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Sample Paper



Class 9

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. Sarah is comparing two cereal boxes. One claims it is low fat, while the other says it is reduced fat. Which of the following statements is true about these claims?
 - a. both terms mean the same thing
 - b. low fat means less than 3g per serving
 - c. reduced fat means 25% less fat than regular
 - d. neither term is regulated by the FDA.

2. Which leader is credited with the quote, don't follow the crowd, let the crowd follow you?
 - a. Margaret Thatcher
 - b. Winston Churchill
 - c. Mahatma Gandhi
 - d. Theodore Roosevelt

3. Fill in the blanks:
The largest international migration corridor in the world is between _____ and _____, with millions of migrants moving for economic opportunities.
 - a. USA, Canada
 - b. India, UAE
 - c. Mexico, USA
 - d. China, Australia

4. Fill in the blank:
_____ once said, it doesn't make sense to hire smart people and tell them what to do, we hire smart people so they can tell us what to do.
 - a. Bill Gates
 - b. Elon Musk
 - c. Jeff Bezos
 - d. Steve Jobs

5. Which of the following is an example of a liability?
 - a. a car you own
 - b. shares of a company
 - c. money in your savings account
 - d. a loan you have to repay

6. Consider the following statements about leadership and motivation:
 1. Henry Ford believed that one's mindset determines success or failure.
 2. Walt Disney was famous for discouraging ambitious ideas and fearing failure.
 3. Ronald Reagan emphasized that great leaders inspire others to achieve greatness.Which of the following is correct?
 - a. only statement 1 is correct
 - b. only statements 1 and 3 are correct
 - c. only statement 2 is correct
 - d. all statements are correct

7. What happens to the price of a product when its demand increases but supply remains the same?
 - a. price decreases
 - b. price increases
 - c. equilibrium price
 - d. rise initially and then fall

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8. Which global financial institution provides loans and grants to developing countries for development projects?

- a. International Monetary Fund
 - b. World Trade Organization
 - c. World Bank
 - d. United Nations
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9. Which leader is credited with the quote, whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right?

- a. Steve Jobs
 - b. Walt Disney
 - c. Henry Ford
 - d. Ronald Reagan
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10. Consider the following statements about the demographic dividend:

- 1. It occurs when a country has a large working-age population.
- 2. It automatically leads to economic growth without policy changes.
- 3. It is a temporary phase in a country's demographic transition.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statement 1 is correct
 - b. only statements 1 and 3 are correct
 - c. only statements 2 and 3 are correct
 - d. all statements are correct
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11. Fill in the blank:

The annual _____ festival in Thailand celebrates elephants with parades, fruit feasts, and performances to honor their role in the country's culture.

- a. Holi
 - b. Songkran
 - c. Lopburi
 - d. Surin
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12. Fill in the blank:

_____ is the term used when a company from one country invests in and controls a business in another country.

- a. Stock Market Investment
 - b. Foreign Direct Investment
 - c. Public-Private Partnership
 - d. Capital Gains
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13. Which of the following is a famous example of Gothic architecture in France?

- a. Colosseum
 - b. Parthenon
 - c. Notre-Dame Cathedral
 - d. Taj Mahal
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14. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Marco Polo was a Portuguese explorer who discovered the sea route to India.
- 2. Marco Polo traveled to China during the Yuan Dynasty and documented his journey.

Which of the following is correct?

- 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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15. Fill in the blank:

A _____ is a type of investment that pools money from multiple investors to buy stocks, bonds, or other assets.

- a. mutual fund
 - b. cryptocurrency
 - c. real estate investment
 - d. stock market
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16. Which term refers to the average number of children born to a woman during her lifetime?

- a. mortality rate
 - b. birth rate
 - c. dependency ratio
 - d. fertility rate
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17. Match the following financial terms with their correct definitions:

	Financial		Term Definition
1.	Asset	a.	Money borrowed that must be repaid with interest
2.	Liability	b.	A valuable resource owned by a person or company
3.	Income	c.	Earnings received from work, investments, or business
4.	Debt	d.	An obligation or financial responsibility owed to another entity

- a. 1-c, 2-b, 3-d, 4-a
 - b. 1-d, 2-a, 3-b, 4-c
 - c. 1-b, 2-d, 3-a, 4-c
 - d. 1-b, 2-d, 3-c, 4-a
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18. Fill in the blank:

A food product labeled as low sodium must contain no more than _____ mg of sodium per serving, according to FDA guidelines.

- a. 100 mg
 - b. 140 mg
 - c. 200 mg
 - d. 250 mg
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19. Which continent has the highest population in the world?

