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## Sample Paper



**Class 8**

## 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 1 of Mark)**

1. Which international judicial body settles disputes between states?
- a. International Criminal Court
  - b. INTERPOL
  - c. European Court of Human Rights
  - d. International Court of Justice
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2. Consider the following statements:
1. Some of the greatest literary works, such as Animal Farm, The Catcher in the Rye, and Fahrenheit 451, have been banned at different times due to their controversial themes.
  2. Only Fahrenheit 451 was banned, while the other two books were never challenged or censored.
- Which of the following is correct?
- a. both statements are incorrect
  - b. statement 2 is correct
  - c. both statements are correct
  - d. statement 1 is correct
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3. Fill in the blank:  
\_\_\_\_\_ is known for weaving textiles using banana plant fibers.
- a. Japan
  - b. Philippines
  - c. Ghana
  - d. Mexico
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4. Which court is responsible for prosecuting individuals for war crimes and crimes against humanity?
- a. International Court of Justice
  - b. European Court of Human Rights
  - c. International Criminal Court
  - d. United Nations General Assembly
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5. Kevin and Samantha watched shadow puppets dancing on a screen, narrating the battle of Rama and Ravana with intricate movements and music. Which of the following traditional art forms were they watching?
- a. Kathakali
  - b. Bunraku
  - c. Peking Opera
  - d. Wayang Kulit
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6. Which country is famous for the Erhu, a traditional two-stringed violin?
- a. Japan
  - b. Iran
  - c. Thailand
  - d. China
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7. Consider the following statements:
1. Tsunami can occur without an earthquake, as underwater landslides, volcanic eruptions, and meteorite impacts can also trigger them.
  2. There are no warning systems to detect tsunamis before they reach the shore.
- Which of the following is correct?
- a. both statements are incorrect
  - b. statement 2 is correct
  - c. both statements are correct
  - d. statement 1 is correct
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8. Emily was glued to a book where a detective used logic and observation to solve crimes. Her teacher saw her reading and smiled, saying, You're enjoying the works of the author who created the most famous detective in literature, Sherlock Holmes, Which author is most famous for creating the world's greatest fictional detective?

a. Agatha Christie	b. Dan Brown
c. Edgar Allan Poe	d. Arthur Conan Doyle

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9. In the 1960s, a small island nation transformed itself from an underdeveloped economy into one of the richest in the world. The government heavily invested in education, skill development, and technology training to create a highly skilled workforce, which country was this?

a. South Korea	b. Switzerland
c. Sri Lanka	d. Singapore

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10. Consider the following statements:

1. The rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and automation is reducing the importance of human resource development since machines are replacing skilled workers in many industries.
2. AI is also creating new job opportunities that require specialized human skills, such as AI programming, data analysis, and ethical AI management.

Which of the following is correct?

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

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11. Who was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize in literature, awarded for her outstanding contribution to storytelling and poetry?

a. Jane Austen	b. Emily Dickinson
c. Virginia Woolf	d. Selma Lagerlof

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12. Fill in the blank:

International Youth Day which is celebrated on August 12 focuses on \_\_\_\_\_ and its impact on global progress.

a. raising awareness of childhood diseases	b. reducing crime among youth
c. encouraging youth in military service	d. empowering young people in leadership

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13. Mia and her younger brother Ethan were home alone when suddenly, the floor started shaking violently. The bookshelf wobbled, Ethan screamed, should we run outside? Mia thought for a second and remembered what they learned in school.

What is the best action to take during an earthquake if you are indoors?

a. stand in a doorway for protection
b. run outside as fast as possible
c. drop to the ground, take cover under furniture, and hold on
d. stand against a wall to avoid falling objects

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14. Consider the following statements:

1. World Press Freedom Day was created to commemorate journalists who lost their lives in war zones.
  2. It was first observed in 1948 as a global initiative to protect press freedom.
- Which of the following is correct?

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| a. both statements are incorrect | b. statement 2 is correct |
| c. both statements are correct   | d. statement 1 is correct |
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15. As Noah walked through the nature reserve, he saw a sign that read, protect the endangered, the guide explained, that this day reminds us that many species are vanishing due to illegal hunting and habitat loss. Which global observance raises awareness about this?

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a. Earth Day          | b. World Protection Day           |
| c. World Wildlife Day | d. International Biodiversity Day |
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16. Which country was the first to introduce a social security system to protect workers from economic risks such as unemployment and old age?

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| a. Sweden | b. Germany |
| c. Canada | d. France  |
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17. Which of the following is not an international judicial body?

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. European Court of Human Rights | b. International Criminal Court |
| c. International Court of Justice | d. INTERPOL                     |
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18. How are judges selected for the International Court of Justice?

- a. chosen by an international referendum
  - b. appointed directly by the UN Secretary-General
  - c. nominated by member states and confirmed by the ICJ itself
  - d. elected by the UN General Assembly and Security Council
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19. Which fire safety device is used to detect smoke and warn people before a fire spreads?

