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Sample Paper



Class 10

Unicus General Knowledge Olympiad (UGKO)

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. Arrange the following major international conflicts & their resolutions in chronological order:
 1. The Rwandan Genocide ends.
 2. The Arab Spring revolutions begin.
 3. Russia annexes Crimea.
 4. The U.S. withdraws from Afghanistan.

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

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

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

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

2. Which country is the largest producer of uranium, the key element used in nuclear power generation?

a. Russia

b. Australia

c. Canada

d. Kazakhstan

- 3. Which layer of the earth is the outermost and supports all life forms?**

a. Mantle

b. Core

c. Crust

d. Lithosphere

4. Fill in the blank:

_____ is the largest producer of diamonds in the world by volume.

a. South Africa

b. Canada

c. Russia

d. Botswana

- 5. Consider the following statements:**

1. The United Nations has its military forces to enforce peace in conflict zones.

1. The United Nations has no authority to enforce peace in conflict zones.
2. UN peacekeepers are deployed to conflict areas only with the permission of the country involved.

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

6. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the QUAD alliance?

a. India

b. United States

c. Russia

d. Australia

- 7. What is the primary cause of most earthquakes?**

a. movement of tectonic plates

b. changes in climate

c. ocean currents

d. solar radiation

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8. Match the landform with its geographical significance:

	Landform		Fact
1.	Amazon	a.	Largest coral reef system
2.	Mount Everest	b.	Largest active volcano
3.	Great Barrier Reef	c.	Tallest mountain above sea level
4.	Mauna Loa	d.	Largest rainforest

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

- b. 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b
d. 1-a, 2-c, 3-b, 4-d
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9. Where is the headquarters of the European Space Agency (ESA) located?

- a. Berlin, Germany
c. London, United Kingdom

- b. Paris, France
d. Rome, Italy
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10. Match the country with the sport it is most famous for:

	Country		Sport
1.	Brazil	a.	Cricket
2.	New Zealand	b.	Ice Hockey
3.	Canada	c.	Rugby
4.	India	d.	Football

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

- b. 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b
d. 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
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11. Which country has won the most FIFA World Cup titles in men's football history?

- a. Germany
c. Brazil

- b. Argentina
d. Italy
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12. Arrange the following music styles chronologically based on their formation:

1. Opera – Developed in Italy as a blend of music and drama.
2. Jazz – Originated in African American communities in the U.S.
3. Hip-Hop – Emerged as an urban music movement in the Bronx.
4. Classical Indian Raga – A structured melodic system in Indian classical music.

- a. 4 → 1 → 2 → 3
c. 3 → 1 → 4 → 2

- b. 1 → 2 → 3 → 4
d. 2 → 4 → 3 → 1
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13. Which country is the largest producer of coffee in the world?

- a. Ethiopia
c. Colombia

- b. Vietnam
d. Brazil
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14. Fill in the blank:

_____ was the first to recognize eSports as a legitimate sport officially?

- a. United States
c. China

- b. South Korea
d. Germany
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15. Which country has produced the most Grand Slam singles winners in tennis history?

- a. Australia
- b. Spain
- c. Switzerland
- d. United States

16. Match the global economic institution with its primary function:

	Institution		Function
1.	IMF	a.	Regulates international trade
2.	World Bank	b.	Provides financial aid for infrastructure projects
3.	WTO	c.	Offers short-term financial assistance to countries in crisis
4.	OECD	d.	Promotes economic policies and research among developed nations

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

17. Fill in the blank:

_____ stock exchange is the largest and most traded in the world based on total market capitalization.

- a. London
- b. Shanghai
- c. New York
- d. NASDAQ

18. Consider the following statements:

1. A country with high GDP growth always has a higher standard of living for all its citizens.
 2. A country can have high GDP growth but still suffer from income inequality and poverty.
- 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

19. Match the country with its major financial innovation:

	Country		Financial Innovation
1.	Bahamas	a.	The first country to launch a nationwide contactless public transit payment system using debit and credit cards
2.	United States	b.	Largest cryptocurrency mining hub
3.	India	c.	Unified Payments Interface
4.	Netherlands	d.	The first country to launch a central digital currency

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

20. Which country provides the largest financial contribution to the European Space Agency?

- a. Spain
- b. United Kingdom
- c. Germany
- d. Italy

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21. Which of the following space missions, launched in 2024, was specifically designed to study Jupiter's moon Europa?