- a. Asia
 - b. Africa
 - c. Europe
 - d. South America
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20. Consider the following statements about food security:

1. The United Nations has a program called the World Food Programme to fight hunger globally.
2. High food prices and climate change are major threats to global food security.
3. Only developing countries experience food shortages.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statement 1 is correct
 - b. only statements 2 and 3 are correct
 - c. all statements are correct
 - d. only statements 1 and 2 are correct
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21. Which country was the first in Africa to gain independence from colonial rule?

- a. Ghana
 - b. Kenya
 - c. Nigeria
 - d. South Africa
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22. What is a famous example of Renaissance architecture in Italy?

- a. Colosseum
 - b. St. Peter's Basilica
 - c. Leaning Tower of Pisa
 - d. Sydney Opera House
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23. Consider the following statements about Communism:

1. It aims to create a classless society.
 2. It eliminates private ownership of businesses and property.
 3. It first gained political power in China before Russia.
- Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statement 1 is correct
 - b. only statements 1 and 2 are correct
 - c. only statements 2 and 3 are correct
 - d. all statements are correct
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24. Consider the following statements about food expiration dates:

1. Best Before dates indicate the last day a product is safe.
 2. Use By dates refer to when a product should be consumed for best quality.
 3. Expired canned food is always unsafe to eat.
- Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statement 1 is correct
 - b. only statements 2 and 3 are correct
 - c. only statement 2 is correct
 - d. all statements are correct
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25. Which currency is the most widely used in global trade and finance?

- a. Euro
 - b. Chinese Yuan
 - c. US Dollar
 - d. British Pound
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26. A product labelled as sugar-free must contain how much sugar per serving?

- a. 0 grams
 - b. less than 0.5 grams
 - c. less than 5 grams
 - d. as much sugar as the brand wants
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27. Arrange the following historical events in the correct chronological order:

1. Invention of the Printing Press
2. Construction of the Great Wall of China
3. Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus
4. Building of the Pyramids of Giza

- a. 4, 2, 1, 3
 - b. 2, 4, 3, 1
 - c. 3, 1, 4, 2
 - d. 1, 3, 2, 4
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28. Match the following world leaders with their respective countries:

	Leader		Country
1.	Narendra Modi	a.	France
2.	Emmanuel Macron	b.	India
3.	Javier Milei	c.	Argentina
4.	Keir Starmer	d.	United Kingdom

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

- b. 1-a, 2-b, 3-d, 4-c
d. 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
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29. Arrange the following population control policies in chronological order:

1. China introduces the one-child policy to control population growth
2. India starts its first official family planning program
3. China allows a two-child policy due to aging concerns
4. France introduces incentives for large families to boost birth rates

- a. 2 - 4 - 1 - 3
c. 4 - 2 - 1 - 3

- b. 1 - 2 - 4 - 3
d. 3 - 1 - 2 - 4
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30. Match the following leaders with the countries they helped unify:

	Leaders		Country
1.	Giuseppe Garibaldi	a.	Germany
2.	Otto von Bismarck	b.	Italy
3.	Simon Bolivar	c.	China
4.	Sun Yat-sen Countries	d.	South America

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

- b. 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b
d. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-d
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31. Fill in the blank:

The _____ was a major agricultural transformation that introduced high-yield crops and new farming techniques to combat food shortages in developing countries.

- a. industrial revolution
c. agricultural awakening

- b. green revolution
d. fair trade movement
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32. Arrange the following leaders in the order they assumed office, starting with the earliest:

1. Emmanuel Macron
2. Javier Milei
3. Narendra Modi
4. Keir Starmer

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

- b. 3, 1, 2, 4
d. 1, 2, 3, 4
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33. Fill in the blank:

The country that fought the longest war for independence in modern history, lasting over 130 years against French colonial rule, was _____.

- a. Vietnam
 - b. Indonesia
 - c. Haiti
 - d. Algeria
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34. Donald Trump served as the President of the United States from which year to which year?

- a. 2012 – 2016
 - b. 2016 – 2020
 - c. 2018 – 2022
 - d. 2017 – 2021
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35. Arrange the following female leaders in the order they became the head of their nation:

1. Margaret Thatcher (UK)
2. Sirimavo Bandaranaike (Sri Lanka)
3. Angela Merkel (Germany)
4. Indira Gandhi (India)

- a. 2 - 4 - 1 - 3
 - b. 4 - 2 - 3 - 1
 - c. 1 - 2 - 4 - 3
 - d. 2 - 3 - 1 - 4
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36. Consider the following statements about the Arab Spring:

1. It was a series of uprisings that spread across the Middle East and North Africa.
2. It led to the fall of governments in countries like Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya.
3. It was primarily driven by climate change and global warming.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statement 1 is correct
 - b. only statement 3 is correct
 - c. only statements 1 and 2 are correct
 - d. all statements are correct
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37. Arrange the following global financial crises in chronological order:

1. The Great Depression
2. The Dot-Com Bubble Crash
3. The 2008 Global Financial Crisis
4. The COVID-19 Recession

- a. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
 - b. 2 - 1 - 3 - 4
 - c. 1 - 3 - 2 - 4
 - d. 3 - 1 - 4 - 2
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38. Fill in the blank:

Margaret Thatcher was the leader of the _____ party and served as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990.

