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Sample Paper



Class 10

Unicus General Knowledge Explorers (UGKE)

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 of 1 Mark)

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The Forex (Foreign Exchange) Market is the world's largest and most liquid financial market.
2. The United States holds the highest foreign exchange reserves in the world.

Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 2 is correct | b. both statements are correct |
| c. both statements are incorrect | d. only statement 1 is correct |

2. Fill in the blank:

_____, located in Hawaii, is the world's most continuously active volcano, erupting for over 30 years.

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| a. Mount Vesuvius | b. Mauna Loa |
| c. Kilauea | d. Mount St. Helens |

3. Match the country with its unique geological features:

	Country		Feature
1.	Iceland	a.	Largest coral reef system
2.	Australia	b.	Home to the deepest point on earth
3.	Japan	c.	Located on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge
4.	Mariana Islands (USA)	d.	Part of the Pacific Ring of Fire

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

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Lake Baikal in Russia contains nearly 20% of the world's unfrozen freshwater supply.
2. It is the world's deepest lake and is estimated to be over 25 million years old.

Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 1 is correct | b. only statement 2 is correct |
| c. both statements are correct | d. both statements are incorrect |

5. Fill in the blank:

The deepest part of the Earth's oceans, the Mariana Trench, is located in the _____ Ocean.

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| a. Indian | b. Arctic |
| c. Atlantic | d. Pacific |

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6. Match each international organisation with its headquarters location:

	Organisation		Headquarters
1.	CERN	a.	Vienna, Austria
2.	IAEA	b.	Washington, D.C.
3.	OECD	c.	Geneva, Switzerland
4.	NASA	d.	Paris, France

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

- b. 1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-d
d. 1-c, 2-a, 3-d, 4-b
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7. Which country holds the record for winning the most Paralympic medals in history?

- a. Germany
c. Great Britain

- b. China
d. United States
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8. Which country is famous for its Cherry Blossom Festival, a celebration of the blooming pink and white cherry trees?

- a. Japan
c. China

- b. Sri Lanka
d. Thailand
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9. Match the country with its most significant energy resource:

	Country		Energy Resource
1.	Saudi Arabia	a.	Largest hydropower producer
2.	USA	b.	Largest crude oil reserves
3.	China	c.	Largest producer of biofuels
4.	Thailand	d.	Largest rubber producer

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

- b. 1-d, 2-a, 3-b, 4-c
d. 1-b, 2-c, 3-d, 4-a
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10. Consider the following statements:

1. The WTO was established to regulate international trade and resolve disputes between countries.
 2. The headquarters of the WTO is located in Washington, D.C. USA.
- Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statement 1 is correct
c. both statements are correct

- b. only statement 2 is correct
d. both statements are incorrect
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11. Match the country with its official national sport:

	Country		National Sport
1.	South Korea	a.	Baseball
2.	Canada	b.	Ice Hockey & Lacrosse
3.	Cuba	c.	Taekwondo
4.	China	d.	Table Tennis

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

- b. 1-c, 2-b, 3-d, 4-a
d. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a, 4-d
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12. Arrange the following international organisations chronologically based on their establishment:

1. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
2. European Space Agency (ESA)
3. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
4. European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)

a. $3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$

b. $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4$

c. $4 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2$

d. $2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$

13. Which planet has been explored by NASA's rovers like Curiosity, Perseverance, and Opportunity?

a. Venus

b. Mars

c. Jupiter

d. Mercury

14. Fill in the blank:

The first official Paralympic Games were held in 1960 in _____.

a. United Kingdom

b. Italy

c. United States

d. Germany

15. Which of the following economic indicators is the most difficult to accurately measure across all countries?

a. Inflation Rate

b. GDP Growth

c. Unemployment Rate

d. Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)

16. Which country established the world's first organized financial derivatives exchange?

a. USA

b. Japan

c. Netherlands

d. UK

17. Consider the following statements:

1. Australia is the most successful team in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, winning the most titles.
2. India was the first to win the ICC Cricket World Cup on home soil.

