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Class 4

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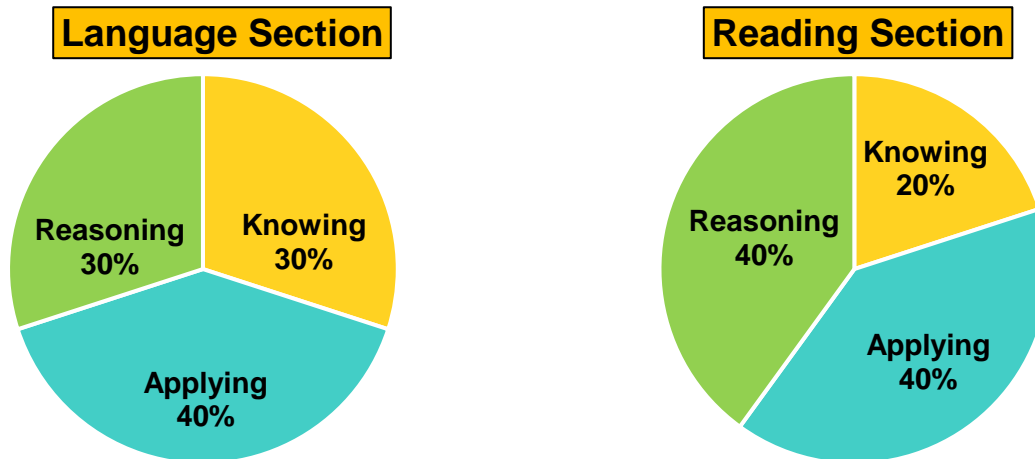
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Section	Total Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
Language Section	30	1	30
Reading Section	15	2	30
Grand Total	45		60

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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: Applying

Content Domain: Figures of Speech

1. Match the following nouns with their correct types:

1.	Courage	a.	Proper noun
2.	London	b.	Abstract noun
3.	Team	c.	Collective noun
4.	River	d.	Common noun

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

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

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

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

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Synonyms and Antonyms

2. Fill in the blank with the correct verb:

The scientist _____ a groundbreaking discovery in the lab yesterday.



a. unveils

b. unveiled

c. unveil

d. unveiling

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Pronoun

3. Choose the correct pronoun to complete the sentence.

Both the players and the coach expressed _____ opinions on the new strategy.



a. his

b. their

c. its

d. his and their

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Collocations

4. Which of the following adjectives best completes the sentence?

The _____ forest was filled with ancient trees and mysterious sounds.



- a. gloomy
- c. generous

- b. bustling
- d. adventurous

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Adverb

5. Fill in the blank with the correct adverb:

The eagle soared _____ across the sky, searching for its prey.



- a. smoothly
- c. silently

- b. suddenly
- d. swiftly

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Figures of Speech

6. Find the odd one out.

- a. revealed
- c. wrote

- b. constructed
- d. imagines

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning	Content Domain: Adjectives
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7. Fill in the blanks with the correct articles.

_____ unexpected visitor arrived at _____ doorstep, carrying _____ bouquet as a peace offering.



- a. An, the, a
- b. A, the, the
- c. The, a, a
- d. An, a, the

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning	Content Domain: Verbs
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8. Rewrite the sentence by replacing the bold word with a suitable pronoun:

Mr. and Mrs. Smith decided to sell their house.



- a. Them
- b. Him
- c. They
- d. Us

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning	Content Domain: Conjunction
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9. Identify the sentence with the incorrect use of a conjunction:



- a. She wanted to go to the beach, and it was too cold.
- b. He studied hard, so he passed the exam.
- c. They can go to the concert if they finish their chores.
- d. I will call you when I arrive at the station.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning	Content Domain: Tenses
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10. Rewrite the sentence by correcting the punctuation.

my friends books are over there on the table



- a. My friend's book's are over there, on the table.
- b. My friends' book's are over there, on the table.
- c. My friends' book's are over there, on the table.
- d. My friend's books are over there, on the table.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning	Content Domain: Tenses
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11. Match the following sentence with its type:

a.	“Please close the window.”	1.	Declarative
b.	“The Sun sets in the west.”	2.	Exclamatory
c.	“Wow, what a beautiful sunset!	3.	Imperative
d.	“Can you help me with this?”	4.	Interrogative

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

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Synonyms and Antonyms

12. In the sentence below, identify the complete predicate.

The talented musician performed a beautiful symphony at the concert.



