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Sample Paper



Class 3

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Time: 60 minutes

Pattern and Marking Scheme

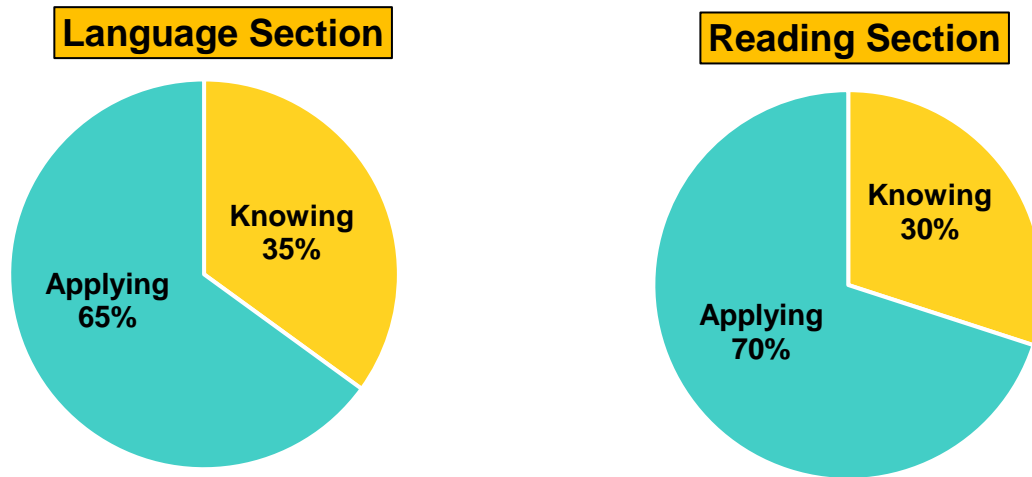
Section	Total Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
Language Section	20	1	20
Reading Section	10	2	20
Grand Total	30		40

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The **Unicus Global Olympiad** is organised around two dimensions:

1. Content dimension, specifying the subject matter domains to be assessed
2. Cognitive dimension, specifying the thinking processes to be assessed

Target percentages of the question paper devoted to cognitive domains



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Language Section (Each Question is 1 Mark)

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Nouns

1. The team won the championship.

Which word in the above sentence is a collective noun?



- a. team
b. won
c. championship
d. the

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Verbs

2. Fill in the blank with the correct verb:

The lawyer always _____ her arguments convincingly.



- a. delivered
b. delivering
c. deliver
d. delivers

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Pronouns

3. Which pronoun can replace "the woman" in the sentence?

The woman is cooking food.



- a. He
- b. She
- c. It
- d. They

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Adjectives

4. Choose the correct form of the adjective to complete the sentence:

The cheetah is the _____ animal in the jungle.



- a. fast
- b. faster
- c. fastest
- d. fastly

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Adverbs

5. Fill in the blank with a suitable adverb:

She whispered _____ into her ear.



- a. loudly
- b. softly
- c. harshly
- d. excitedly

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Tenses

6. Select the correct verb form to fill in the blank:

Every evening, the orchestra _____ a beautiful symphony.



- a. perform
- c. performed

- b. performs
- d. performing

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Prepositions

7. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition:

She leaped ____ the puddle to avoid getting her shoes wet.



- a. into
- c. over

- b. onto
- d. between

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Conjunctions

8. Which sentence uses the conjunction incorrectly?

- a. I got late for school because I missed the bus.
- b. She was happy because she won the prize.
- c. He is reading a book, and he is drinking coffee.
- d. They went hiking so it was raining heavily.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Subject and Predicate

9. Identify the subject in the sentence:

The swift river flows through the mountains.



- a. flows through the mountains
- b. through the mountains
- c. The swift river
- d. river flows through

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Feminine and Masculine

10. Which noun changes gender by simply adding a suffix?

- a. actor – actrice
- b. prince - princess
- c. king – kingess
- d. lord - lady

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Word Power

11. Which word is a synonym for "courageous"?



- a. brave
- b. timid
- c. shy
- d. anxious

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Information retrieval

12. Read about the birthday invitation below and answer the following question.

Dear Friend,

You are cordially invited to join us for a joyous celebration as we mark Emily's 9th birthday!