Which of the following is correct?

a. only statement 1 is correct

b. only statement 2 is correct

c. both statements are correct

d. both statements are incorrect

18. Arrange the following countries in the order they first surpassed a \$1 trillion GDP:

1. United States
2. China
3. India
4. Japan

a. $1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$

b. $4 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$

c. $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$

d. $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4$

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19. Fill in the blank:

_____ is home to Stonehenge, a prehistoric stone monument whose exact purpose remains a mystery.

- a. Ireland
 - b. Scotland
 - c. England
 - d. Wales
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20. Fill in the blank:

_____ was the first country to introduce a Goods and Services Tax (GST), a value-added tax system, in 1954.

- a. Germany
 - b. France
 - c. United Kingdom
 - d. Canada
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21. Match the space agency with its famous mission:

	Space		Agency Mission
1.	NASA	a.	Chandrayaan-3
2.	ISRO	b.	Voyager 1 & 2
3.	Roscosmos	c.	Luna-25
4.	ESA	d.	Rosetta Comet Mission

- a. 1-a, 2-d, 3-b, 4-c
 - b. 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b
 - c. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-d
 - d. 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
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22. Which of the following is the only Asian country member of the G7 (Group of Seven)?

- a. South Korea
 - b. China
 - c. India
 - d. Japan
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23. Where is the International Court of Justice (ICJ) headquartered?

- a. Geneva, Switzerland
 - b. New York, USA
 - c. Hague, Netherlands
 - d. Vienna, Austria
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24. Arrange the following scientific milestones in chronological order:

1. First artificial satellite (Sputnik 1).
2. First human-born through IVF.
3. First human to set foot on the Moon.
4. First AI robot granted citizenship.

- a. 1 → 2 → 3 → 4
 - b. 1 → 3 → 2 → 4
 - c. 3 → 1 → 4 → 2
 - d. 2 → 1 → 3 → 4
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25. Consider the following statements:

1. The United Nations Peacekeeping forces have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts in maintaining global peace.
 2. The majority of UN peacekeeping missions are deployed in Europe and North America.
- Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 2 is correct | b. only statement 1 is correct |
| c. both statements are correct | d. both statements are incorrect |
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26. Arrange the following famous architectural structures in chronological order of their completion:

1. Notre Dame Cathedral (France)
2. Colosseum (Italy)
3. Sydney Opera House (Australia)
4. Taj Mahal (India)

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| a. $2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3$ | b. $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$ |
| c. $3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 4$ | d. $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4$ |
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27. Which space mission was the first to capture detailed images of Saturn's rings and its moons?

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| a. Pioneer 11 | b. Voyager 2 |
| c. Cassini-Huygens | d. Galileo |
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28. Fill in the blank:

_____ is the largest producer of lithium, a crucial mineral for electric vehicle batteries and renewable energy storage.

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| a. China | b. Argentina |
| c. United States | d. Australia |
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29. Consider the following statements:

1. Sophia, the first AI robot to be granted citizenship, was developed by a Hong Kong-based robotics company.
2. Sophia was granted citizenship by the United Arab Emirates in 2017.

Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 2 is correct | b. only statement 1 is correct |
| c. both statements are incorrect | d. both statements are correct |
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30. Which country was the first to introduce a carbon tax as part of its national policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

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| a. Finland | b. Canada |
| c. Germany | d. Australia |
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31. Fill in the blank:

In 2022, Russian cosmonaut _____ set the record for the longest single spaceflight, spending 437 consecutive days aboard the ISS.

- a. Valery Polyakov
 - b. Mark Vande Hei
 - c. Oleg Kononenko
 - d. Scott Kelly
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32. Fill in the blanks:

The first country to introduce plastic polymer banknotes to replace paper currency was _____.

- a. Australia
 - b. Canada
 - c. UK
 - d. Singapore
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33. Which country has the largest economy in the ASEAN?

- a. Malaysia
 - b. Philippines
 - c. Indonesia
 - d. Thailand
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34. Which is the only African country that is a member of the G20 (Group of Twenty)?

- a. South Africa
 - b. Nigeria
 - c. Egypt
 - d. Kenya
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35. Match each country with its famous traditional martial art:

	Country		Martial Art
1.	Thailand	a.	Capoeira
2.	Brazil	b.	Taekwondo
3.	South Korea	c.	Muay Thai
4.	China	d.	Kung Fu

- a. 1-a, 2-d, 3-c, 4-b
 - b. 1-b, 2-c, 3-d, 4-a
 - c. 1-c, 2-a, 3-d, 4-b
 - d. 1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-d
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36. Which of the following is the world's largest producer of solar power, with the highest installed solar capacity?

- a. United States
 - b. China
 - c. India
 - d. Germany
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37. Fill in the blank:

The first country to officially withdraw from the International Criminal Court (ICC) in 2017 was _____.

- a. Russia
 - b. Burundi
 - c. South Africa
 - d. Venezuela
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38. Fill in the blank:

The first country in the world to launch a nationwide Universal Basic Income (UBI) pilot program, providing a fixed amount of money to its citizens, was _____.

