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## Sample Paper



**Class 9**

## 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 rich merchant divided his wealth \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. between his four childs  
b. among his four childrens  
c. between his four children  
d. among his four children
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2. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

The car that the tree fell on is \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ is the grey car on the driveway.

- a. their's, Mines  
b. theirs, Mine  
c. their's, Mine  
d. theirs, Mine's
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3. Choose the correct articles to fill in the blanks:

My sister graduated from \_\_\_\_\_ reputed college last year and now she is working for \_\_\_\_\_ international airline company in \_\_\_\_\_ USA.

- a. a, an, an  
b. the, an, the  
c. a, an, no article  
d. a, an, the
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4. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

Neither the pay nor the working atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_ in that company.

- a. was good  
b. were good  
c. were being good  
d. have been good
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5. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

If \_\_\_\_\_, I would not have committed this blunder.

- a. I am there in your place  
b. I was you  
c. I were you  
d. I am you
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6. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

The expenditure of the new machines is likely to be \_\_\_\_\_ the existing ones.

- a. higher than ten times  
b. so high as ten times  
c. so higher to  
d. so high than
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7. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

The actor was angry \_\_\_\_\_ the treatment given to his fans during his audio release function.

- a. towards  
b. upon  
c. with  
d. at
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8. Choose the correct prepositions to fill in the blanks:

The boys looked \_\_\_\_\_ the old kite maker \_\_\_\_\_ the same indifference as they showed \_\_\_\_\_ the shoemaker.

- a. at, with, to  
c. towards, as, to
- b. to, with, for  
d. at, in, towards
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9. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

He comes here not only for shopping but also for having a glimpse \_\_\_\_\_ the extremely beautiful view.

- a. over  
c. of
- b. on  
d. about
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10. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

You would not have so much trouble with your old bike if you \_\_\_\_\_ it regularly.

- a. would service  
c. would have serviced
- b. could service  
d. had serviced
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11. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

The band sings \_\_\_\_\_ to enthrall the audience.

- a. good enough  
c. best ever
- b. well enough  
d. best of all
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12. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in the blank:

The new railway line will greatly improve transport and communication in \_\_\_\_\_ of the country.

- a. the eastern part  
c. an east part
- b. an eastern part  
d. the east part
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13. Choose the sentence that is arranged in a meaningful way:

- a. To be intelligent is more essential than being hard working.  
b. Being intelligent is more important than to be hard working.  
c. Being intelligent is more essential than being hard working.  
d. For one to be intelligent is more important than being hard working.
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14. Out of the given sentences, find grammatically incorrect sentence/sentences.

1. I have left my purse behind in the hotel room.
2. Strict laws can deter people from harrasing women.
3. My teacher asked me to not to worry so much about my test.

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- a. only 1
- c. both 1 and 3

- b. only 2
  - 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 Indian banking sector is growing rapidly and banks are opening much of branches in unbanked areas.

- a. many a branches
- c. many of the branches

- b. many branches
  - 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:

I hope you vividly remember the premier of the film when I, my wife and you were present in the hall.

- a. my wife, you and I
- c. you, my wife and I

- b. my wife, I and you
  - d. no improvement
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17. Choose the most appropriate pair of words to fill in the blanks:

The war \_\_\_\_\_ immediately after the cease-fire proposal was \_\_\_\_\_ bilaterally.

- a. receded, exchanged
- c. extended, mitigated

- b. started, prepared
  - d. ended, accepted
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18. Out of given alternatives, pick the sentence that is grammatically incorrect:

- a. Though he got a first class, his parents were not happy with his performance.
  - b. The media is planning an elaboration coverage of the celebrity wedding.
  - c. When he found out his mistake, he repented very much.
  - d. He is confident of his success in the civil services examination.
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19. Choose the synonym of the word given in bold:

He was **upbraided** for his shabby appearance in public.

- a. criticise
- c. gloomy

- b. praise
  - d. repair
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20. Choose the word that gives the opposite meaning to the word which means '**the fact that you have achieved something**':

- a. ecstasy
- c. outburst

- b. indolent
  - d. debacle
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21. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom given in bold:

Marie **threw down the gauntlet**.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| a. accept the challenge           | b. abused and insulted |
| c. behaved as an important person | d. put conditions      |
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22. Choose the correct sequence of the jumbled letters to form a meaningful word:

u s r a g r o l u  
2 4 3 8 5 7 1 0 6

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| a. 4 0 6 1 5 7 8 3 2 | b. 5 7 8 3 2 0 4 1 6 |
| c. 3 0 2 5 8 7 1 6 4 | d. 5 8 7 3 2 0 1 6 4 |
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23. Choose the word that can be used to substitute the given group of words in bold:

He was accused of his father's murder. What is the **murder of one's father** called?

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|--------------|--------------|
| a. parricide | b. matricide |
| c. regicide  | d. patricide |
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24. Choose the most appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks:

1. After looking at the pay slip, she \_\_\_\_\_ over the loss of pay.
2. It's a polite gesture to \_\_\_\_\_ when an elderly person enters the room.

