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Sample Paper



Class 11

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. Country P imposes heavy tariffs on electronics from Country Q, but removes tariffs for other nations. Country Q challenges this at the WTO. What principle is being violated?
 - a. National Treatment Principle
 - b. Free Market Economy
 - c. Most-Favored-Nation (MFN) Principle
 - d. Sanctions and Embargoes Law

2. The Fields Medal is awarded every four years, but there is a specific age limit for recipients. What is the age limit to qualify for this prestigious award?
 - a. 50 years old
 - b. 40 years old
 - c. 45 years old
 - d. 35 years old

3. In the Tour de France, cyclists compete for different coloured jerseys. Which jersey is awarded to the best young rider under 26 years old?
 - a. Yellow Jersey
 - b. Green Jersey
 - c. White Jersey
 - d. Polka Dot Jersey

4. Which UNESCO World Heritage Site, located in Egypt, is one of the oldest archaeological sites in the world, containing ancient pyramids?
 - a. Petra
 - b. Machu Picchu
 - c. Pyramids of Giza
 - d. Chichen Itza

5. Arrange the following independence movements in chronological order:
 1. India's Independence
 2. Ghana's Independence
 3. Algeria's Independence
 4. South Africa's End of Apartheid
 - a. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
 - b. 2 - 1 - 3 - 4
 - c. 3 - 1 - 2 - 4
 - d. 1 - 3 - 2 - 4

6. A country reintroduces the gold standard, backing all currency with gold reserves. How does this impact monetary policy?
 - a. Trade Barrier Falls
 - b. Inflation Surges
 - c. Unemployment Rises
 - d. Money Supply Becomes Rigid

7. During an El Niño event, which of the following regions is most likely to experience increased rainfall?
 - a. Southeast Asia
 - b. Southern Africa
 - c. Australia
 - d. Western South America

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8. A country consistently runs a Balance of Payments (BoP) deficit. What is a likely long-term consequence?

- a. Weaker Currency
 - b. More Trade Surpluses
 - c. Stronger Export Market
 - d. Increased Foreign Investment
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9. Which international tribunal deals specifically with war crimes and crimes against humanity?

- a. International Court of Justice (ICJ)
 - b. European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)
 - c. International Criminal Court (ICC)
 - d. Inter-American Court of Human Rights
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10. What was a key reason Turkey removed six zeros from its currency in 2005?

- a. To modernize its financial system
 - b. To control inflation and improve economic stability
 - c. To increase trade with the European Union
 - d. To transition to a cryptocurrency-based economy
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11. If a country's currency weakens against foreign currencies, what happens to exports?

- a. Exports Become Cheaper
 - b. Trade Deficit Increases
 - c. Imports Become Cheaper
 - d. Domestic Demand Falls
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12. Arrange the following:

- 1. GDP Decline
- 2. Job Losses
- 3. Consumer Confidence Falls

- a. 1 → 2 → 3
 - b. 3 → 1 → 2
 - c. 2 → 3 → 1
 - d. 1 → 3 → 2
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13. What is the primary gravitational force responsible for Earth's tides?

- a. The Sun
 - b. The Moon
 - c. Earth's rotation
 - d. Ocean currents
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14. Arrange the following technological inventions in chronological order:

- 1. Telegraph system widely adopted
- 2. First practical steam engine developed
- 3. First commercially available typewriter released
- 4. First powered airplane flight

- a. 2 - 1 - 3 - 4
 - b. 1 - 2 - 4 - 3
 - c. 2 - 3 - 1 - 4
 - d. 3 - 1 - 2 - 4
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15. Why did Kazakhstan move its capital from Almaty to Astana in 1997?

- a. To better position itself for global trade
 - b. To reduce earthquake risks and centralize governance
 - c. To attract more foreign tourists
 - d. To replace the city's aging infrastructure
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16. Which of the following cases is NOT under the jurisdiction of the ICC?

- a. War Crimes
 - b. Environmental Violations
 - c. Individual cases
 - d. Drug Trafficking
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17. The United Kingdom officially exited the European Union in which year?

