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Class 10

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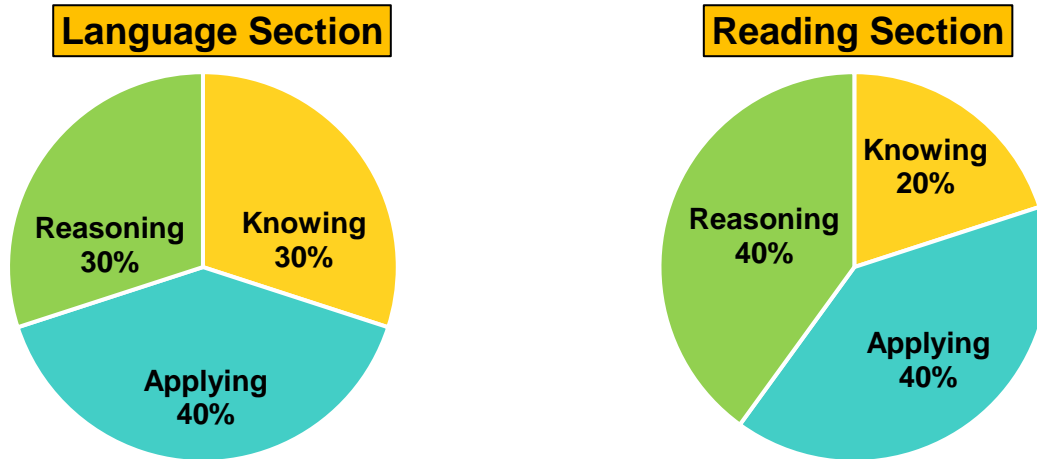
Pattern and Marking Scheme			
Section	Total Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
Classic Section	30	1	30
Scholar Section	15	2	30
Grand Total	45		60

Unicus Global English Olympiad (UGE0)

The **Unicus Global Olympiad** is organised around two dimensions:

1. Content dimension, specifying the subject matter domains to be assessed
2. Cognitive dimension, specifying the thinking processes to be assessed

Target percentages of the question paper devoted to cognitive domains



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Language Section (Each Question is 1 Mark)

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Nouns

1. Identify the sentence in which the bold portion is a noun phrase.
 - a. The scientist explained **how the new vaccine was developed**.
 - b. **The sudden rise in global temperatures** has alarmed researchers.
 - c. She was uncertain **whether the plan would succeed**.
 - d. They argued **about what should be done next**.

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Verbs

2. Choose the sentence with a verb phrase that does not fit with the others.
 - a. The scientist was explaining the experiment in great detail.
 - b. They have been planning a surprise party for weeks.
 - c. She will be travelling to Europe next month.
 - d. He should write a letter of apology.

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Pronouns

3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate pronouns to ensure grammatical correctness and precision in meaning.

___ of the students completed ___ assignments before the deadline, but ___ needed an extension.

 - a. Each, his, others
 - b. Some, their, others
 - c. Every, their, few
 - d. Many, his, another

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Adjectives

4. Choose the correct statement where the bold adjective is correctly classified:
 - a. "She allocated **each** resource carefully to maximize efficiency." – Distributive adjective
 - b. "The museum houses **several** artifacts from the 16th century." – Proper adjective
 - c. "This decision will have a **colossal** impact on global trade." – Possessive adjective
 - d. "His **numerous** achievements were acknowledged at the ceremony." – Interrogative adjective

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Adverbs

5. Choose the option that best replaces the bold part.

The astronomer observed the celestial phenomenon **with profound concentration and attentiveness**.

- a. scrupulously
c. perceptively
b. intently
d. inquisitively

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Articles

6. Select the option that correctly completes the sentence with appropriate articles:

After ___ exhaustive investigation, the committee presented ___ unified report highlighting ___ intricacies of the proposed legislation.

- a. an, the, an
c. the, an, an
b. a, the, the
d. an, a, the

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

7. Match the sentences with the correct prepositional phrases to complete them.

	Column A (Sentences with blanks)		Column B (Prepositional Phrases)
1.	The ancient manuscript was discovered _____. _____.	a.	amid the ruins of a forgotten civilization
2.	The politician spoke eloquently _____. _____.	b.	against the backdrop of rising tensions
3.	The scientist formulated her theory _____. _____.	c.	based on decades of meticulous research

- a. 1-a, 2-c, 3-b
c. 1-a, 2-b, 3-c
b. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c
d. 1-c, 2-a, 3-b

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Tenses

8. Choose the correct option that completes the sentence meaningfully.

By the time we _____ (reach) the station, the train _____ (already/leave), so we _____ (wait) for the next one.