- a. labour
 - b. social democratic
 - c. liberal
 - d. conservative
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39. Which global movement was established to promote world peace and prevent conflicts after World War II?

- a. Non-aligned Movement
 - b. Civil Rights Movement
 - c. Green Movement
 - d. UN Peacekeeping
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40. Which global movement was founded to advocate for gender equality and women's rights, including workplace rights and reproductive freedom?
- Civil Rights Movement
 - Non-aligned Movement
 - Occupy Wall Street Movement
 - Feminist Movement

Scholar Section (Each Question is of 2 Marks)

41. Match the following leaders with their famous quotes:

	Leaders		Quote
1.	Walt Disney	a.	Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right.
2.	Henry Ford	b.	The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things.
3.	Ronald Reagan	c.	All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.
4.	Steve Jobs	d.	It doesn't make sense to hire smart people and tell them what to do.

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

42. Match the following ancient travelers with the regions they visited:

	Travelers:		Regions:
1.	Marco Polo	a.	China
2.	Ibn Battuta	b.	India
3.	Xuanzang	c.	Europe
4.	Al-Masudi	d.	Africa

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

43. Match the following economic policies with their main effects:

	Economic		Policy Impact
1.	Tariffs	a.	Promotes local businesses but increases prices for consumers
2.	Free Trade	b.	Reduces restrictions on imports and exports
3.	Inflation Control Policy	c.	Aims to keep rising prices under control
4.	Subsidies	d.	The government provides financial aid to support industries

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

44. Consider the following statements about financial markets:

- Stock market prices can fluctuate daily due to investor demand and global events.
- A bull market refers to a period of rising stock prices.
- A bear market means stock prices are increasing rapidly.

Which of the following is correct?

- only statement 1 is correct
- all statements are correct
- only statements 2 and 3 are correct
- only statements 1 and 2 are correct

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45. Match the following food safety terms with their correct definitions:

	Food Label		Term Definition
1.	USDA Organic	a.	Produced without synthetic pesticides or fertilizers
2.	Non-GMO Verified	b.	Does not contain genetically modified ingredients
3.	Gluten-Free	c.	Safe for people with celiac disease or gluten intolerance
4.	Fair Trade Certified	d.	Ensures ethical treatment of farmers and workers

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

- b. 1-a, 2-b, 3-d, 4-c
d. 1-c, 2-b, 3-d, 4-a
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46. Arrange the following global economic events in chronological order:

1. The Great Depression
2. The establishment of the World Trade Organization (WTO)
3. The 2008 Global Financial Crisis
4. The introduction of the Euro currency

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

- b. 2, 1, 3, 4
d. 4, 3, 2, 1
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47. Match the following countries with their major migration trends:

	Countries		Migration Trend
1.	Philippines	a.	Largest number of refugees fleeing war
2.	United States	b.	Highest number of immigrants settling each year
3.	Syria	c.	A large number of workers migrate abroad for jobs
4.	Germany	d.	Major destination for asylum seekers in Europe

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

- b. 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
d. 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b
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48. Match the following movements with their main goals:

	Movement		Main Goal
1.	The Me-Too Movement	a.	Advocating for LGBTQ+ rights and equality
2.	The Black Lives Matter Movement	b.	Ending racial injustice and police violence
3.	The LGBTQ+ Rights Movement	c.	Supporting victims of sexual harassment and assault
4.	The Disability Rights Movement	d.	Ensuring accessibility and equal opportunities for disabled individuals

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

- b. 1-c, 2-b, 3-d, 4-a
d. 1-a, 2-d, 3-b, 4-c
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49. Consider the following statements about famous world leaders:

1. Winston Churchill was the British Prime Minister during World War II and played a key role in defeating Nazi Germany.
 2. Mao Zedong introduced major economic reforms that helped China become an open-market economy.
 3. Abraham Lincoln's leadership was crucial in ending slavery in the United States.
- Which of the following statements is/are correct?

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| a. only statement 1 is correct | b. only statements 2 and 3 are correct |
| c. only statements 1 and 3 are correct | d. all statements are correct |
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50. Which ancient civilization built an underground water tunnel system called "Qanats" that is still used today?

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| a. Romans | b. Egyptians |
| c. Persians | d. Greeks |
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Answer Key

1.	b	2.	a	3.	c	4.	d	5.	d	6.	b	7.	c
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