- a. Chang'e 6
 - b. Polaris dawn
 - c. Artemis II
 - d. Europa Clipper
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22. Where is the headquarters of the World Trade Organization located?

- a. Washington, D.C., USA
 - b. Brussels, Belgium
 - c. London, United Kingdom
 - d. Geneva, Switzerland
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23. Which country became the first in the world to adopt Bitcoin as an official legal currency?

- a. Switzerland
 - b. United Arab Emirates
 - c. El Salvador
 - d. Singapore
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24. Which country was the first in the world to introduce an official central bank digital currency (CBDC)?

- a. China
 - b. Bahamas
 - c. Sweden
 - d. El Salvador
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25. Who was the first human to travel into space?

- a. Neil Armstrong
 - b. Buzz Aldrin
 - c. Yuri Gagarin
 - d. John Glenn
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26. Which country hosted the first BRICS Summit in 2009?

- a. China
 - b. India
 - c. Russia
 - d. Brazil
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27. Fill in the blank:

_____ does not have permanent veto power in the UN Security Council.

- a. India
 - b. France
 - c. Russia
 - d. China
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28. Fill in the blank:

_____ is the largest producer of copper in the world.

- a. Peru
 - b. Chile
 - c. Australia
 - d. United States
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29. Which country was the first to successfully land on the South Pole of the Moon?

- a. United States
 - b. Russia
 - c. China
 - d. India
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30. What is the name of the largest volcano on Earth, located in Hawaii?

- a. Mount St. Helens
 - b. Mauna Loa
 - c. Krakatoa
 - d. Mount Vesuvius
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31. Which country conducted the Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX) in 2024, successfully demonstrating autonomous rendezvous and docking technologies?

- a. Japan
 - b. China
 - c. Russia
 - d. India
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32. Consider the following statements:

1. Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is an ancient city in Jordan carved directly into pink sandstone cliffs.
2. The ancient Greeks built it as a religious center dedicated to Zeus.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statement 2 is correct
 - b. both statements are correct
 - c. only statement 1 is correct
 - d. both statements are incorrect
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33. Fill in the blank:

The Diamond Sutra, printed in _____, is one of the oldest known dated printed books, created centuries before Gutenberg's printing press.

- a. Japan
 - b. China
 - c. India
 - d. Korea
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34. Fill in the blank:

The world's first paper money was introduced in _____

- a. India
 - b. Egypt
 - c. Italy
 - d. China
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35. Fill in the blank:

_____ AI-powered humanoid robot became the first robot in the world to receive citizenship.

- a. Atlas
 - b. Sophia
 - c. Ameca
 - d. ASIMO
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36. Which dance form originated in Argentina and is characterized by its passionate and dramatic movements, often performed in pairs?

- a. Flamenco
 - b. Salsa
 - c. Tango
 - d. Ballet
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37. Match the following:

	First in the World		Country
1.	The first country to introduce paper money	a.	Saudi Arabia
2.	The first country to legalize same-sex marriage	b.	Netherlands
3.	The first country to grant citizenship to a robot	c.	China
4.	The first country to reach the Moon	d.	United States

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

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

38. Which country is the largest exporter of goods in the world?

- a. Germany
c. China

- b. United States
d. Japan

39. Consider the following statements:

1. The first artificial satellite launched into space was Sputnik 1.
 2. The United States launched this satellite as part of the space race.
- Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statement 2 is correct
c. both statements are incorrect

- b. both statements are correct
d. only statement 1 is correct

40. Consider the following statements:

1. New Zealand was the first country in the world to grant women the right to vote.
 2. Women in Switzerland gained voting rights before in the United States.
- Which of the following is correct?

