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# Sample Paper



**Class 6**

## Unicus Global English Olympiad (UGEO)

Time: 60 minutes

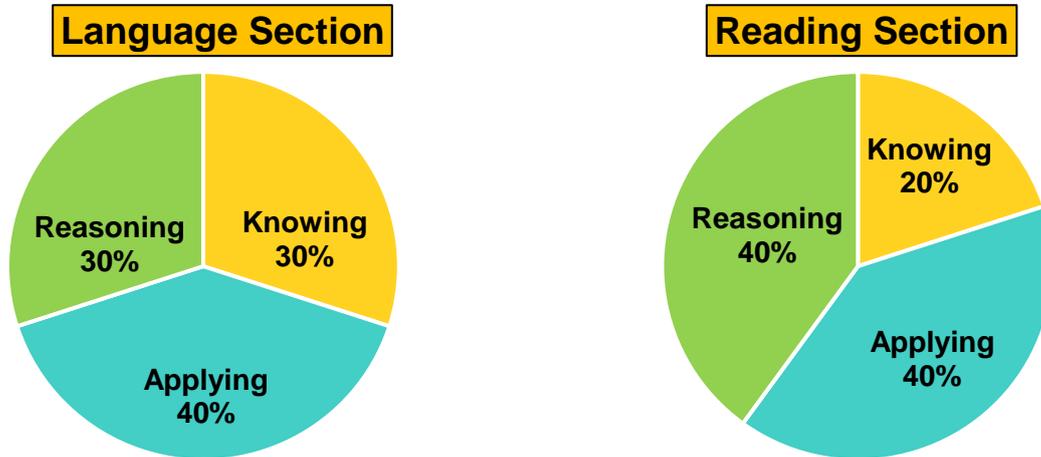
Pattern and Marking Scheme			
Section	Total Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
Language Section	30	1	30
Reading Section	15	2	30
Grand Total	45		60

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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. Choose the correct possessive noun form from the given options.
- a. the scholar's dissertation
  - b. the dissertation of the scholar
  - c. the dissertation scholar
  - d. scholar of the dissertation

**Cognitive Domain: Knowing**

**Content Domain: Pronouns**

2. Which sentence correctly uses a demonstrative pronoun?
- a. This book contains many interesting stories.
  - b. They went to the park yesterday.
  - c. He is the tallest in the class.
  - d. This is the book I was talking about.

**Cognitive Domain: Knowing**

**Content Domain: Verbs**

3. Fill in the blank with a suitable transitive verb. Choose the correct option.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ the intricate design on the vase.
- a. crafted
  - b. discovered
  - c. depicted
  - d. erased

**Cognitive Domain: Knowing**

**Content Domain: Adverbs**

4. Which of the following sentences contains an adverb of frequency?
- a. He sporadically attends the meetings.
  - b. The artist painted the mural.
  - c. She promptly responded to the email.
  - d. They performed admirably.

**Cognitive Domain: Knowing**

**Content Domain: Adjectives**

5. Identify the adjective of quality in the following sentence:
- The diligent student finished the assignment on time.
- a. student
  - b. finished
  - c. diligent
  - d. assignment

**Cognitive Domain: Knowing**

**Content Domain: Articles**

6. Fill in the blank with the correct article:

\_\_\_ Pacific Ocean is the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions.

- a. The
- b. An
- c. A
- d. No article

**Cognitive Domain: Knowing**

**Content Domain: Prepositions**

7. Which sentence uses a preposition incorrectly?

- a. She has a predilection towards classical music.
- b. The committee meets biweekly to deliberate on various issues.
- c. The artifact was discovered beneath the ancient ruins.
- d. The theory is premised on several empirical observations.

**Cognitive Domain: Knowing**

**Content Domain: Conjunctions**

8. Choose the correct conjunction to complete the sentence:

The manager spoke to the team, \_\_\_\_\_ he wanted to address their concerns directly.