- a. The talented musician
- b. performed a beautiful symphony
- c. at the concert
- d. performed a beautiful symphony at the concert

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Feminine and Masculine

13. Rewrite the following sentence, changing the masculine noun to its feminine form:

The duke received a special honour from the king.



- a. The duchess received a special honour from the king.
- b. The duke received a special honour from the queen.
- c. The king received a special honour from the duchess.
- d. The duchess received a special honour from the queen.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Collocation

14. Which of the following sentences uses the correct collocation?

- a. She made a quick glance at the clock.
- b. He took a deep decision before leaving.
- c. The child caught a cold after playing in the rain.
- d. They ran a fast conversation about the event.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Jumbled Sentence

15. Rearrange the following jumbled words to form a coherent sentence:

afraid / he / late / meeting / was / that / the / for.



- a. He was meeting the afraid that for late.
- b. That he was afraid for late the meeting.
- c. He was afraid that she late for the meeting.
- d. He was afraid that she was late for the meeting.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Pronouns

16. What type of pronoun is "whom" in the sentence: Whom did you ask about the assignment?

- a. Subjective pronoun
 - b. Interrogative pronoun
 - c. Reflexive pronoun
 - d. Possessive pronoun
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17. Read the letter given below and find a grammatical error in the letter:

Alex Johnson
123 Elm Street
Hometown, ST 12345
alex.johnson@email.com
September 6, 2024

Principal Sarah Lee
Hometown High School
456 Maple Avenue
Hometown, ST 12346

Dear Principal Lee,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to apologize for my recent behaviour in class on September 4th, which was not in line with the standards expected at Hometown High School.

I regret that my actions during class disrupted the learning environment and caused inconvenience to both my classmates and teachers. I understand that my behaviour were inappropriate and did not reflect the respect and responsibility I should uphold as a student.

I am taking this opportunity to reflect on my actions and am committed to making amends. I will ensure that such behaviour does not happen again and will work on demonstrating better conduct in the future.

Thank you for your understanding and for allowing me to address this matter. I am truly sorry for any disruption caused and appreciate your guidance in helping me improve.

Sincerely,
Alex Johnson



- a. "I understand that"
c. "and did not reflect"
- b. "my behaviour were"
d. "the respect and responsibility"

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Parts of Speech

18. Sara was happy to share her **knowledge** with the class.

What part of speech is the bold word?

- a. noun
- b. adjective
- c. verb
- d. adverb

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Noun

19. Which noun does not belong with the others?

- a. melody
- b. symphony
- c. harmony
- d. celebration

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Pronouns

20. Which sentence uses a demonstrative pronoun accurately?

- a. These is the most intriguing novel I've ever read.
- b. I have no interest in those artworks exhibited in the gallery.
- c. That are the keys you misplaced last week.
- d. This are the documents I was referencing.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Verbs

21. Choose the verb in the correct form

The teacher _____ the students' work carefully to provide feedback.



- a. reviewing
- b. Review
- c. reviews
- d. was review

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Articles

22. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate article:

1. _____ Amazon rainforest, which spans multiple countries in South America, is considered one of the most biodiverse regions on Earth, playing a crucial role in regulating the planet's climate.
2. He is _____ university professor who has published numerous research papers on artificial intelligence and is widely recognized in the academic community for his contributions to the field.
3. She has _____ orange, which she picked from the orchard this morning, and plans to make a fresh juice that she will share with her family during breakfast.

- a. 1-The, 2-an, 3-a
c. 1-An, 2-a, 3-the

- b. 1-A, 2-the, 3-an
d. 1-The, 2-a, 3-an

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Tenses

23. Which sentence is not in the simple past tense?

- a. The explorers reached the summit after days of trekking.
- b. She crafted an intricate sculpture last week.
- c. They will unveil the new exhibit next month.
- d. He delivered an inspiring speech at the conference.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Nouns

24. Choose the correct pair of abstract nouns to replace the ones in the sentence below:

Her courage and wisdom helped her overcome the most difficult challenges.



- a. bravery and intelligence
c. patience and kindness

- b. strength and power
d. determination and creativity

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Pronouns

25. Identify the sentence with an incorrect use of reflexive pronouns.

- a. The children were able to dress themselves without help.
- b. She wrote the entire script for the play herself.
- c. The principal and myself will host the event tomorrow.
- d. He blamed himself for the team's loss.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Synonyms and Antonyms

26. Identify the antonym of the highlighted word:

The scientist was **confident** in his theory, despite the challenges.



- a. nervous
- c. brave

- b. bold
- d. assured

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Adverbs

27. Rewrite the sentence correctly by placing the adverb in the right position:

She reads in the library silently.