- a. reach, had already left, waited
c. reached, had already left, waited
b. reach, had already left, waited
d. reached, already left, had waited

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Conjunctions

9. Match the conjunctions with their correct types:

	Conjunction		Type
1.	furthermore	a.	Subordinating
2.	unless	b.	Coordinating
3.	either...or	c.	Conjunctive Adverb
4.	for	d.	Correlative

a. a-4, b-2, c-3, d-1

b. a-2, b-3, c-1, d-4

c. a-3, b-1, c-4, d-2

d. a-1, b-4, c-2, d-3

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Analogies

10. Choose the correct analogy that best completes the given relationship.

After years of relentless practice, Noah finally heard the audience erupt into applause. The recognition filled him with an overwhelming sense of fulfillment.

applause : validation :: solitude : _____

a. emptiness

b. freedom

c. hesitation

d. admiration

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Active-passive Voice

11. Choose the best active voice version of the given passive sentence.

A classified report was accidentally disclosed by an anonymous informant.

a. An anonymous informant has accidentally disclosed a classified report.

b. An anonymous informant was disclosing a classified report accidentally.

c. An anonymous informant disclosed a classified report accidentally.

d. An anonymous informant had disclosed a classified report accidentally.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Subject-verb Agreement

12. Match each subject with the correct verb form:

	Subjects		Verbs
1.	The jury, despite its differences	a.	has been thoroughly analyzed by experts.
2.	The swarm of locusts	b.	remains divided on the final verdict.
3.	An anthology of contemporary essays	c.	was devouring the crops at an alarming rate.
4.	The whereabouts of the ancient manuscript	d.	continues to elude even the most dedicated historians.

a. A-2, B-3, C-1, D-4

b. A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2

c. A-1, B-4, C-3, D-2

d. A-4, B-2, C-3, D-1

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Direct-indirect Speech

13. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate verbs to complete the sentence in indirect speech.

The coach _____ in frustration that the team _____ countless chances to score.

a. exclaimed, had wasted

b. told, was wasting

c. said, wasted

d. informed, had been wasting

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Figures of Speech

14. Match the figures of speech with their correct examples:

	Figures of Speech		Examples
A.	Tautology	1.	"I heard the buzzing bees in the garden."
B.	Onomatopoeia	2.	"This is a new innovation that will change the world."
C.	Litotes	3.	"She's not unlike her mother in mannerisms."
D.	Hyperbole	4.	"I've told you a million times to clean your room!"

a. A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4

b. A-2, B-1, C-3, D-4

c. A-2, B-4, C-3, D-1

d. A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Punctuations

15. Which of the following sentences has a punctuation error?

a. He always says, "Hard work pays off"; but he never follows his own advice.

b. The painting—though unfinished—was displayed at the gallery.

c. She couldn't believe it—had she really won the competition?

d. The project requires teamwork, dedication, and, above all, creativity.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Jumbled Words

16. Identify the correct sentence:

reverence / monuments / embodying / the / historical / architectural / unparalleled / craftsmanship / evoke

- The historical craftsmanship monuments embodying unparalleled architectural evoke reverence.
- Architectural craftsmanship evoke unparalleled the historical monuments embodying reverence.
- Unparalleled monuments embodying reverence historical craftsmanship evoke the architectural.
- The historical monuments embodying unparalleled architectural craftsmanship evoke reverence.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Editing and Omission

17. One word is omitted in the following sentence. Identify the missing word and provide the word before and after it.

The scientist emphasized need for immediate action to combat climate change.

- Missing word: to | Words before and after: action, combat
- Missing word: on | Words before and after: for, immediate
- Missing word: the | Words before and after: emphasized, need
- Missing word: to | Words before and after: action, combat

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Modals

18. Identify the sentence that does not express a possibility or uncertainty.

- She might have taken a different route to avoid the traffic.
- They could be waiting for us at the entrance.
- You must submit the final report by noon without exception.
- He may have forgotten about the meeting due to his busy schedule.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Collocations

19. Match the words in Column A with their most suitable collocations in Column B.

	Column A		Column B
1.	foment	a.	a blow
2.	deal	b.	discord
3.	wade through	c.	trouble
4.	court	d.	documents

- 1-c, 2-a, 3-d, 4-b
- 1-d, 2-b, 3-a, 4-c

- 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
- 1-b, 2-d, 3-c, 4-a

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Phrasal Verbs

20. Choose the correct phrasal verbs to complete the sentence:

The manager decided to _____ the old policies and _____ new ones to improve efficiency.