- a. since
- b. while
- c. when
- d. unless

**Cognitive Domain: Knowing**

**Content Domain: Punctuation**

9. Which of the following sentences uses commas correctly?

- a. My brother who is a talented musician plays the guitar.
- b. My brother, who is a talented musician plays the guitar.
- c. My brother, who is a talented musician, plays the guitar.
- d. My brother who, is a talented musician, plays the guitar.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Noun**

10. Choose the correct word to complete the compound noun.

The company issued a \_\_\_\_\_ warning about the product.

- a. security
- b. caution
- c. alert
- d. safety

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Type of Sentences**

11. Which of the following sentences is a complex sentence?

- a. She enjoys reading, and she also loves writing.
- b. When the rain stopped, we went outside to play.
- c. I will call you later.
- d. The house was old but beautiful.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Jumbled words**

12. Rearrange the following words to form a meaningful sentence:

the / magnificent / not / even / could / view / from / capture / the / camera / the / mountaintop

- a. The view from the mountaintop could not even capture the magnificent camera.
- b. Even the magnificent view from the mountaintop could not capture the camera.
- c. The camera could not even capture the mountaintop from the magnificent view.
- d. The magnificent view from the mountaintop could not even be captured by the camera.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Spellings**

13. Which word is misspelt in the following sentence?

The archaeologist discovered an exquisite artifact in the ancient ruins, deemed invaluable by historians.

- a. artifact.
- b. exquisite
- c. archaeologist
- d. invaluable

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Synonyms**

14. Which word is the best antonym for "frugal" in the following sentence?

He lived a frugal lifestyle, saving most of his earnings.

- a. Thrifty
- b. Extravagant
- c. Economical
- d. Prudent

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Homophones**

15. Choose the correct word and fill in the blank:

Despite the \_\_\_\_\_ weather, the event was a huge success.

- a. inclement
- b. increment
- c. incandescence
- d. incinerate

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Idiom and proverbs**

16. Despite being warned about the dangers, John procrastinated on his important project until the last minute.

Which proverb reflects John's behaviour?

- a. The early bird catches the worm.
- b. Actions speak louder than words
- c. A rolling stone gathers no moss.
- d. Procrastination is the thief of time.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Phrasal Verbs**

17. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence:

She was so tired that she decided to \_\_\_\_\_ after the long day at work.

- a. break down
- b. give up
- c. put up
- d. take off

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Tenses**

18. Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the sentence:

By the time he \_\_\_\_\_ his homework, his friends \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ playing outside.

- a. finishes, have, started
- b. finished, had, started
- c. had finished, had, started
- d. finishes, will have, started

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Smile and Metaphors**

19. What does the metaphor "Time is a thief" imply?

- a. Time steals our possessions.
- b. Time moves quickly.
- c. Time takes away our moments.
- d. Time is valuable.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: One Word Substitution**

20. Which word describes 'a large-scale destruction by fire'?

- a. Conflagration
- b. Inferno
- c. Holocaust
- d. Pyromania

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Parts of speech**

21. Which of the following sentences uses the correct plural form of "syllabus"?

- a. The syllabuses for the next semester are available online.
- b. The syllabi for the next semester is available online.
- c. The syllabuss for the next semester are available online.
- d. The syllabi for the next semester are available online.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Subject Verb Agreement**

22. Choose the correct verb:

The list of items that each participant \_\_\_ to bring \_\_\_ on the bulletin board.

- a. needs, are
- b. need, is
- c. needs, is
- d. need, are

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Part of Speech**

23. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word in the following sentence:

The professor spoke with great eloquence during the lecture.

- a. adjective
- b. noun
- c. verb
- d. adverb

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Conjunctions**

24. Rearrange the following sentences to form a coherent paragraph. Choose the correct order and conjunctions to make the paragraph meaningful.

Sentences:

- 1. I decided to join the gym to improve my fitness.
- 2. I was feeling quite tired after a long day at work.
- 3. Since I wanted to stay healthy, I knew I needed to exercise regularly.
- 4. Therefore, I signed up for a membership.
- 5. Although initially difficult, I eventually got used to the routine.