- a. She reads silently in the library.
- c. In the library she reads silently.

- b. Silently she reads in the library.
- d. She silently reads in the library.

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Verb

28. The architect designed an impressive blueprint for the new building.

Which verb can replace "designed"?



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- a. devised
- c. sketched

- b. constructed
- d. sketched

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Part of Speech

29. Match the following words with their correct parts of speech:

Sentence: The teacher carefully explained the complex problem to the students.

Column I		Column II	
1.	Carefully	a.	Noun
2.	Complex	b.	Verb
3.	Explained	c.	Adjective
4.	Students	d.	Adverb

Choose the correct combination:



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

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

Cognitive Domain: Reasoning

Content Domain: Adjectives

30. Identify the sentence with the incorrect adjective usage:

- a. The stormy sea crashed against the shore.
- b. She is the more intelligent student in the class.
- c. His artwork is truly astonishing.
- d. The graceful dancer moved across the stage like a feather.

Reading Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

Direction for questions (31-33): Read the paragraph given below and answer the following question.

Rare birds are fascinating creatures that are not commonly seen in the wild. These birds are often found in specific regions of the world, such as tropical rainforests, remote islands, or high mountain ranges. Some rare birds are endangered because their habitats are being destroyed or because they are hunted for their beautiful feathers. For example, the Kakapo, a large, flightless parrot from New Zealand, is one of the rarest birds in the world, with only a few left in the wild. Another example is the Spix's Macaw, a striking blue parrot from Brazil, which is nearly extinct in the wild due to habitat loss. The Philippine Eagle, known for its impressive size and strength, is another rare bird that is endangered. The California Condor, one of the world's largest flying birds, is also critically endangered due to poaching and habitat destruction. Protecting these birds and their habitats is very important to ensure they do not become extinct. Conservation efforts, such as creating protected areas and breeding programs, are essential to help save these unique species. Learning about rare birds can help us appreciate the diversity of life on our planet and encourage us to take action to protect these remarkable creatures.

Cognitive Domain: Knowing	Content Domain: Comprehension Passage
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31. The word "fascinating" in the first sentence most likely means:

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| a. boring | b. interesting |
| c. ordinary | d. common |

Cognitive Domain: Knowing	Content Domain: Comprehension Passage
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32. The phrase "critically endangered" most likely means:

- a. The bird is common in many areas.
- b. The bird is in serious danger of extinction.
- c. The bird is thriving in its natural habitat.
- d. The bird is not facing any threats.

Cognitive Domain: Knowing	Content Domain: Comprehension Passage
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33. Which of the following is true about rare birds?

- a. Rare birds are commonly found in cities.
- b. Rare birds are often found in specific regions like rainforests or islands.
- c. Rare birds are not affected by habitat destruction.
- d. Rare birds are usually small and can fly very fast.

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Direction for questions (34-36): Read the poem and answer the following question.

Butterflies in the Breeze

In the garden, bright and fair,
Butterflies dance through the air.
Wings like rainbows, soft and light,
Fluttering here, such a lovely sight.

They sip nectar, sweet and pure
From flowers blooming, that's for sure.
Each one different, none the same,
Like tiny jewels without a name.

They whisper secrets to the trees,
As they drift upon the breeze.
Up they go, then down they dive,
Making the garden feel alive.

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

34. Which line from the poem suggests that butterflies bring life to the garden?

- a. "Wings like rainbows, soft and light"
- b. "They sip nectar, sweet and pure"
- c. "Making the garden feel alive"
- d. "Up they go, then down they dive"

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

35. What does the phrase "Wings like rainbows" most likely suggest about the butterflies?

- a. their speed
- b. their colours
- c. their size
- d. their strength

Cognitive Domain: Knowing

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

36. What part of speech is the word "bright" in the first line, "In the garden, bright and fair"?

- a. noun
- b. verb
- c. adjective
- d. adverb

Direction for questions (37-39): Read the paragraph given below and answer the following question.

Pet animals are beloved companions that bring joy and comfort to many households. They include dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, and even fish. Each pet has its unique traits and requires special care. Dogs, often called "man's best friend," are known for their loyalty and protective nature. They enjoy playing fetch, going for walks, and being around people. Cats, on the other hand, are more independent. They love to explore, climb, and find cosy spots to nap. Birds are colourful and can be very talkative, often mimicking sounds or even words they hear. Rabbits are gentle and enjoy hopping around and nibbling on fresh vegetables. Fish, though silent, add a sense of calm to any room with their graceful swimming.