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| a. got tensed, get on | b. held up, put off      |
| c. got upset, get up  | d. got contented, get up |
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25. Choose the passive form of the given sentence:

Today I accomplished my task successfully.

- a. Today my task has been accomplished successfully.
  - b. Today my task was accomplished successfully.
  - c. Today my task accomplished successfully.
  - d. Today my task is accomplished successfully.
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26. Choose the active form of the given sentence:

All living species on Earth must be taken care of by us.

- a. We must have taken care of all living species on Earth.
  - b. We must be taking care of all living species on Earth.
  - c. We must be taken care of all living species on Earth.
  - d. We must take care of all living species on Earth.
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27. Choose the passive form of the given sentence:

The modern means of communication have made life so much easier.

- a. Life has been made so much easier by the modern means of communication.
  - b. Life is being made so much easier by the modern means of communication.
  - c. Life was made so much easier by the modern means of communication.
  - d. Life had been made so much easier by the modern means of communication.
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28. Choose the indirect form of the given sentence:

They said, "Long live the Prime Minister."

- a. They wished that their Prime Minister should live long.
  - b. They prayed that their Prime Minister might live long.
  - c. They wanted their Prime Minister to long live.
  - d. They prayed that their Prime Minister may live long.
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29. Choose the direct form of the given sentence:

He requested the interviewer if he could repeat the question.

- a. He requested the interviewer "could you repeat the question?"
  - b. He said to the interviewer, "could he repeat the question?"
  - c. He said to the interviewer, "can you repeat the question?"
  - d. He said to the interviewer, "could you please repeat the question?"
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30. Choose the indirect form of the given sentence:

The teacher said to Jack, "Congratulations! wish you success in life."

- a. The teacher congratulated Jack and said wish you success in life.
  - b. The teacher said congratulations to Jack and wished him success in life.
  - c. The teacher wished congratulations and success in life to Jack.
  - d. The teacher congratulated Jack and wished him success in life.
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31. Complete the given conversation:

Bunny: How's your brother? has he moved?

Bobby: Oh yes! he likes travelling too much to stay in one place for long.

Bunny: He has \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. pulled the wool over your eyes.
  - b. got itchy feet
  - c. built a castles in the air
  - d. got a thick skin
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32. Complete the given conversation:

Monica: This place is beautiful!

Sam: Yeah we have been here before. \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. haven't we
  - b. have we
  - c. isn't it
  - d. dont we
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**Direction (Q. 33 to Q. 36):** Read the given passage carefully and answer the question that follows:

Street theatre in India is a well established ancient art form. Despite the proliferation of modern means of entertainment and communication, street theatre continues to flourish in India. Street theatre as a channel of communication has for centuries been propagating reforms by highlighting social, economic and political issues present in the society. Unlike in the olden days, its performance is no longer restricted to villages or small localities of the city. Today small groups of performers including students, would stage performances to mobilise public opinion or to help create or raise awareness over a particular issue of public importance. Themes on substance abuse, AIDS awareness, and domestic violence are some of the areas highlighted by contemporary street theatre troupe. Unlike in regular drama street drama employ very little props and images. The human body becomes the main tool in which choreography, mime, dialogues, songs and slogans are extensively used. Street theatre is one of the most intimate media. Its appeal is to the emotions leading to quick psychological impact on audiences. By being local and live they also are able to establish not only direct contact with the audience but by being cost-effective and flexible they are popular among all age groups.

**33.** What is the meaning of the word 'proliferation' used in the passage?

- a. belonging to the same time
- b. to spread an idea, a belief or a piece of information
- c. belonging to a period of history
- d. a sudden increase in the number or amount of something

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**34.** Street theatre creates a/an \_\_\_\_\_ impact on audience.

- a. mystical
- b. emotional
- c. intimate
- d. physical

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**35.** In the olden days, street theatre \_\_\_\_\_ to village or small localities of the city.

- a. was entertained
- b. was not restricted
- c. was restricted
- d. was opened

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**36.** Street theatre usually deals \_\_\_\_\_ issues of public importance.

- a. in
- b. about
- c. with
- d. of

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**Direction (Q. 37 to Q. 38):** Answer the following question based on the given information:

A constellation is a group of stars that can be connected to form a recognised shape. These shapes in the night sky have been used since ancient times as a way to navigate, track time and seasons, and pass down our myths, legends, and history. Each culture had its own constellations, but as an international community grew, communicating about the night sky across cultures became difficult.

In 1922, the International Astronomical Union created an international system of 88 official constellations, designated with Latin names. These constellations help us map the night sky,

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providing locations easily understood by anyone around the world for not just stars but also other astronomical objects.

An asterism is a group of stars that creates a shape, but is not one of the 88 official constellations. They are often either part of an official constellation or parts of multiple constellations and do not have the same names throughout the world as they are often based on the original cultural constellations.

The Big Dipper is an asterism, not a constellation. It is part of the constellation Ursa Major (Big Bear) comprising its tail and body, but is often called the Plow in England. The Summer Triangle is made up of the three brightest stars in three separate constellations: Vega in Lyra, Altair in Aquila, and Albireo in Cygnus.