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| a. Canada | b. Finland |
| c. Switzerland | d. Denmark |
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39. Which country has the largest proven oil reserves in the world?

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| a. Saudi Arabia | b. Venezuela |
| c. Canada | d. Iraq |
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40. Arrange the following major banking developments in chronological order:

1. Establishment of the World Bank & IMF.
2. Launch of the first credit card.
3. Introduction of mobile banking apps.
4. Creation of SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication).

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| a. 1 → 2 → 4 → 3 | b. 2 → 1 → 3 → 4 |
| c. 3 → 1 → 4 → 2 | d. 4 → 3 → 2 → 1 |
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Scholar Section (Each Question is of 2 Marks)

41. Consider the following statements:

1. China is the world's largest producer of renewable energy, leading in solar and wind power generation.
2. China is the largest producer of electric vehicles.

Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 1 is correct | b. only statement 2 is correct |
| c. both statements are correct | d. both statements are incorrect |
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42. Consider the following statements:

1. The Andes Mountains are the longest continental mountain range on Earth.
2. The Himalayas are the tallest mountain range on Earth in terms of average elevation.

Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 1 is correct | b. both statements are incorrect |
| c. only statement 2 is correct | d. both statements are correct |
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43. Arrange the following major FIFA World Cup records in chronological order:

1. Brazil becomes the first team to win 5 World Cups
2. Pele becomes the youngest player to score in a World Cup final.
3. Germany wins the first-ever Women's World Cup
4. Lionel Messi wins the most Ballon d'Or awards in history

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| a. 1 → 2 → 4 → 3 | b. 3 → 2 → 1 → 4 |
| c. 2 → 1 → 3 → 4 | d. 2 → 3 → 1 → 4 |
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44. Consider the following statements:

1. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is responsible for overseeing the peaceful use of nuclear energy and preventing nuclear weapons proliferation.
2. IAEA is a specialized agency under the United Nations (UN) and reports directly to the UN Security Council.

Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 2 is correct | b. only statement 1 is correct |
| c. both statements are correct | d. both statements are incorrect |
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45. Match the country with its significant economic policy or strategy:

	Country		Economic Policy
1.	Sweden	a.	One Belt, One Road Infrastructure Initiative
2.	China	b.	Universal free healthcare and education system
3.	Switzerland	c.	Banking secrecy laws that attracted global wealth
4.	United Arab Emirates	d.	Oil-backed wealth fund investments

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| a. 1-a, 2-d, 3-b, 4-c | b. 1-c, 2-b, 3-d, 4-a |
| c. 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c | d. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-d |
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46. Consider the following statements:

1. The Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy was originally built to tilt as part of its design.
2. The Hagia Sophia in Turkey has served as a church, a mosque, and now a museum.

Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 1 is correct | b. only statement 2 is correct |
| c. both statements are correct | d. both statements are incorrect |
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47. Match each country with its most recognized stock market index:

	Country stock		Market Index
1.	USA	a.	Nikkei 225
2.	Japan	b.	CAC 40
3.	France	c.	Dow Jones Industrial Average
4.	Germany	d.	DAX 40

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| a. 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b | b. 1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-d |
| c. 1-c, 2-a, 3-d, 4-b | d. 1-b, 2-d, 3-c, 4-a |
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48. Arrange the following Mars missions in chronological order:

1. Viking 1 (USA)
2. Mars Pathfinder (USA)
3. Curiosity Rover (USA)
4. Tianwen-1 (China)

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| a. 2 → 1 → 4 → 3 | b. 1 → 2 → 3 → 4 |
| c. 1 → 3 → 2 → 4 | d. 4 → 3 → 1 → 2 |
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49. Match each pioneering achievement with the country associated with it:

	Achievement		Country
1.	The first country to land a rover on the far side of the moon	a.	Norway
2.	The first country to launch a satellite into space	b.	China
3.	The first country to reach the south pole of the earth	c.	Soviet Union (Russia)
4.	The first country to introduce commercial electric cars	d.	UK

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

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

50. Arrange the following major international conflicts and peace agreements in chronological order:

1. End of apartheid in South Africa
2. Signing of the Paris Climate Agreement
3. The start of the Syrian Civil War
4. Russia's annexation of Crimea

- a. 1 → 3 → 4 → 2
c. 3 → 1 → 4 → 2

- b. 2 → 1 → 3 → 4
d. 4 → 2 → 1 → 3

Answer Key

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