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Sample Paper



Class 9

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. Consider the following statements:

1. India overtook China as the world's most populous country.
 2. China's population is still growing faster than India's due to higher birth rates.
- Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 1 is correct | b. both statements are incorrect |
| c. both statements are correct | d. only statement 2 is correct |
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2. Which of the following is considered the most liquid asset?

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| a. Real Estate | b. Stocks |
| c. Cash | d. Gold |
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3. Which leader said, it often requires more courage to dare to do right than to fear to do wrong?

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| a. Theodore Roosevelt | b. Winston Churchill |
| c. Abraham Lincoln | d. Mahatma Gandhi |
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4. Consider the following statements:

1. Best-before dates indicate when food is no longer safe to eat.
 2. Use by dates indicate when food is no longer safe to consume and should be discarded.
- Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 2 is correct | b. both statements are incorrect |
| c. both statements are correct | d. only statement 1 is correct |
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5. Match the world leader with the message conveyed by their quote:

	Leaders		Message
1.	Winston Churchill	a.	Leadership requires giving people belief in a better future.
2.	Napoleon Bonaparte	b.	True courage is knowing when to speak and when to listen.
3.	Vladimir Lenin	c.	Revolutions and history sometimes unfold at an unpredictable pace.

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| a. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c | b. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a |
| c. 1-b, 3-a, 2-c | d. 1-b, 2-c, 3-a |
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6. Which international body sets global food labelling standards to ensure transparency and consumer protection?

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| a. World Health Organization | b. Food and Agriculture Organization |
| c. ISO 9001 | d. Codex Alimentarius Commission |
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7. Consider the following statements:

1. If a country prints more money without increasing production, inflation will rise because more money will chase the same amount of goods.
 2. Printing more money is always a good solution to solve economic crises.
- Which of the following is correct?

- a. both statements are incorrect b. only statement 2 is correct
c. both statements are correct d. only statement 1 is correct
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8. Match the economic systems with their main characteristics:

	Economic Systems		Characteristics
1.	Capitalism	a.	The government controls all industries
2.	Socialism	b.	Some industries are state-owned, but private property exists
3.	Communism	c.	Private businesses drive the economy with minimal government interference
4.	Mixed Economy	d.	Combines private sector competition with government intervention

- a. 1-b, 2-d, 3-a, 4-c b. 1-c, 2-c, 3-d, 4-b
c. 1-c, 2-b, 3-d, 4-a d. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a, 4-d
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9. Match these ancient art forms with their countries of origin:

	Art Form		Country
1.	Ukiyo-e Printing System	a.	India
2.	Madhubani Painting	b.	Japan
3.	Cave Paintings of Lascaux	c.	France
4.	Totem Poles	d.	Indigenous North America

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

1. According to Churchill, courage is not just about taking bold action but also about knowing when to listen and learn.
2. Napoleon Bonaparte believed that leadership was purely about strategy and did not involve inspiring hope

Which of the following is correct?

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

1. La Tomatina, the world's largest food fight, is celebrated in Spain, where people throw tomatoes at each other for fun.
2. The festival originally started as a protest against food shortages during World War II.

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
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12. Fill in the blank:

The _____ is an international organization that regulates global trade, ensures fair competition, and settles trade disputes between countries.

- a. G20
 - b. International Monetary Fund
 - c. World Bank
 - d. World Trade Organization
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13. Alex's professor said that a famous revolutionary leader once described this perfectly, saying, that there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happen. Which leader made this profound statement?

- a. Karl Marx
 - b. Winston Churchill
 - c. Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - d. Vladimir Lenin
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14. Match the following financial institutions with their primary function:

	Institution		Function
1.	Commercial Banks	a.	Regulates money supply
2.	Investment Banks	b.	Help companies raise capital
3.	Central Banks	c.	Provide loans and savings accounts
4.	Stock Exchanges	d.	Facilitate buying and selling of shares

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

In 2019, _____ became the first female President of the European Commission, leading the EU's response to global challenges such as climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.

- a. Angela Merkel
 - b. Christine Lagarde
 - c. Ursula von der Leyen
 - d. Giorgia Meloni
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16. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Banks make money by lending depositors money to borrowers and charging interest.
 - 2. Banks only keep the cash that customers deposit and do not create additional money.
- 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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17. Which of the following foods is most likely to contain MSG, even if it is not mentioned on the ingredient list?