Please grace us with your presence on Saturday, September 14th, 2024, at 5:00 PM at our residence, 123 Maple Avenue, Greenfield. We have planned an evening filled with laughter, merriment, and delightful surprises that we can't wait to share with you.

Your presence would mean the world to us as we celebrate this special occasion. Kindly let us know if you can join the festivities.

We are looking forward to celebrating together!

Warm regards,
Sarah Johnson

Which word in the invitation is synonymous with 'celebration'?



- a. presence
- c. merriment

- b. occasion
- d. laughter

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Singular and Plural

13. Which of the following is wrongly matched with its plural form?

- a. cactus – cacti
- c. loaf - loafs

- b. locus – loci
- d. child - children

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Adjectives

14. Which of the following sentences uses the superlative degree of the adjective?

- a. The blue whale is the largest animal in the ocean.
- b. This book is more interesting than that one.
- c. Her dress is as pretty as mine.
- d. He runs faster than his brother.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Conjunctions

15. Identify the sentence that incorrectly uses a conjunction:

- a. They stayed indoors because it was raining heavily.
- b. Not only did he lose his wallet, but also his phone was stolen.
- c. Although she was tired, she continued working until late.
- d. Either we will go hiking, or we will stay home and watch movies.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Punctuation

16. Which sentence is correctly punctuated?

- a. i can't believe we won the game?
- b. I cant believe we won the game!
- c. i cant believe we won the game?
- d. I can't believe we won the game!

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Tenses

17. Identify the sentence that is in the simple present tense.

- a. He helps his mother with the chores.
- b. We enjoyed the concert last night.
- c. She will visit her grandmother tomorrow.
- d. They are playing chess right now.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Word Power

18. In the sentence "Her behaviour was very _____, always making others feel comfortable around her," which word is closest in meaning to "friendly"?



- a. hostile
- b. welcoming
- c. formal
- d. reserved

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Adverb

19. Choose the sentence where the adverb is used to modify an adjective.

- a. She danced gracefully on the stage.
- b. The book was extremely interesting.
- c. He arrived late to the meeting.
- d. The children played outside.

Cognitive Domain: Applying**Content Domain: Verbs**

20. Which sentence correctly uses the verb "to be"?

- a. The concert will be starting at 8 p.m. b. The concert starts at 8 p.m.
c. The concert will be start at 8 p.m. d. The concert start at 8 p.m.

Reading Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

Direction for questions (21-23): Read the comprehension passage on 'How Was The Safety Pin Invented' and answer the following question.

The safety pin, a small yet essential tool used worldwide, was invented by Walter Hunt, an American mechanic, in 1849. Hunt was facing financial difficulties and needed to repay a \$15 debt. As he was pondering ways to earn quick money, he began fiddling with a piece of brass wire. Within just three hours, Hunt twisted and bent the wire into a pin with a spring mechanism that would secure the pin while also protecting the user from its sharp point. He called it the "safety pin" because of its unique clasp design that prevented injuries. Hunt patented his invention and sold the rights for \$400 to a company that manufactured and sold the pins. Although Hunt never profited further from his invention, the safety pin became an indispensable household item, widely used for fastening clothes, diapers, and many other purposes. Despite its simple design, the safety pin remains a brilliant example of functional and practical invention. It has since evolved into a variety of styles and sizes, serving numerous purposes beyond its original intent. Today, the safety pin is also used in fashion, arts and crafts, and even as a symbol of solidarity. Walter Hunt's creation demonstrates how a simple idea can have a lasting impact on the world.

Cognitive Domain: Knowing**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

21. Which of the following best describes the safety pin's unique feature?

- a. It was made of silver. b. It had a clasp that protected the user.
c. It could be used as a weapon. d. It was the smallest pin ever made.