- a. do away with, bring in
- b. look after, fall apart
- c. take over, turn into
- d. put up with, give away

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Nouns

21. Choose the sentence in which the noun phrase functions as the object of the verb.

- a. The rapid spread of misinformation is a growing concern.
- b. The decision to postpone the event was unexpected.
- c. The teacher assigned a detailed research project on climate change.
- d. A thorough analysis of the collected data took several hours.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Figures of Speech

22. Identify the figure of speech in the sentence below:

Success is a ladder that cannot be climbed with your hands in your pockets.
The sentence contains an example of _____.

- a. anaphora
- b. anadiplosis
- c. allegory
- d. aphorism

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Subject-verb Agreement

23. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate verbs to complete the sentence:

The board of directors ____ announced that the guidelines ____ revised and that further amendments ____ expected.

- a. has, is, is
- b. have, has, are
- c. has, have been, are
- d. have, have, is

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Idioms

24. Which option best completes the idiom in this situation?

Despite working hard for months, Evelyn's project was rejected at the last moment. Frustrated, she sighed and said,
"I was so close to success, but at the last moment, everything went _____."

- a. down the rabbit hole
- b. up in smoke
- c. over the rainbow
- d. through the cracks

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Direct-indirect Speech

25. Choose the correct direct speech form of the given sentence:

She exclaimed with wonder that the view from the mountaintop was breathtaking.

- a. She said, "The view from the mountaintop is breathtaking!"
- b. She exclaimed, "How breathtaking the view from the mountaintop is!"
- c. She said, "What is a breathtaking view from the mountaintop!"
- d. She exclaimed, "The mountaintop have such a breathtaking view."

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Editing and Omission

26. The following sentence contains an error. Identify the incorrect word, provide the correct word, and mention the words before and after it.

Among the two designs, the latter is most aesthetically pleasing option.

- a. Incorrect word: most | Correct word: more | Words before and after: is, aesthetically
- b. Incorrect word: latter | Correct word: latest | Words before and after: the, is
- c. Incorrect word: aesthetically | Correct word: aesthetic | Words before and after: most, pleasing
- d. Incorrect word: option | Correct word: options | Words before and after: pleasing, .

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Active-passive Voice

27. Read the incident below and choose the correct passive voice conversion.

Scientists are examining the effects of climate change on marine life. They will release a detailed report next month.

- a. The effects of climate change on marine life were examined by scientists, and a detailed report had been released next month.
- b. The effects of climate change on marine life are examined by scientists, and a detailed report will release next month.
- c. The effects of climate change on marine life are being examined by scientists, and a detailed report will be released next month.
- d. The effects of climate change on marine life are being examined by scientists, and a detailed report is released next month.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Tenses

28. The sentence given below is followed by four answer choices, each with a different sentence and a pair of tenses. Choose the option that correctly identifies the two tenses used in the given sentence.

While the scientist was conducting the experiment, the assistants had already recorded the initial observations.

- a. The technician has calibrated the equipment, and the team is testing the samples. (Present perfect, present continuous)
- b. The researchers were analyzing the results when the system suddenly malfunctioned. (Past continuous, simple past)
- c. The manager was reviewing the reports while the team had completed the presentation. (Past continuous, past perfect)
- d. The professor was explaining the concept while the students had noted down the key points. (Simple past, future perfect)

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Collocations

29. Which of the following sentences contains the most natural collocation?

- a. The minister delivered a compelling speech on climate change.
- b. He conducted a powerful apology after his mistake.
- c. They gave a deep insight into the issue.
- d. We performed a crucial choice regarding the project.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Tenses

30. The given question contains a sentence that uses three different tenses. Identify the option that correctly names the three tenses used in the sentence.

By the time the guests arrived, the chef had prepared most of the dishes, but he is still garnishing the desserts.

- a. Present perfect, past perfect, present continuous
- b. Simple past, past continuous, future continuous
- c. Simple past, past perfect, present continuous
- d. Past perfect, simple past, future perfect

Reading Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

Direction for questions (31-33): Read the following editorial and answer the following question:

Dear Readers,

Teenagers are not just dreamers; they are innovators, disruptors, and architects of change. This magazine is more than a collection of articles—it is a powerful platform where youthful intellect meets creativity, where voices rise to challenge conventions, and where ideas ignite transformation.