- a. 2016
 - b. 2019
 - c. 2020
 - d. 2021
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18. Which of the following statements is true about the Tour de France?

- a. It is the shortest cycling race in the world
 - b. It is held only in France
 - c. It includes a yellow jersey for the leader
 - d. It was first held in 1900
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19. Fill in the blank:

If a central bank lowers the reverse repo rate, it aims to ____.

- a. Encourage Lending
 - b. Reduce Inflation
 - c. Strengthen Currency
 - d. Reduce Demand
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20. What is the primary purpose of vaccines for major diseases?

- a. To cure diseases
 - b. To prevent diseases
 - c. To relieve symptoms
 - d. To eliminate viruses from the body
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21. Fill in the blank:

High inflation affects purchasing power by ____.

- a. reducing It
 - b. increasing It
 - c. keeping it stable
 - d. making imports cheaper
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22. The Sundaland biodiversity hotspot faces deforestation. Which iconic species is under threat in this region?

- a. Bengal Tiger
 - b. Orangutan
 - c. Galapagos Tortoise
 - d. Emperor Penguin
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23. Fill in the blank:

Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are created to _____ by offering tax incentives and relaxed regulations.

- a. Promote foreign investment
 - b. Increase state control over businesses
 - c. Expand the local agriculture industry
 - d. Encourage domestic tourism
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24. Fill in the blank:

The Phillips Curve suggests a trade-off between ____.

- a. Inflation and unemployment
 - b. GDP and imports
 - c. Interest rates and investment
 - d. Exchange rates and exports
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25. A social media influencer spreads false information about a rival brand, leading to financial losses for that company. Under which law can the affected company file a case?

- a. Libel Law
 - b. Defamation Law
 - c. Copyright Infringement
 - d. Trademark Violation
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26. In 2009, a sprinter broke the world record for the 100m dash, finishing in 9.58 seconds. This record still stands as of 2025. Who is this legendary sprinter?

- a. Usain Bolt
 - b. Carl Lewis
 - c. Justin Gatlin
 - d. Asafa Powell
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27. The San Andreas Fault is a transform boundary. Which of the following geological events is most likely to occur along this fault?

- a. Volcanic eruptions
 - b. Earthquakes
 - c. Mountain formation
 - d. Ocean trench formation
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28. How do floating trains (Maglev) operate?

- a. Magnetic levitation
 - b. Air pressure
 - c. High-speed wheels
 - d. Electric propulsion
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29. A central bank unexpectedly raises interest rates. What is the most likely reaction from the stock market?

- a. Stock Prices Drop
 - b. Stock Prices Increase
 - c. No Effect on Market
 - d. Higher Dividend Payouts
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30. A boxer known as "The Greatest" famously said, "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee." Who is he, and which country does he represent?

- a. Mike Tyson, USA
 - b. Muhammad Ali, USA
 - c. Floyd Mayweather, USA
 - d. Manny Pacquiao, Philippines
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31. In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, leading to the Gulf War. What was the primary reason for Iraq's invasion?

- a. To gain control of Kuwait's oil reserves
 - b. To establish a democratic government in Kuwait
 - c. To retaliate against Kuwait's support for Iran
 - d. To annex Kuwait as part of a historical claim
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32. Arrange the following international events from earliest to latest:

1. The Creation of Israel,
2. The Iranian Revolution,
3. The Suez Crisis,
4. The Syrian Civil War.

- a. 1-3-2-4
 - b. 3-1-2-4
 - c. 2-1-4-3
 - d. 4-3-1-2
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33. Which UNESCO designation is awarded to natural or cultural landmarks that hold special importance to humanity?

- a. Peace and Diploma Recognition
 - b. Cultural Exchange Award
 - c. Global Environmental Award
 - d. World Heritage Site designation
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34. Following Brexit, what has been one of the major trade challenges between the UK and the EU?

- a. Increased tariffs on goods
 - b. Increased worker mobility
 - c. More flexible trade regulations
 - d. Greater access to EU financial markets
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35. Which company has developed a prototype of a flying car?

- a. Google
 - b. Uber
 - c. Klein Vision
 - d. Ford
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36. Emily was watching the Olympics and saw a country with no athletes but still participating. Wait, how is that possible? What was she watching?