Some dogs can even detect medical conditions, such as low blood sugar or cancer, thanks to their exceptional sense of smell. Cats, interestingly, have a "right" or "left" paw preference, similar to how humans are right- or left-handed. Goldfish can see more colours than humans, including ultraviolet light, giving them a richer perception of the world.

Caring for a pet is a big responsibility. It involves feeding them the right food, ensuring they have a comfortable place to live, and providing them with attention and love. In return, pets offer companionship, reduce stress, and even help people feel happier. Having a pet teaches important values like empathy, patience, and responsibility, making them more than just animals—they become part of the family.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

37. What can be inferred about rabbits from the passage?

- a. They are mostly kept for their ability to mimic sounds like birds.
- b. They prefer living alone without much attention.
- c. They require more exercise than dogs or cats.
- d. They are gentle animals that enjoy fresh vegetables.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

38. Which word best completes the sentence: "Caring for a pet _____ feeding them the right food and ensuring they have a comfortable place to live"?

- a. includes
- b. incoming
- c. involve
- d. included

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

39. Which of the following words is closest in meaning to "graceful" as used in the passage?

- a. clumsy
- b. energetic
- c. elegant
- d. awkward

Direction for questions (40-42): Read the paragraph given below and answer the following question.

Flightless birds are fascinating creatures that have lost the ability to fly. These birds have adapted to their environments in unique ways. One of the most well-known flightless birds is the ostrich, which is native to Africa. Ostriches are the largest birds in the world and can run at incredible speeds to escape predators. Another interesting flightless bird is the kiwi, found in New Zealand. Kiwis are small, nocturnal birds with long beaks and a keen sense of smell. They are unique because they lay one of the largest eggs in relation to their body size. Kiwis are also a symbol of New Zealand. The penguin is another famous flightless bird, known for its distinctive black and white colouring. Penguins are excellent swimmers and spend most of their time in the water. They are social animals that often live in large colonies. Although these birds cannot fly, they have developed other skills to survive in their habitats. Flightless birds remind us of the incredible ways animals adapt to their environments, showcasing the diversity of life on our planet.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

40. What is the main idea of the passage?

- a. Flightless birds are only found in Africa and New Zealand.
- b. Flightless birds have lost the ability to fly but have adapted to their environments in unique ways.
- c. Flightless birds are better swimmers than flying birds.
- d. Ostriches, kiwis, and penguins are the only flightless birds in the world.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

41. Based on the passage, what does the word "nocturnal" most likely mean when describing kiwis?

- a. active during the day
- b. able to swim
- c. active at night
- d. able to fly

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

42. Why is the ostrich described as being well-suited for its environment?

- a. It is the fastest bird in the world.
- b. It can swim for long distances.
- c. It has a strong sense of smell to find food.
- d. It can run at incredible speeds to escape predators.

Direction for questions (43-45): Read the paragraph given below and answer the following question.

Ansel Adams was a famous American photographer best known for his stunning black-and-white images of nature, especially the landscapes of the American West. Born in 1902 in San Francisco, Adams developed a love for the outdoors at a young age. His passion for nature inspired him to take photographs that captured the beauty of places like Yosemite National Park. Adams didn't just snap pictures; he was known for his careful attention to light, shadow, and detail, making his photographs look almost magical. Adams was also a conservationist, meaning he worked to protect the environment. His photography wasn't just art; it was a way to raise awareness about the need to preserve nature. One of his most famous images is "Moonrise, Hernandez, New Mexico," which shows a peaceful landscape under the moonlight.

In addition to his photography, Adams helped develop a system called the "Zone System," which allowed photographers to better control the exposure and contrast in their pictures. Through his dedication, Ansel Adams became one of the most respected landscape photographers in history, leaving a lasting legacy that continues to inspire people today.

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

43. What part of speech is the word "stunning" in the sentence: "Adams was famous for his stunning black-and-white images"?

- a. verb
- b. noun
- c. adverb
- d. adjective

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

44. Which word from the passage means "working to protect the environment"?

- a. photographer
- b. conservationist
- c. outdoorsman
- d. legacy

Cognitive Domain: Applying

Content Domain: Comprehension Passage

45. Which of the following best describes the effect of Ansel Adams' photographs?

- a. They raised awareness about preserving natural landscapes
 - b. They helped people see the beauty of cities.
 - c. They raised awareness about preserving natural landscapes.
 - d. They promoted the use of digital photography
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Answer Key

1.	a	2.	b	3.	b	4.	a	5.	d	6.	d	7.	a
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