- a. freshly baked bread
 - b. organic peanut butter
 - c. instant noodles
 - d. raw vegetables
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18. Fill in the blank:

In 1944, world leaders established the _____ system, linking international currencies to the U.S. dollar and shaping global trade for decades.

- a. Bretton Woods
 - b. Marshall Plan
 - c. Washington Consensus
 - d. European Economic Community
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19. Fill in the blank:

Due to rising sea levels and extreme migration, the country of _____ is at risk of becoming the first modern nation to lose its entire population.

- a. Bangladesh
 - b. Fiji
 - c. Tuvalu
 - d. Iceland
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20. Which economic measure is used to calculate the total value of all goods and services produced within a country in a year?

- a. Consumer Price Index
 - b. Gross Domestic Product
 - c. Human Development Index
 - d. Balance of Trade
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21. Arrange the following payment methods in chronological order based on when they became widely used:

1. Credit Cards
2. Mobile Wallets
3. Paper Cheques
4. Online Banking & Electronic Transfers

- a. 1 → 3 → 4 → 2
 - b. 3 → 4 → 1 → 2
 - c. 4 → 3 → 2 → 1
 - d. 3 → 1 → 4 → 2
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22. Arrange these major ancient writing systems in chronological order, from earliest to latest:

1. Egyptian Hieroglyphs
2. Cuneiform (Mesopotamia)
3. The Latin Alphabet
4. Chinese Characters

- a. 1 → 2 → 3 → 4
 - b. 2 → 1 → 4 → 3
 - c. 3 → 1 → 2 → 4
 - d. 1 → 3 → 2 → 4
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23. Match the following countries with their most unique population trends:

	Country		Population Trends
1.	Nigeria	a.	The country with the fastest-shrinking population
2.	Italy	b.	The country with the fastest-growing population
3.	China	c.	The country with the highest number of single-person households
4.	South Korea	d.	The country with the lowest birth rate in the world

- a. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-d
 - b. 1-a, 2-b, 3-d, 4-c
 - c. 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
 - d. 1-b, 2-d, 3-a, 4-c
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24. Which country has 90% of its land uninhabited, with its entire population squeezed into just 10% of its land area?
- a. Australia
 - b. Argentina
 - c. Saudi Arabia
 - d. Canada
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25. A rugby team stood in a tight formation; their faces fierce with determination. Suddenly, they began stomping, slapping their chests, and chanting in unison. They performed a powerful war dance, meant to intimidate their opponents and show unity. Which traditional dance were they performing?
- a. Kecak, Indonesia
 - b. Haka, New Zealand
 - c. Sufi Whirling, Turkey
 - d. Gumbboot Dance, South Africa
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26. Fill in the blank:
The Women's Suffrage Movement led to the first country in the world granting women the right to vote in _____.
- a. USA
 - b. France
 - c. New Zealand
 - d. Canada
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27. Which international climate movement, started by Greta Thunberg, has inspired student-led protests across the world?
- a. Green Peace
 - b. Fridays for Future
 - c. Extinction Rebellion
 - d. Kyoto Protocol
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28. Consider the following statements:
1. By the 1960s, many former colonies in Africa and Asia gained independence.
 2. The end of European colonial rule in Africa and Asia led to newly independent nations struggling with economic and political instability.
- 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
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29. It was the 1960s and a scientist in Mexico worked tirelessly to develop disease-resistant, high-yield crops. His innovations doubled food production, saving millions from famine, especially in India and Asia. Years later, he won a Nobel Peace Prize for his impact on world agriculture. Which historical breakthrough is being described?
- a. Industrial Revolution
 - b. Scientific Revolution
 - c. Green Revolution
 - d. Brown Revolution
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30. Arrange these global social movements in the correct chronological order:

1. Civil Rights Movement (USA)
2. Women's Suffrage Movement
3. Anti-Apartheid Movement (South Africa)
4. LGBTQ+ Rights Movement

- a. 2 → 3 → 1 → 4
- c. 3 → 2 → 1 → 4

- b. 1 → 3 → 2 → 4
 - d. 2 → 1 → 3 → 4
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31. Which world leader became the face of Ukraine's resistance against the Russian invasion and gained international recognition?