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| a. fire extinguisher | b. fire alarm           |
| c. firehouse         | d. emergency exit signs |
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20. What is the purpose of World Oceans Day, observed on June 8?

- a. raising awareness about marine conservation
  - b. celebrating sailors and naval officers
  - c. studying weather patterns
  - d. observing global tides
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21. Fill in the blank:

The first time women were allowed to compete in the Olympic Games was in the year \_\_\_\_\_, during the event held in Paris, France.

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| a. 1896 | b. 1900 |
| c. 1924 | d. 1948 |
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22. Which country celebrates the Pahiyas Festival, where people create and showcase handmade, artistic hats?

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| a. Ecuador | b. France      |
| c. Mexico  | d. Philippines |
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23. Fill in the blank:

The world's first high-speed rail service, known as the Shinkansen (Bullet Train), was launched in \_\_\_\_\_ in 1964.

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| a. France | b. Japan     |
| c. China  | d. Indonesia |
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24. As the cold wind howled, the team planted their nation's flag on a frozen wasteland. One explorer, exhausted but victorious, turned to his men and said, we are the first. Who was the first person to reach the South Pole?

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| a. Robert Falcon Scott | b. Ernest Shackleton |
| c. Roald Amundsen      | d. Edmund Hillary    |
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25. Fill in the blank:

The system of racial segregation and discrimination, known as apartheid, officially ended in South Africa when \_\_\_\_\_ became the country's first black president in 1994.

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| a. Desmond Tutu | b. Nelson Mandela |
| c. Jacob Zuma   | d. Habo Mbeki     |
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26. The crowd roared as a swimmer won eight gold medals in a single Olympic Games, breaking a world record and becoming a global icon. Which athlete is being described?

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| a. Ian Thorpe | b. Michael Phelps |
| c. Mark Spitz | d. Ryan Lochte    |
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27. Fill in the blank:

\_\_\_\_\_ makes up about 95% of the universe, but scientists can't see it.

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| a. Black holes                 | b. Cosmic radiation  |
| c. Dark matter and dark energy | d. Planets and stars |
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28. Which of the following authors is the youngest ever winner of the Booker Prize, awarded for their novel at the age of 28?

- a. Arundhati Roy
  - b. Eleanor Catton
  - c. Salman Rushdie
  - d. Margaret Atwood
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29. Consider the following statements:

1. If you could travel at the speed of light, you would experience time much slower than people on Earth.
2. This phenomenon, known as time dilation, is predicted by Einstein's Theory of General Relativity.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. statement 1 is correct
  - b. statement 2 is correct
  - c. both statements are correct
  - d. both statements are incorrect
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30. Which was the first country in the world to completely ban plastic bags to fight pollution?

- a. France
  - b. Kenya
  - c. Bangladesh
  - d. Canada
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31. Match the following countries with their unique approach to human resource development:

	Country		Approach
1.	South Korea	a.	Free higher education and emphasis on R&D
2.	Germany	b.	Dual vocational training system
3.	Finland	c.	Strong focus on technology & IT workforce
4.	United States	d.	Innovation-led economy with global corporate influence

- a. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a, 4-d
  - b. 1-c, 2-b, 3-d, 4-a
  - c. 1-b, 2-d, 3-c, 4-a
  - d. 1-d, 2-a, 3-b, 4-c
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32. Which of the following cities in the world is fully powered by 100% renewable energy?

- a. Reykjavik, Iceland
  - b. Copenhagen, Denmark
  - c. Dubai, UAE
  - d. Zurich, Switzerland
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33. Which football club has won the most UEFA Champions League titles?

- a. FC Barcelona
  - b. Bayern Munich
  - c. Manchester United
  - d. Real Madrid
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34. Match the following sports with their most prestigious trophies:

	Sport		Trophies
1.	Cricket	a.	The Stanley Cup
2.	Tennis	b.	The Ryder Cup
3.	Golf	c.	The Wimbledon Trophy
4.	Ice Hockey	d.	The ICC World Cup

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

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

The largest known structure in the universe, consisting of billions of galaxies, is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Local Group
  - b. Great Attractor
  - c. Quipu
  - d. Milky Way
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36. Fill in the blank:

The first human-made object to leave the solar system was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Voyager 1
  - b. Apollo 11
  - c. Hubble Space Telescope
  - d. Perseverance Rover
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37. Match the following natural disasters with their primary causes:

	Natural Disaster		Causes
1.	Hurricane	a.	Movement of tectonic plates
2.	Earthquake	b.	Warm ocean water & low pressure
3.	Tsunami	c.	Underwater earthquake or landslide
4.	Wildfire	d.	Dry conditions & lightning

- a. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-d
  - b. 1-a, 2-c, 3-b, 4-d
  - c. 1-d, 2-b, 3-a, 4-c
  - d. 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
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38. Which of the following events symbolized the end of the Cold War?