In a world propelled by technological revolutions and shifting cultural landscapes, today's adolescents are fearlessly redefining boundaries. From championing social causes to excelling in science, literature, and the arts, they are proving that influence is not confined by age. They are not afraid to push the envelope, breaking barriers and setting new benchmarks for excellence. This publication seeks to amplify their brilliance, providing a forum for discourse, inspiration, and empowerment.

We urge you to embrace curiosity, reject mediocrity, and wield your potential with purpose. Let this magazine serve as both a mirror reflecting the vibrancy of teenage minds and a gateway to boundless opportunities. The world is listening—let your voice resonate with conviction and shape the future with vision.

Editorial Team

Cognitive Domain: Knowing	Content Domain: Information Retrieval
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31. What literary device is used in the phrase voices rise to challenge conventions, and ideas ignite transformation?

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| a. metaphor | b. simile |
| c. hyperbole | d. personification |

Cognitive Domain: Applying	Content Domain: Information Retrieval
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32. What is the implied message in the final statement: The world is listening—let your voice resonate with conviction and shape the future with vision?

- a. Teenagers must use their voices wisely because they have the power to influence the world.
 - b. The future depends entirely on the decisions of today's teenagers.
 - c. Only outspoken individuals can make an impact on society.
 - d. The world is waiting for a leader to emerge from the teenage generation.
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Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

33. In the editorial, the phrase push the envelope is used to describe teenagers who:

- a. Avoid taking risks and prefer to follow traditional methods.
- b. Challenge limits and set new standards of excellence.
- c. Struggle to balance academic and creative pursuits.
- d. Ignore responsibilities and take reckless decisions.

Direction for questions (34-36): Read the given essay and answer the following question:

Old Friendship: A Bond That Stands the Test of Time

Old friendships are like priceless gems, polished by time and strengthened by shared experiences. Unlike fleeting acquaintances, they withstand the test of time, offering unwavering support and a deep sense of belonging. Over the years, friends wade through life's highs and lows together, picking up where they left off, no matter how long they have been apart. The trust built over time is unshakable, allowing them to confide in each other without hesitation. They lend a hand in times of trouble, stand by each other through thick and thin, and never let trivial misunderstandings drive a wedge between them. Such friendships are not swayed by distance or circumstance, proving that true bonds do not fade but flourish.

Old friends not only bring solace but also an irreplaceable sense of nostalgia. Their laughter echoes through time, and their memories serve as reminders of who we once were. They know our strengths and shortcomings yet never look down on us. Unlike new companions who may merely scratch the surface, old friends dig deep, understanding the unspoken. They never turn a blind eye to our struggles but lift us up when we falter.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

34. Which phrase from the essay best conveys the idea of providing help and support?

- a. "Drive a wedge"
- b. "Lend a hand"
- c. "Look down on"
- d. "Turn a blind eye"

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

35. What is the meaning of the phrasal verb "pick up where they left off" in the essay?

- a. to continue from the same point after a break
- b. to completely restart a friendship
- c. to forget past misunderstandings
- d. to meet frequently without breaks

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

36. In the sentence "Old friendships are like priceless gems, polished by time and strengthened by shared experiences," what literary device is used?

- a. metaphor
- b. simile
- c. personification
- d. hyperbole

Direction for questions (37-39): Read the following classified advertisement and answer the following question:

Wanted: Full-Time Infant Helper

A compassionate, responsible, and experienced full-time helper is required to care for an infant. Duties include feeding, diaper changing, ensuring safety, and engaging in developmental activities tailored to the child's growth. Prior experience with newborns is highly desirable. The ideal candidate must have a warm and nurturing approach, along with excellent time management skills—because when it comes to childcare, every moment counts. We are looking for someone who can go the extra mile to ensure the well-being and happiness of the child. An attractive salary and a comfortable working environment will be provided.

Contact: Bright Care Services Ltd.
Address: 45 High Street, London, UK
Phone: +44 20 7946 0123
Email: info@brightcareservices.co.uk

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

37. What is the meaning of the idiom "go the extra mile" as used in the advertisement?

- a. travel a long distance for work
- b. put in additional effort beyond what is expected
- c. work overtime without extra pay
- d. take frequent breaks to avoid burnout

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

38. Identify the grammatical error, if any, in the sentence: "An attractive salary and a comfortable working environment will be provided because we believe in leaving no stone unturned when it comes to our little one's well-being."

