic | b. atheist |
| c. anarchist | d. altruist |
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28. Choose the correct option:

Our army _____ well against the enemy and defeated them thoroughly.

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| a. retaliated | b. retrieved |
| c. resorted | d. resolute |
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29. Choose the correct preposition:

The athlete was banned because he had done something _____ the rules.

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| a. over | b. in |
| c. against | d. under |
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30. Choose the correct sentence among the given options:

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| a. Having took my food I left for cycling. | b. After taking my food I had to leave for cycling. |
| c. Taking my food I left for cycling. | d. While I was taking food, I left for cycling. |
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Scholar Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

31. Choose the correct option:

The patients love the nurse _____.

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| a. otherwise she came with the doctor every day |
| b. as she is so cheerful |
| c. but the doctor is not very patient |
| d. though they will be unwell |
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32. Choose the part of the sentence which has an error:

That airport will eventually be the largest in India when all its six runways are operational.

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| a. That airport will eventually be | b. the largest in India |
| c. when all its six runways | d. are operational. |
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33. Choose the correct option to complete the telephone conversation between Michael and Richard:

Michael: Hello, Richard!

Richard: Hi, Michael!

Michael: Can you come over to my place to play?

Richard: _____ (1)

Michael: No, it's just a little cloudy.

Richard: _____ (2)

Michael: Okay. Why don't you ask her if I could come over?

Richard: _____ (3)

Michael: I could get my new game.

Richard: _____ (4)



- a. (1) Wow! Let me ask Mummy and give you a call.
(2) I'm sure my mother won't let me go out in the rain.
(3) It's raining here. Isn't it raining there?
(4) Sure. I'll let you know.
 - b. (1) Sure. I'll let you know.
(2) It's raining here. Isn't it raining there?
(3) Wow! Let me ask Mummy and give you a call.
(4) I'm sure my mother won't let me go out in the rain.
 - c. (1) It's raining here. Isn't it raining there?
(2) I'm sure my mother won't let me go out in the rain.
(3) Sure. I'll let you know.
(4) Wow! Let me ask Mummy and give you a call.
 - d. (1) I'm sure my mother won't let me go out in the rain.
(2) Wow! Let me ask Mummy and give you a call.
(3) It's raining here. Isn't it raining there?
(4) Sure. I'll let you know.
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34. Pick out the option without an adverb:

- a. He tried very hard to solve the puzzle but gave up after an hour.
 - b. I completely forgot about buying milk and eggs.
 - c. The children were delighted with the early bird prizes they received for participating in the contest.
 - d. They were perfectly happy with the room at the hotel.
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35. Choose the option with an incorrect preposition:

- a. In the poem, Wordsworth describes the beautiful sight of the daffodils besides the lake.
 - b. She drove fast through a puddle and splashed muddy water on a passerby.
 - c. I could hear the cat mewling but didn't realize that it was hiding in the bin.
 - d. Alina went to the gym before going to work on Saturday.
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36. Choose the correct word to describe Jasper:

Jasper is shy and not confident of his abilities.

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| a. affable | b. diffident |
| c. impudent | d. prudent |
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37. Choose the correct set of options to fill in the blanks:

- I. Those old books in the library are gathering dust. They are _____ borrowed.
- II. The teacher promised not to treat anyone _____ and to ensure everyone had an equal chance to participate in the game.

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| a. I. unfortunately, II. basically | b. I. usually, II. unevenly |
| c. I. rarely, II. unfairly | d. I. often, II. mildly |
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38. Spot the odd one out:

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| a. secateurs | b. spatula |
| c. colander | d. skillet |
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39. Which option uses the present continuous tense incorrectly?

- a. Online shopping is becoming popular these days.
 - b. My aunt is always complaining about the servant.
 - c. Are you understanding this grammar topic?
 - d. Is she visiting her parents this Sunday?
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40. Choose the correct option:

If you are shocked and angry because you think that something is unjust or unfair, the word _____ can be used for you.

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| a. indolent | b. indignant |
| c. incredible | d. insolent |
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Answer Key

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15.	c	16.	a	17.	d	18.	b	19.	c	20.	c	21.	d
22.	a	23.	b	24.	c	25.	d	26.	d	27.	b	28.	a
29.	c	30.	b	31.	b	32.	c	33.	c	34.	c	35.	a
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