- a. Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- c. Vladimir Putin

- b. Petro Poroshenko
 - d. Alexander Lukashenko
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32. Match the world leader with the country they currently lead:

	Leaders		Country
1.	Emmanuel Macron	a.	Brazil
2.	Jair Bolsonaro	b.	Jair Bolsonaro
3.	Liz Truss	c.	France
4.	Vladimir Putin	d.	Russia

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

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

1. Emmanuel Macron became the youngest president of France at the age of 39.
2. He leads the political party Les Republicains.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. both statements are incorrect
- c. both statements are correct

- b. only statement 2 is correct
 - d. only statement 1 is correct
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34. Maria, a university student, was researching global peace efforts. She read about a movement that emerged strongly during the Cold War, advocating against the stockpiling and use of nuclear weapons. This movement mobilized protests in Europe, the U.S., and Japan, pushing for nuclear disarmament, she noted in her paper. Which movement was Maria most likely studying?

- a. Green Movement
- c. Anti-Nuclear Movement

- b. Non-Proliferation Treaty
 - d. League of Nations
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35. Fill in the blank:

In June 2018, after years of determined activism, the Saudi Arabian government overturned its ban on _____, granting women greater mobility and independence.

- a. owning property
- c. education

- b. driving cars
 - d. voting in elections
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36. Fill in the blank:

Bastille Day is the national holiday of _____, commemorating the storming of a fortress during the revolution.

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| a. France | b. Italy |
| c. Germany | d. Spain |
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37. Which of the following cities is the most densely populated city in the world?

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| a. Tokyo | b. Dhaka |
| c. Mumbai | d. Shanghai |
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38. Which market structure is characterized by a single seller with no direct competitors?

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| a. monopoly | b. perfect competition |
| c. oligopoly | d. monopolistic competition |
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39. Which country is home to NASDAQ, the world's largest stock exchange for technology companies?

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| a. Germany | b. USA |
| c. South Korea | d. India |
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40. Consider the following statements:

1. Fat-free labels mean the product contains absolutely no fat in any form.
2. Low-fat labels indicate that the product contains at least 50% less fat than the regular version of the same product.

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. neither statement is correct |
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Scholar Section (Each Question is of 2 Marks)

41. Fill in the blank:

John F. Kennedy once said Leadership and _____ are indispensable to each other.

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| a. experience | b. knowledge |
| c. learning | d. power |
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42. Arrange these major trade agreements in chronological order based on their formation:

1. NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)
2. WTO (World Trade Organization)
3. Bretton Woods Agreement
4. European Union (EU Common Market)

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| a. 3 → 1 → 4 → 2 | b. 4 → 3 → 1 → 2 |
| c. 3 → 4 → 1 → 2 | d. 1 → 3 → 2 → 4 |
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43. Fill in the blank:

_____ is a widely used artificial sweetener in diet and sugar-free drinks, but research has linked it to potential health risks like metabolic disorders and increased cravings for sugar.

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| a. aspartame | b. organic cane sugar |
| c. maltodextrin | d. guar gum |
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44. Which art form is created using sound waves, allowing people to see music through physical patterns in sand or liquid?

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| a. cyanotype printing | b. kinetic sculpture |
| c. cymatics | d. optical illusion art |
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45. Which country is considered one of the best examples of using its population dividend to drive rapid economic growth and industrialization?

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| a. South Korea | b. India |
| c. Egypt | d. Argentina |
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46. Fill in the blank:

_____ is a financial strategy where traders take advantage of price differences between markets by buying an asset in one market and selling it in another at a higher price.

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| a. hedging | b. short selling |
| c. arbitrage | d. carry trade |
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47. During World War II, the British military used fake inflatable tanks, radio chatter, and a ghost army to trick German forces about the location of the D-Day invasion. What was this brilliant deception called?

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| a. Operation Overlord | b. Operation Bodyguard |
| c. Operation Valkyrie | d. Operation Paperclip |
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48. Consider the following statements:

1. The Anti-Apartheid Movement fought against racial segregation policies in South Africa and led to Nelson Mandela becoming the country's first Black president in 1994.
2. Apartheid was abolished in South Africa immediately after World War II, with equal rights granted to all in 1948.

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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49. Fill in the blank:

Jair Bolsonaro, Brazil's former president, was often criticized for his handling of the _____ crisis, which led to global concerns about deforestation and climate change.

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| a. Economic Recession | b. Amazon Rainforest |
| c. COVID-19 pandemic | d. Energy Crisis |
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50. Fill in the blank:

In 1995, the establishment of the _____ replaced the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and became the key institution governing global trade.

- a. International Monetary Fund
 - b. World Trade Organization
 - c. World Economic Forum
 - d. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
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Answer Key

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