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Sample Paper



Class 8

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. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

The farmer has _____ in his farm.

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| a. a hen, four cows and six sheeps | b. one hen, four cows and six sheep |
| c. an hen, four cows and six sheeps | d. one hen, four cow and six sheep |
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2. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

It is usually accepted that the speeches of their prime minister are better _____ other ministers.

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| a. than that of | b. then those of |
| c. than that of the | d. than those of the |
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3. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

In many rural areas, strings of coloured glass beads _____ on doorways.

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| a. are hung | b. are hunged |
| c. are hanged | d. are hanging |
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4. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

The ruling government is planning to _____ many changes in the constitution.

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| a. affect | b. bring |
| c. effected | d. bringing |
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5. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

It had been _____ the whole month so we preferred staying indoors.

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| a. bitterly cold | b. bitter cold |
| c. bitterlyfull cold | d. bitterfull cold |
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6. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

Of all the students, Ria _____ when the date for the annual examination was announced.

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| a. was likely worried | b. was less worried |
| c. was lesser worried | d. was least worried |
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7. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

The court has absolved him _____ all the charges levelled against him.

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| a. off | b. from |
| c. in | d. about |
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- 8.** Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

The theory of relativity is so complicated _____ it in a few sentences.

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| a. as we cannot describe | b. that couldn't describe |
| c. that we cannot describe | d. as we have described |
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- 9.** Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

_____ all the library books, he will not be relieved from the service.

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| a. Unless he returns | b. Untill he did not return |
| c. Unless he do not return | d. If he did return |
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- 10.** Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

If you had read the relevant content carefully, _____ answered most of the questions correctly.

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| a. you might be | b. you would be |
| c. you could have been | d. you would have |
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- 11.** Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

In the meeting _____ all other members were present except Virat.

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| a. held last month | b. held in last month |
| c. hold in last month | d. held by last month |
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- 12.** Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

_____ is a very difficult language to understand for those who have never been to China.

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| a. The China | b. A Chineese |
| c. The Chineese | d. Chineese |
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- 13.** Choose the sentence that is arranged in a meaningful way:

- a. He completed his report in good time and this pleased the directors.
 - b. He pleased the directors and this completed his report in good time.
 - c. He pleased the directors in good time and this completed his report.
 - d. The directors were pleased with him and this completed his report in good time.
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- 14.** Out of given sentences, find grammatically incorrect sentence/sentences.

- 1. The Manager's remarks were highly objectionable.
- 2. The deer ran fast than the cheetah.
- 3. Because he is a learned person, he is respected by all.

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| a. both 1 and 3 | b. only 2 |
| c. both 2 and 3 | d. all are correct |
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15. Select the option that can be used to improve the underlined part in the given sentence. If no improvement is required, select 'no improvement' as your answer:

The Prime Minister has no correspondence with his China counterpart for a long time.

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| a. correspondence to | b. correspondence for |
| c. correspondence along with | d. no improvement |
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16. Select the option that can be used to improve the underlined part in the given sentence. If no improvement is required, select 'no improvement' as your answer:

After the heavy rain last week, the water in the lake raised another two feet.

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| a. rised another two feet | b. has raised another two feet |
| c. rose another two feet | d. no improvement |
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17. Choose the most appropriate pair of words to fill in the blanks:

The Deputy Manager _____ to resign because all his proposals were _____ down by his superiors.

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| a. threatened, turned | b. gave, held |
| c. offered, thrown | d. began, kept |
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18. Out of the given alternatives, pick the sentence that is grammatically incorrect:

- a. World War II was fought between the Axis powers and the Allies.
 - b. The Director has been suffering from a fever since last week.
 - c. Please give me an explanation of my marks.
 - d. She broke down after having scolding by her mother.
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19. Choose the synonym of the given word:

Keeping the wrong company of friends can be **baneful** to your character.

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| a. careful | b. beautiful |
| c. criticise | d. harmful |
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20. Choose the word that gives the opposite meaning of the word which means '**not big or valuable enough to be considered important**':

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| a. miniature | b. tremendous |
| c. tiny | d. insignificant |
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21. Choose the correct meaning of the given idiom in bold:

Don't **beat about the bush**.

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| a. to talk in a round about manner | b. to beat mercilessly |
| c. by unfair means | d. money spent quickly |
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22. Choose the correct sequence of the jumbled letters to form a meaningful word:

nsspeuse
12345678

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| a. 13284756 | b. 76348125 |
| c. 26784531 | d. 86754321 |
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23. Choose the word that can be used to substitute the given group of words in bold:

Kate has an experience in **writing and compiling a dictionary**.

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| a. iconography | b. pedagogy |
| c. lexicography | d. physiognomy |
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24. Choose the most appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks:

1. Can you _____ my office while I am out of town.
2. You should _____ your shoes before entering the holy place.

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| a. look into, take in | b. look before, take out |
| c. look at, take up | d. look after, take off |
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25. Choose the passive form of the given sentence:

I ordered the miscreant to go out from the office.