- a. 2, 1, 3, 4, 5
- b. 1, 2, 4, 3, 5
- c. 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
- d. 1, 3, 2, 4, 5

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Subject Verb Agreement**

25. Which sentence correctly uses subject-verb agreement with a compound subject?

- a. Neither the manager nor the employees is going to the meeting.
- b. Neither the manager nor the employees have been going to the meeting.
- c. Neither the manager nor the employees was going to the meeting.
- d. Neither the manager nor the employees were going to the meeting.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Sentences**

26. Given below is a small paragraph with an error in each sentence.

She is confident about her presentation on next week. The kids are playing outside of the school yard after class. He was pleased with the results of the experiment despite the difficulties. We will discuss the issues with the team in the office tomorrow.

Rewrite the paragraph correctly.

- a. She is confident about her presentation for next week. The kids are playing outside in the school yard after class. He was pleased with the results of an experiment despite the difficulties. We will discuss the issues with the team at the office tomorrow.
- b. She is confident about her presentation next week. The kids are playing outside for the school yard after class. He was pleased with the results of the experiment despite the difficulties. We will discuss the issues with the team in the office tomorrow.
- c. She is confident about her presentation next week. The kids are playing outside the school yard after class. He was pleased with the results of the experiment despite difficulties. We will discuss the issues with the team at the office tomorrow.
- d. She is confident about her presentation next week. The kids are playing outside the school yard after class. He was pleased with the results of the experiment despite difficulties. We will discuss the issues with the team in the office tomorrow.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Subject Verb Agreement**

27. Fill in the blank with a correct verb:

Either the teacher or the students \_\_\_\_\_ to submit their feedback by Friday.

- a. has
- b. have
- c. had
- d. will have

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Proverb**

28. What does the proverb "You can't judge a book by its cover" mean?

- a. The title of a book determines its content.
- b. Appearances can be deceiving; do not judge something solely by its outward appearance.
- c. Books with attractive covers are always the best.
- d. A book's content is always reflected in its cover design.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Adjectives**

29. Which sentence contains a superlative adjective?

- a. This restaurant is better than the others across town.
- b. His car is faster than mine.
- c. The new movie was more exciting than the old one.
- d. She is the most talented singer in the choir.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Similes and Metaphors**

30. Find the odd one out.

- a. She is a tornado on the track.
- b. His heart is a cold stone.
- c. The classroom was a zoo during the recess.
- d. Her explanation was as clear as crystal.

## Reading Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

**Direction for questions (31-33): Read the paragraph given below and answer the following question.**

In the verdant enclaves of tropical forests and remote highlands, one can encounter an array of rare and exotic fruits that defy the conventional. The mangosteen, with its deep purple rind and luscious white flesh, is celebrated for its exquisite sweetness and slight tang. Another gem is the miracle fruit, which has the uncanny ability to make sour foods taste sweet, a phenomenon attributable to the glycoprotein miraculin. The Buddha's hand, a citrus fruit with finger-like segments, emits a fragrant aroma and is often used in perfumery. The cherimoya, or custard apple, has a creamy texture and a flavour reminiscent of a blend of pineapple, banana, and strawberry. The ackee, native to West Africa but widely grown in Jamaica, must be consumed with caution as its unripe parts are highly toxic. The durian, notorious for its potent odour, is either revered or reviled for its custard-like flesh. Lastly, the jaboticaba, often described as a "tree grape," grows directly on the trunk of its tree, providing a unique visual and gustatory experience. These fruits, though not commonly found in local markets, offer a glimpse into the diverse and fascinating world of tropical horticulture, each with its own story and cultural significance.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

31. The durian is often referred to as the fruit with a \_\_\_\_\_ odour.

- a. subtle
- b. sweet
- c. potent
- d. mild

**Cognitive Domain: Reasoning**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

32. The adjective "verdant" in the paragraph means:

- a. dry
- b. green
- c. barren
- d. tropical

**Cognitive Domain: Reasoning**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

33. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- a. The cherimoya, who is known for its creamy texture, is often called custard apple.
- b. The ackee must be consumed with caution as its unripe parts is highly toxic.
- c. The mangosteen, with its deep purple rind and luscious white flesh, is celebrated for its exquisite sweetness.
- d. The miracle fruit, which has the uncanny ability of making sour foods to taste sweet.