- a. The subject-verb agreement is incorrect.
- b. "No stone unturned" is an incorrect idiom usage.
- c. "Little one's" should be "little ones'."
- d. There is no grammatical error.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

39. In the sentence, "The ideal candidate must have a warm and nurturing approach, along with excellent time management skills," what is the function of the phrase "along with excellent time management skills"?
- a. It is the subject of the sentence.
 - b. It is an adverbial phrase modifying "must have."
 - c. It is a prepositional phrase adding extra information.
 - d. It is the main verb of the sentence.

Direction for questions (40-42): Read the instruction manual and answer the following statement:

Instruction Manual for Ordering from Amazon Canada

Step 1: Create an Account

Visit Amazon.ca and click on "Sign In." Select "Create an account" if you're new. Enter your name, email, and password to register.

Step 2: Search for Products

Use the search bar to find items or browse categories. Refine results using filters like brand, price, and customer ratings.

Step 3: Add to Cart

Click on a product for details. Select quantity and variations (if applicable), then press "Add to Cart."

Step 4: Proceed to Checkout

Click the cart icon, review items, and press "Proceed to Checkout."

Step 5: Enter Shipping & Payment Details

Provide your shipping address and payment method (credit/debit card, PayPal, or gift card).

Step 6: Confirm & Track Order

Review details, click "Place Order," and track shipment under "Your Orders."

Enjoy hassle-free shopping!

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

40. Which of these sentences demonstrates the correct use of an imperative verb, as typically found in instruction manuals?
- a. You should clicking the "Confirm Order" button to complete your purchase.
 - b. Click the "Confirm Order" button to complete your purchase.
 - c. Clicking the "Confirm Order" button completes your purchase.
 - d. The "Confirm Order" button should be clicked to complete your purchase.

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

41. Which payment method is NOT typically accepted on Amazon Canada?

- a. Credit/debit cards
- b. Amazon gift cards
- c. PayPal
- d. Cash on delivery

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

42. Identify the grammatically correct sentence for an instruction manual.

- a. Ensure that the device is plugging in before turning it on.
- b. Ensure that the device is plugged in before turning it on.
- c. Ensure that the device plug in before turning it on.
- d. Ensure that the device is being plug before turning it on.

Direction for questions (43-45): Read the given biography and answer the following question:

Usain Bolt: The Lightning-Fast Legend

Usain Bolt, the embodiment of speed and charisma, is hailed as the greatest sprinter in history. Born on August 21, 1986, in Sherwood Content, Jamaica, Bolt's talent emerged early. Initially inclined toward cricket and football, his blazing speed redirected him to track and field. At 15, he struck gold in the 200 meters at the 2002 World Junior Championships, signaling the rise of an icon. His breakthrough came at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, where he shattered world records in the 100m (9.69 seconds) and 200m (19.30 seconds), proving that "fortune favors the bold." His infectious energy and signature celebration cemented his legendary status.

Bolt's dominance continued at the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympics, where he achieved an unprecedented "triple-triple," securing gold in the 100m, 200m, and 4x100m relay in three consecutive Games. His world records—9.58 seconds in the 100m and 19.19 seconds in the 200m—stand unchallenged. Retiring in 2017, Bolt embraced business and philanthropy, proving that "a smooth sea never made a skilled sailor." His legacy as the fastest man ever remains untouched.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

43. Which of the following best captures the meaning of the proverb "fortune favors the bold" in the context of Usain Bolt's career?

- a. Success is purely based on luck.
- b. Only those who train the hardest will win races.
- c. Those who take risks and seize opportunities often succeed.
- d. Talent is more important than hard work.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

44. What does the phrase "cemented his legendary status" imply about Usain Bolt?

- a. He became an Olympic coach.
- b. He permanently established himself as an icon.
- c. He started a business empire.
- d. His records were immediately broken.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Information Retrieval

45. What does the proverb "a smooth sea never made a skilled sailor" suggest about Bolt's journey?

- a. He faced no challenges in his career.
- b. Bolt's success was accidental.
- c. Training in calm conditions is better.
- d. Hardships and challenges shaped his greatness.

Answer Key

1.	b	2.	d	3.	b	4.	a	5.	b	6.	d	7.	c
8.	c	9.	c	10.	b	11.	c	12.	a	13.	a	14.	b
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