- a. The miscreant was ordered by me to go out from the office.
 - b. The miscreant has been ordered to go out from the office by me.
 - c. The miscreant had been ordered to go out from the office by me.
 - d. The miscreant ordered to go out from the office by me.
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26. Choose the active form of the given sentence:

Grapes cannot be gathered from thistles by one.

- a. They cannot gather the grapes from thistles.
 - b. No one can gather grapes from thistles.
 - c. One could not gather grapes from thistles.
 - d. One cannot gather grapes from thistles.
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27. Choose the passive form of the given sentence:

Have the students asked these questions?

- a. Have these questions asked by the students?
 - b. Have the questions been asked by the students?
 - c. Have these questions been asked by the students?
 - d. Have these questions are asked by the students?
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28. Choose the indirect form of the given sentence:

He asked, "When do you intend to make the payment?"

- a. He said when I intend to make the payment.
 - b. He asked when I was intended to make the payment.
 - c. He enquired me if I was intended to make the payment.
 - d. He enquired when I intended to make the payment.
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29. Choose the direct form of the given sentence:

He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.

- a. He urged, "Be quiet and listen to his words."
 - b. He said, "Be quiet and listen to my words."
 - c. He said, "keep quiet and listen my words."
 - d. He urged, "keep quiet and listen my words."
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30. Choose the indirect form of the given sentence:

"Do you come from China?" said the prince to the girl.

- a. The prince asked the girl if she came from China.
 - b. The prince asked the girl if she had come from China.
 - c. The prince asked the girl if she comes from China.
 - d. The prince said to the girl if she came from China.
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31. Complete the given conversation:

Jack: It's a beautiful day! let's go for a ride.

Peter: We could drive but let's walk we need the exercise.

Jack: We do _____?

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| a. do we | b. isn't it |
| c. don't we | d. do not we |
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32. Complete the given conversation:

Adam: The company I was working for had financial difficulties and I lost my job.

Vivan: That is bad.

Adam: I'm still looking for another job. I haven't finished paying for my house yet, and we've just had a fire, so I need some money for the repairs.

Vivan: I see. _____, aren't you?

- a. You are looking for a needle in a haystack.
 - b. You are in deep water
 - c. You have your heart in your mouth
 - d. You are over the moon
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Direction (Q. 33 to Q. 36): Read the given passage carefully and answer the question that follows:

A majority of Indians prefer to use internet for accessing banking and other financial services than shopping online, show a new survey.

Almost 57% of Indians respondents using the internet prefer to bank online and use other financial services due to hassle-free access and time saving feature of online banking according to the survey.

Checking the information of products and services online comes a close second at 53% while 50% shop for products online. The fourth on the list-around 42% of respondents in India surfed online to look for jobs, the survey said.

Online banking has made things much easier for the people and it saves a lot of time. It has eliminated the problems associated with traditional way of banking where one has to stand in a queue and fill up several forms. Most of the banks in India have introduced customer - friendly online banking facility with advanced security features to protect customers _____ cyber-crime.

The easy registration process for net banking has improved customers access to several banking products. Increased customer loyalty, facilitated money transfer to any bank across India has helped banks-attract new customers. The survey showed that banking and keeping track of finances and searching for jobs are the main tasks of internet users around the globe.

33. Choose the sentence that is false according to the given passage:

- a. Searching for jobs is the main task of internet users around the globe.
 - b. Around 42% of respondents in India surfed online to look for jobs, the survey said.
 - c. Traditional banking eliminated the problems of standing in a queue and fill up several forms.
 - d. Online banking is time saving and hassle-free.
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34. Choose the antonym of the word 'hassle' mentioned in the passage:

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| a. rapid | b. trouble |
| c. delayed | d. tranquility |
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35. In the passage a blank is given. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition:

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| a. about | b. against |
| c. for | d. in |
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36. According to the survey, what is the percentage of the people shopping online products?

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| a. 57% | b. 53% |
| c. 50% | d. 42% |
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Direction (Q. 37 to Q. 38): Answer the following question based on the given information:

Notice

This is to inform the students that the annual singing competition will be held on 31st August 2024 at the school auditorium at 9:00 AM. The students have been divided in three age categories as follows –

Junior level, Intermediate level and Senior level.

Five students will be shortlisted from each class who will compete in the final round. The final round shall be judged by a panel comprising Marvin Gaye (a renowned vocalist), Dr Leo (school principal) and Ms Kim (H.O.D., Music Department).

The winner in each category shall be awarded a trophy and a cash prize of \$50. Those students who want to participate should give their names to their Music teacher on or before 20th August 2024.