Cognitive Domain: Knowing**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

22. What did Walter Hunt do after inventing the safety pin?

- a. He kept the invention for himself. b. He sold the rights for \$400.
c. He patented it but never sold it. d. He gave it away for free.

Cognitive Domain: Knowing**Content Domain: Comprehension Passage**

23. Which of the following best explains the use of the word "indispensable" in the passage?

- a. expensive b. unnecessary
c. essential d. decorative

Direction for questions (24-26): Read the paragraph given below and answer the following question.

Long ago, Earth was home to many fascinating animals that no longer exist today. These animals are called extinct animals. One of the most famous extinct animals is the dodo bird. The dodo bird was a flightless bird that lived on an island called Mauritius. Unfortunately, it became extinct because humans hunted it too much, and other animals destroyed its eggs. Another well-known extinct animal is the woolly mammoth. This giant, furry creature looked like a large elephant with long tusks. Woolly mammoths lived during the Ice Age but became extinct as the Earth's climate changed, and their food became scarce. Dinosaurs are also extinct. They roamed the Earth millions of years ago and disappeared after a massive asteroid hit our planet. Some scientists believe that other factors, like volcanic eruptions, may have also contributed to their extinction. Extinct animals remind us how important it is to protect living creatures today. By taking care of our environment, we can help prevent more animals from becoming extinct in the future. If we don't act responsibly, more species may disappear forever.

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

24. Which event is mentioned as possibly contributing to the extinction of dinosaurs?

- a. earthquakes
- b. volcanic eruptions
- c. floods
- d. tsunamis

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

25. What does the word "responsibly" mean in the sentence: "If we don't act responsibly, more species may disappear forever"?

- a. carelessly
- b. recklessly
- c. sensibly
- d. quickly

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

26. What does the sentence "more species may disappear forever" imply?

- a. More species might become extinct if we do not protect the environment.
- b. Extinction is reversible.
- c. Species can reappear after extinction.
- d. All species are safe from extinction.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

27. What is the synonym of "scarce" as used in the passage?

- a. plentiful
- b. rare
- c. abundant
- d. common

Direction for questions (28-30): Read the paragraph given below and answer the following question.

Flowers come in many beautiful varieties, each with its own unique colours, shapes, and fragrances. One of the most popular types is the rose, known for its delicate petals and sweet smell. Roses can be found in red, pink, yellow, and white, and they often symbolize love and friendship. Another lovely flower is the sunflower, which stands tall and bright with its large yellow petals and dark centre. Sunflowers follow the Sun throughout the day, making them a cheerful sight in gardens. Lilies are also well-loved for their elegance. These flowers come in various colours, such as white, orange, and pink, and have a delightful fragrance that attracts butterflies. Daisies are simple yet charming flowers, often associated with purity and innocence. They have white petals and a yellow centre, making them a favourite for children. Lastly, orchids are exotic flowers that come in a wide range of colours and patterns. They are known for their unique shapes and long-lasting blooms, often used in floral arrangements. Each variety of flowers adds beauty to our world, and they play an important role in nature by attracting pollinators like bees and butterflies, helping plants reproduce and thrive. Flowers also bring joy to people, enhancing gardens, homes, and celebrations with their vibrant colours and lovely scents. Their diversity makes the world a more colourful and inviting place.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

28. What does the word "delicate" in the passage most closely mean?

- a. strong
- b. fragile
- c. colourful
- d. sweet

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

29. What role do flowers play in nature according to the passage?

- a. They provide food for humans.
- b. They enhance the beauty of landscapes.
- c. They attract pollinators and help plants reproduce.
- d. They serve as a habitat for animals.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

30. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

- a. The flowers is blooming beautifully in the garden.
 - b. Each variety of flowers add beauty to our world.
 - c. Roses can be found in red, pink, yellow, and white.
 - d. Sunflowers follows the Sun throughout the day.
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Answer Key

1.	a	2.	d	3.	b	4.	c	5.	b	6.	b	7.	c
8.	d	9.	c	10.	b	11.	a	12.	c	13.	c	14.	a
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