- a. Refugee Olympic Team
 - b. Stateless Nation Athletes
 - c. Ghost Delegation
 - d. Independent Athletes
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37. Which Nobel Prize laureate, renowned for her discoveries in the field of radioactivity, was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize?

- a. Albert Einstein
 - b. Ada Lovelace
 - c. Rosalind Franklin
 - d. Marie Curie
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38. Which airline became the first to use 100% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) for a transatlantic flight?

- a. British Airways
 - b. Virgin Atlantic
 - c. Lufthansa
 - d. Air France
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39. Which of the following statements best describes the outcome of the Suez Crisis?

- a. Egypt gained full control of the Suez Canal, and the crisis marked the decline of British and French influence in the region.
 - b. The United States took control of the Suez Canal to ensure global trade stability.
 - c. Israel annexed the Sinai Peninsula as a result of the crisis.
 - d. The Soviet Union mediated the conflict, increasing its influence in the Middle East.
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40. Which AI-driven supercomputer, built by IBM, once defeated human champions in a quiz competition?

- a. DeepMind
 - b. Watson
 - c. AlphaZero
 - d. Blue Brain
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Scholar Section (Each Question is of 2 Marks)

41. David buys a car, but the dealership fails to deliver the agreed warranty services. He sues the company, claiming a breach of contract. Under which legal principle can he seek justice?

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| a. Consumer Protection | b. Tort Law |
| c. Criminal Law | d. Contract Law |
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42. Arrange these events in chronological order:

1. First FIFA World Cup
2. First modern Olympic Games
3. First Tour de France
4. First Wimbledon Championship

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| a. 3, 2, 4, 1 | b. 2, 3, 4, 1 |
| c. 4, 2, 3, 1 | d. 2, 4, 3, 1 |
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43. Arrange the following Cold War events in chronological order:

1. Cuban Missile Crisis
2. Formation of NATO
3. Launch of Sputnik
4. Fall of the Berlin Wall

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| a. 1, 2, 3, 4 | b. 3, 2, 1, 4 |
| c. 2, 1, 3, 4 | d. 2, 3, 1, 4 |
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44. A business owner in Spain regularly exports products to France, Germany, and Italy. How does the Schengen Agreement benefit this trade?

- a. Limited border movements
 - b. Increased customs duties on imported goods
 - c. More bureaucratic procedures for cross-border trade
 - d. Faster movement of goods with reduced border checks
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45. Which of the following biodiversity hotspots is known for its high endemism and is also referred to as the 'Cape Floristic Region'?

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| a. Amazon Rainforest | b. Sundaland |
| c. Cape Floristic Region | d. Madagascar |
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46. Which material can be used in self-healing smart roads?

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| a. Concrete with bacteria | b. Heated metal |
| c. Plastic coating | d. Wooden fibres |
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47. A country deliberately devalues its currency to make exports cheaper. However, this also increases the cost of imports and fuels inflation. What is the most likely long-term impact on the economy?

- a. Trade Deficit Reduction
- b. Strengthened Local Currency
- c. Lower Inflation
- d. Increased Foreign Investment

48. A government raises wages for all public employees by 30%. What strain does this place on the national budget?

- a. Fiscal Deficit Expands
- b. Inflation Drops
- c. More Private Investment
- d. Trade Balance Improves

49. Which country became the first to use Ethereum blockchain for government services?

- a. Switzerland
- b. Estonia
- c. Singapore
- d. UAE

50. What major impact did the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople in 1453 have on Europe?

- a. It led to the Renaissance by forcing scholars to flee to the West
- b. It marked the end of the Roman Empire
- c. It caused the discovery of America
- d. It made Constantinople the capital of the world

Answer Key

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8.	d	9.	c	10.	b	11.	a	12.	a	13.	b	14.	a
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22.	b	23.	a	24.	a	25.	b	26.	a	27.	b	28.	a
29.	a	30.	b	31.	a	32.	b	33.	d	34.	a	35.	c
36.	a	37.	d	38.	b	39.	a	40.	b	41.	d	42.	d
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