**Direction for questions (34-36): Read the following passages and answer the following question.**

Magic has fascinated people for centuries, with magicians from different parts of the world captivating audiences with their incredible tricks. One of the most famous magicians is Harry Houdini, known for his daring escape acts. Houdini could free himself from handcuffs, chains, and locked containers, earning the title "The Handcuff King." In the modern era, David Copperfield has amazed people with his grand illusions, such as making the Statue of Liberty disappear. Copperfield's performances are not just about tricks; they are elaborate shows with storytelling and special effects.

In Asia, magic has a rich history. Liu Qian from China is renowned for his sleight of hand and close-up magic. His performances often leave audiences wondering how he did it. Similarly, India's P.C. Sorcar mesmerized people with his traditional Indian magic and dramatic stage presence. Sorcar's act, "The Indian Rope Trick," is legendary, where he seemingly made a rope rise and a boy climb it before disappearing.

Magicians often use misdirection, the art of diverting the audience's attention, to perform their tricks. This skill requires practice, precision, and an understanding of human psychology. Today, magic continues to evolve, incorporating technology and new techniques. Whether on stage or screen, magicians around the world continue to mystify and entertain, proving that the art of magic is timeless.

**Cognitive Domain: Knowing**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

34. What is a key element in Liu Qian's magic performances?

- a. Storytelling
- b. Grand illusions
- c. Sleight of hand
- d. Escape acts

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

35. How does the passage describe the evolution of magic?
- a. It has remained the same over the years.
  - b. It has incorporated technology and new techniques.
  - c. It has become less popular.
  - d. It has been replaced by science.
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**Cognitive Domain: Reasoning**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

36. What is the main purpose of incorporating storytelling and special effects in magic shows?
- a. to perform traditional tricks
  - b. to make the tricks harder to understand
  - c. to enhance the visual appeal and engage the audience
  - d. to distract the audience from the main act
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**Direction for questions (37-39): Read the poem 'Wander Thirst' by Gerald Gould. This poem beautifully captures the restless spirit of a wanderer, driven by the call of the unknown and the allure of distant horizons. Read this poem and answer the question that follows.**

Beyond the East the sunrise, beyond the West the sea,  
And East and West the wander-thirst that will not let me be;  
It works in me like madness, dear, to bid me say goodbye;  
For the seas call and the stars call, and oh, the call of the sky!

I know not where the white road runs, nor what the blue hills are,  
But a man can have the Sun for a friend and for his guide a star;  
And there's no end of voyaging when once the voice is heard,  
For the rivers call and the roads call, and oh, the call of a bird!

Yonder the long horizon lies, and there by night and day,  
The old ships draw to home again, the young ships sail away;  
And come I may, but go I must, and if men ask you why,  
You may put the blame on the stars and the Sun, the white road and the sky.

**Cognitive Domain: Knowing**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

37. Which natural elements are mentioned as friends or guides for the speaker?
- a. The Sun and the moon
  - b. The Sun and a star
  - c. The rivers and the roads
  - d. The white road and the sky
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**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

38. What does the speaker not know about his journey?

- a. Where the white road runs
- b. The name of the star
- c. The call of the sea
- d. The direction of the horizon

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

39. How does the poem "Wander Thirst" primarily convey the poet's feelings?

- a. through vivid imagery
- b. through dialogue
- c. through historical references
- d. through scientific facts

**Direction for questions (40-42): Read the paragraph given below and answer the following question.**

Vatican City, the smallest independent state in the world, is nestled within the city of Rome, Italy. Covering just 44 hectares, this unique sovereign territory is the spiritual and administrative hub of the Roman Catholic Church. Despite its compact size, Vatican City holds immense significance as the residence of the Pope, the spiritual leader of over 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide. It is also home to some of the world's most remarkable architecture and priceless works of art, including St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel, both of which attract millions of visitors annually. The Vatican Museums, featuring vast collections of sculptures, paintings, and ancient artefacts, further underscore its cultural richness.