In general, constellations represent either a human, an animal, or an object.

**37.** Which of these is not true about 'The Big Dipper'?

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| a. It is an asterism.                       | b. It is part of Ursa major.         |
| c. It is one of the largest constellations. | d. It is called the Plow in England. |
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**38.** Which statement is not true as per the passage?

- a. An asterism is a group of stars that creates a shape, but is not one of the 88 official constellations.
  - b. Constellations represent either a human, an animal or a plant.
  - c. Constellations were given Latin names by the International Astronomical Union.
  - d. Constellations have been used since ancient times as a way to navigate, track time and seasons, and pass down our myths, legends, and history.
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**Direction (Q. 39 to Q. 40):** Answer the following question based on the given information:

On one of the upper branches of the Congo river lived an ancient and aristocratic family of hippopotamuses. The queen of this tribe of hippopotamuses had a child which she named Keo, because it was so fat and round. Still, that you may not be misled, I will say that in the hippopotamus language 'Keo', properly translated, means fat and lazy instead of fat and round. However, no one called the queen's attention to this error, because her tusks were monstrous long and sharp, and she thought Keo is the sweetest baby in the world.

**39.** What is the meaning of the name 'Keo' in the hippopotamus language?

- |                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. fat and lazy  | b. sweetest baby in the world |
| c. fat and round | d. monstrous long and sharp   |
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**40.** What did the Queen think about her baby?

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. fat and round              | b. fat and lazy             |
| c. sweetest baby in the world | d. monstrous long and sharp |
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## Scholar Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

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

- a. It is a pleasure to see an alligator basking in the sunshine on a river bank as long as ninety feet.
  - b. It is a pleasure to see an alligator basking in the sunshine as long as ninety feet on a river bank.
  - c. It is a pleasure to see an alligator basking as long as ninety feet in the sunshine on a river bank.
  - d. It is a pleasure to see an alligator as long as ninety feet basking in the sunshine on a river bank.
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42. Choose the sentence that is arranged in a meaningful way:

- a. On account of shortage of time, both of them cannot finish their work.
  - b. On account of shortage of time, neither of them can finish his work.
  - c. On account of shortage of time, none of them can finished their work.
  - d. On account of shortage of time, neither of them cannot finish his work.
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43. Out of given sentences, find grammatically incorrect sentence/sentences.

- 1. My parents' car broke down in the city's central area.
- 2. A crowd of fans gathered around the winning team.
- 3. The teacher is away from school since september last.

- a. only 3
  - b. both 1 and 2
  - c. Only 1
  - d. all are correct
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44. Out of given sentences, find grammatically incorrect sentence/sentences.

- 1. Inform your king that I grant him permission of stay in my kingdom.
- 2. Yesterday I met an old friend when I am going to the market.
- 3. It is one of the best pictures that have ever painted.

- 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:

This machine appears to be good but is poorly designed and actually doesn't work good.

- a. don't work hard
  - b. not working good
  - c. doesn't work well
  - d. no improvement
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46. Choose the most appropriate pair of words to fill in the blanks:

The birth of a daughter is no more a/an \_\_\_\_\_ occasion because education has \_\_\_\_\_ the people.

- a. magnificent, liberalised  
b. benign, esteemed  
c. propitious, blinded  
d. ominous, enlightened

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47. Out of given alternatives, pick the sentence that is grammatically incorrect:

- a. The lecturer has no control over the students.  
b. I am angry with him for his carelessness.  
c. If it snowed tomorrow, we will go skating.  
d. The worksheet doesn't have the toughest of questions.

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48. Out of given alternatives, pick the sentence that is grammatically correct:

- a. Neither Sam nor Anne was present at the meeting.  
b. The hotel serve breakfast at 8 a.m. every morning.  
c. Though he is admire by everybody, he is not proud.  
d. The programme will be broadcasted at 10:30 tonight.

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49. Choose the most appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks:

1. You must \_\_\_\_\_ every rupee spent for organising the conference.  
2. The postman will \_\_\_\_\_ the parcel after the lunchtime.

- a. call up, get about  
b. bring out, get along  
c. account for, call for  
d. back out, call after

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50. Choose the most appropriate phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks:

1. The suppliers have \_\_\_\_\_ the price of rice.  
2. The manager \_\_\_\_\_ to inform him about the disbursement of salaries.

- a. put up, called up  
b. put on, called for  
c. called over, called up  
d. brought out, called after

## Answer Key

1.	d	2.	b	3.	d	4.	a	5.	c	6.	a	7.	d
8.	a	9.	c	10.	d	11.	b	12.	a	13.	c	14.	c
15.	b	16.	c	17.	d	18.	b	19.	a	20.	d	21.	a
22.	d	23.	d	24.	c	25.	b	26.	d	27.	a	28.	b
29.	d	30.	d	31.	b	32.	a	33.	d	34.	b	35.	c
36.	c	37.	c	38.	b	39.	a	40.	c	41.	d	42.	b
43.	a	44.	c	45.	c	46.	d	47.	c	48.	a	49.	c
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