- a. Cuban Missile Crisis
  - b. Fall of the Berlin Wall
  - c. Space Race
  - d. Treaty of Versailles
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39. Match the following ancient civilizations with their notable contributions.

	Ancient Civilization		Contribution
1.	Mesopotamians	a.	Calendar and pyramids
2.	Egyptians	b.	The first written language (cuneiform)
3.	Chinese	c.	The Great Wall and paper invention
4.	Greeks	d.	Democracy and philosophy

- a. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-d
  - b. 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b
  - c. 1-a, 2-b, 3-d, 4-c
  - d. 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
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40. What was the main ideological conflict during the Cold War?

- a. Capitalism vs Communism
  - b. Democracy vs Monarchy
  - c. Fascism vs Socialism
  - d. Nationalism vs Imperialism
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## Scholar Section (Each Question is of 2 Marks)

41. What is the primary function of the European Court of Human Rights?

- a. to enforce EU trade agreements
- b. to hear cases on human rights violations in Europe
- c. to settle border disputes between European nations
- d. to prosecute war criminals

42. Which country has consistently ranked among the top in the Human Development Index due to its high-quality education, healthcare, and standard of living?

- a. USA
- b. Norway
- c. Japan
- d. Canada

43. Match the following traditional dishes with their correct countries of origin:

	Dish		Country
1.	Borscht	a.	Italy
2.	Tacos	b.	Russia
3.	Pizza	c.	Mexico
4.	Croissant	d.	France

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

44. Match these important global observances with their primary focus:

	Important Day		Objective
1.	World Habitat Day (First Monday of October)	a.	Agricultural sustainability
2.	World No Tobacco Day (May 31)	b.	Urbanization and housing rights
3.	World Science Day for Peace & Development (Nov 10)	c.	Ethical responsibility in scientific advancements
4.	World Food Day (Oct 16)	d.	Combating global tobacco addiction

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

45. Match these world-first achievements with the correct category:

	First Achievement		Fact
1.	First country to give women the right to vote	a.	New Zealand
2.	First human to set foot on the deepest ocean point	b.	Jacques Piccard
3.	First person to paint a self-portrait	c.	London
4.	First city to build a subway system	d.	Jan van Eyck

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

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46. Who holds the record for the fastest goal ever scored in a FIFA World Cup match, finding the net in just 10.8 seconds?

- a. Pele
  - b. Cristiano Ronaldo
  - c. Hakan Sukur
  - d. Lionel Messi
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47. Match the following books with their authors:

	Book		Author
1.	Life of Pi	a.	George Orwell
2.	1984	b.	J.R.R. Tolkien
3.	The Hobbit	c.	Yann Martel
4.	The Catcher in the Rye	d.	J.D. Salinger

- a. 1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-d
  - b. 1-c, 2-a, 3-d, 4-b
  - c. 1-a, 2-c, 3-d, 4-b
  - d. 1-b, 2-d, 3-a, 4-c
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48. Which international organization is responsible for coordinating emergency disaster response and humanitarian aid worldwide?

- a. UNESCO
  - b. WHO
  - c. UNDRR
  - d. IMF
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49. Match the following cosmic phenomena with their correct descriptions:

	Phenomena		Description
1.	Nebula	a.	A region where gravity is so strong that nothing can escape
2.	Pulsar	b.	A rapidly spinning neutron star that emits beams of radiation
3.	Supernova	c.	A massive explosion marking the death of a star
4.	Black Hole	d.	A giant cloud of gas and dust where stars are born

- a. 1-c, 2-a, 3-d, 4-b
  - b. 1-d, 2-b, 3-c, 4-a
  - c. 1-b, 2-c, 3-a, 4-d
  - d. 1-d, 2-b, 3-a, 4-c
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50. Match the following revolutions with their respective leaders:

	Revolution		Leader
1.	Russian Revolution	a.	Ho Chi Minh
2.	American Revolution	b.	Vladimir Lenin
3.	Vietnamese Revolution	c.	George Washington
4.	French Revolution	d.	Maximilien Robespierre

- a. 1-b, 2-c, 3-a, 4-d
  - b. 1-d, 2-b, 3-c, 4-a
  - c. 1-b, 2-c, 3-d, 4-a
  - d. 1-a, 2-d, 3-b, 4-c
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## Answer Key

1.	d	2.	d	3.	b	4.	c	5.	d	6.	d	7.	d
8.	d	9.	d	10.	c	11.	d	12.	d	13.	c	14.	d
15.	c	16.	b	17.	d	18.	d	19.	b	20.	a	21.	b
22.	d	23.	b	24.	c	25.	b	26.	b	27.	c	28.	b
29.	c	30.	c	31.	a	32.	a	33.	d	34.	a	35.	c
36.	a	37.	a	38.	b	39.	a	40.	a	41.	b	42.	b
43.	a	44.	a	45.	a	46.	c	47.	a	48.	c	49.	b
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