St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest and most awe-inspiring churches, stands out with its grand dome dominating the skyline. The Sistine Chapel, famous for its ceiling painted by Michelangelo, is considered a masterpiece of Renaissance art. In addition to its religious and cultural significance, Vatican City houses one of the oldest libraries, preserving invaluable manuscripts that span centuries. Since becoming an independent state in 1929, the Vatican has maintained its own governance, with its postal system, radio station, and even a small, dedicated military force known as the Swiss Guard. Though small in size, Vatican City's influence on global religion, history, and art is truly unrivalled, making it a powerful symbol of faith and heritage.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

40. Which of the following correctly describes the Swiss Guard?

- a. They are a ceremonial unit without military duties.
- b. They are the largest standing army in the world.
- c. They serve as the personal bodyguards to the Pope.
- d. They have been part of Vatican City since its founding in 1929.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

41. Which of the following is an accurate reflection of Vatican City's legal and political structure?
- The Pope is elected for life by the College of Cardinals.
  - The Pope shares his executive powers with the Vatican Parliament.
  - The Pope's decisions are reviewed by the Italian government.
  - Vatican City has a constitution modeled after the Italian Republic.

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**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

42. In the context of the sentence, "Vatican City exerts a profound influence on global religion," what does the word "profound" most closely mean?
- subtle
  - shallow
  - intense
  - minor

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**Direction for questions (43-45): Read the paragraph given below and answer the following question.**

Dr. Benjamin Spock was a groundbreaking paediatrician whose work revolutionized parenting in the 20th century. Born in 1903, Spock initially trained in medicine but became deeply interested in child development. His landmark book, *The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care*, published in 1946, challenged the rigid, authoritarian approaches to child-rearing that had dominated for decades. Spock advocated for a more compassionate, instinctive style of parenting. His key message was that parents should trust their natural instincts, offering children love, understanding, and guidance, rather than relying on strict discipline. His famous advice, "Trust yourself. You know more than you think you do," empowered millions of parents, encouraging them to raise children in a nurturing and supportive environment.

Beyond his medical career, Spock was an outspoken activist, particularly against the Vietnam War, which earned him both admiration and criticism. His work transcended borders, as his book was translated into numerous languages, making his approach accessible to parents worldwide. Dr. Spock passed away in 1998, but his transformative impact on childcare and parenting endures, shaping how modern families nurture and support their children.

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**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

43. Spock's famous phrase, "Trust yourself. You know more than you think you do," signifies his belief in:
- blind obedience to experts
  - the inherent wisdom of parents
  - the importance of traditional methods
  - a detached approach to parenting

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

44. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

- a. Dr. Spock was an influential paediatrician whose ideas changed parenting.
- b. Dr. Spock was an influential paediatrician who's ideas changed parenting.
- c. Dr. Spock were an influential pediatrician, whose ideas changed parenting.
- d. Dr. Spock is an influential paediatrician, whose ideas changes parenting.

**Cognitive Domain: Applying**

**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

45. The word "revolutionized" in the context of Spock's work means:

- a. altered slightly
- b. maintained status quo
- c. caused confusion
- d. completely transformed

## Answer Key

1.	a	2.	d	3.	c	4.	a	5.	c	6.	a	7.	b
8.	a	9.	c	10.	d	11.	b	12.	d	13.	a	14.	b
15.	a	16.	d	17.	d	18.	d	19.	c	20.	a	21.	d
22.	c	23.	b	24.	a	25.	d	26.	c	27.	b	28.	b
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43.	b	44.	a	45.	d								