Kim

H.O.D., Music Department

37. How many students from each class will be shortlisted to compete in the final round?

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| a. 3 students | b. 5 students |
| c. 20 students | d. insufficient data |
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38. Choose the suitable title for the given notice:

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| a. Cultural Events | b. Annual Day |
| c. Singing Competition | d. Annual Competition |
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Direction (Q. 39 to Q. 40): Answer the following question based on the given information:

Eiffel Tower

In fashionable Paris, even the Eiffel Tower must keep up with style trends. Over the decades, the “Iron Lady” has changed her looks with the application of a spectrum of paint colours. When it opened in 1889, the Eiffel Tower sported a reddish-brown colour. A decade later, it was coated in yellow paint. The tower was also yellow-brown and chestnut brown before the adoption of the current, specially mixed “Eiffel Tower Brown” in 1968. Every seven years, painters apply 60 tons of paint to the tower to keep her looking young. The tower is painted in three shades, progressively lighter with elevation, in order to augment the structure’s silhouette against the canvas of the Parisian sky.

39. What was the colour of the Eiffel Tower in 1899?

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| a. reddish-brown | b. yellow-brown |
| c. yellow | d. chestnut-brown |
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40. Who is referred as 'Iron Lady' in the given information?

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| a. President of Paris | b. Queen of Paris |
| c. Architect of Eiffel Tower | d. Eiffel Tower |
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Scholar Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

41. Choose the sentence that is arranged in a meaningful way:

- a. The man to whom I thought was thoroughly honest, proved as a swindler
 - b. The man proved to be a swindler to whom I thought to be a thoroughly honest person.
 - c. The man whom I thought was thoroughly honest, proved to be a swindler.
 - d. The man who I thought was thoroughly honest, proved to be a swindler.
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42. Choose the sentence that is arranged in a meaningful way:

- a. No sooner had the dividend been declared when the notices were sent out.
 - b. No sooner had the dividend been declared, the notices were sent out.
 - c. They had no sooner declared the dividend than the notices were sent out.
 - d. No sooner had the dividend been declared than the notices were sent out.
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43. Choose the correct prepositions to fill in the blanks:

Its been a long time _____ I saw my old friend who lives _____ his parents _____ the neighbouring town.

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| a. when, with, from | b. that, with, around |
| c. when, with, in | d. since, with, in |
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44. Out of the given sentences, find grammatically incorrect sentence/sentences.

- 1. He never minds to help the deserving persons.
- 2. They don't live in Liverpool, don't they?
- 3. Francis came here soon after he arrived in Delhi.

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| a. both 1 and 2 | b. both 2 and 3 |
| c. all are incorrect | d. all are correct |
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45. Select the option that can be used to improve the underlined part in the given sentence. If no improvement is required, select 'no improvement' as your answer:

It was very hot last year that the roads used to be empty in the afternoon.

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| a. had been very hot | b. was so hot |
| c. being so hot | d. no improvement |
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46. Choose the most appropriate pair of words to fill in the blanks:

I am not _____ about your success because your _____ approach to study is disappointing.

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| a. despaired, irresolute | b. happy, reckless |
| c. optimistic, perfunctory | d. hopeful, regular |
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47. Out of the given alternatives, pick the sentence that is grammatically incorrect:

- a. He stood strong as a rock and faced the challenge.
 - b. Although they are not rich, they always wear respectable clothes.
 - c. Every candidate has to poll a minimum number of votes in order to avoid forfeiture of his security.
 - d. As a result of favouritism many unsuitable candidates were selected in the posts.
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48. Out of given alternatives, pick the sentence that is grammatically correct:

- a. My father keeps all his confidentiality papers in a locker.
 - b. The doctors will monitor your health for a two weeks.
 - c. Sanjeev said that he had forgotten to bring the textbook.
 - d. I was arrived while my mother was cooking my favourite dish.
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49. Choose the most appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks:

- 1. You cannot _____ the fact that you need to work hard.
- 2. One day I'll _____ her for deceiving me.

- a. get away with, get back at
 - b. get onto, get ahead of
 - c. get into, get over
 - d. get through, get back to
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50. Choose the most appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks:

- 1. I always strive to _____ difficult times, however impossible it might seem.
- 2. Stop fooling around and _____ studying.

- a. get away with, get into
 - b. get along, get back
 - c. get through, get down to
 - d. get at, get back to
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Answer Key

1.	b	2.	d	3.	a	4.	b	5.	a	6.	d	7.	b
8.	c	9.	a	10.	d	11.	a	12.	d	13.	a	14.	b
15.	d	16.	c	17.	a	18.	d	19.	d	20.	b	21.	a
22.	b	23.	c	24.	d	25.	a	26.	d	27.	c	28.	d
29.	b	30.	a	31.	c	32.	b	33.	c	34.	d	35.	b
36.	c	37.	b	38.	c	39.	c	40.	d	41.	c	42.	d
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