- a. both statements are incorrect
c. only Statement 2 is correct

- b. both statements are correct
d. only Statement 1 is correct

Scholar Section (Each Question is of 2 Marks)

41. Match the international organization with its primary function:

	Organization		Primary Function
1.	ASEAN	a.	Military alliance promoting collective defense
2.	NATO	b.	Economic and political cooperation in Southeast Asia
3.	WHO	c.	Coordinating global health policies
4.	UNHCR	d.	Supporting refugees and displaced persons

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

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

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42. Match the country with the energy resource it is most known for:

	Country		Energy Resource
1.	Saudi Arabia	a.	Hydroelectric Power
2.	China	b.	Geothermal Energy
3.	Canada	c.	Coal Production
4.	Iceland	d.	Oil Reserves

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

- b. 1-b, 2-d, 3-c, 4-a
d. 1-d, 2-c, 3-b, 4-a
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43. Match the desert with its unique features:

	Desert		Unique Feature
1.	Atacama Desert	a.	Largest hot desert in the world
2.	Sahara Desert	b.	World's driest desert
3.	Gobi Desert	c.	Cold desert with harsh winters
4.	Namib Desert	d.	It is only desert where the ocean meets dunes

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

- b. 1-c, 2-b, 3-d, 4-a
d. 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
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44. Match the international organisation with its headquarters:

	Organisation		Headquarters
1.	International Atomic Energy Agency	a.	Vienna, Austria
2.	INTERPOL	b.	Lyon, France
3.	CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research)	c.	London, United Kingdom
4.	International Maritime Organization (IMO)	d.	Geneva, Switzerland

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

- b. 1-b, 2-d, 3-c, 4-a
d. 1-a, 2-b, 3-c, 4-d
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45. Match the architectural style with the country most associated with it:

	Architectural Style		Country
1.	Gothic Cathedrals	a.	India
2.	Pagodas	b.	France
3.	Mughal Architecture	c.	China
4.	Pueblo Adobe Houses	d.	USA

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

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

1. Voyager 1 is the first human-made object to leave the Solar System and enter interstellar space.
2. Pioneer 10 was the first spacecraft to carry a Golden Record with sounds and images of Earth for potential extraterrestrial life.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statement 2 is correct
c. both statements are incorrect

- b. both statements are correct
d. only Statement 1 is correct
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47. Arrange the following first in the world exploration achievements in chronological order:

1. First person to reach the South Pole (Roald Amundsen).
2. First person to summit Mount Everest (Edmund Hillary & Tenzing Norgay).
3. First woman to travel into space (Valentina Tereshkova).
4. First country to reach Mars orbit in its maiden attempt (India).

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

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

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

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

48. Arrange the following economic revolutions in chronological order:

1. The Industrial Revolution begins in Britain.
2. The Great Depression causes global economic collapse.
3. The Bretton Woods Agreement establishes modern financial systems.
4. The creation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to regulate global trade.

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

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

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

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

49. Consider the following statements:

1. Hyperinflation in Zimbabwe once made a loaf of bread cost trillions of local dollars.
2. Argentina and Turkey currently have some of the highest inflation rates in the world.

Which of the following is correct?

a. only statement 1 is correct

b. both statements are correct

c. only statement 2 is correct

d. both statements are incorrect

50. Consider the following statements:

1. South Africa was the first African country to host the FIFA World Cup in 2010.
2. Morocco was the first African country to qualify for the FIFA World Cup.

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

Answer Key

1.	d	2.	d	3.	c	4.	c	5.	b	6.	c	7.	a
8.	b	9.	b	10.	a	11.	c	12.	a	13.	d	14.	b
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22.	d	23.	c	24.	b	25.	c	26.	c	27.	a	28.	b
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