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Sample Paper



Class 8

Unicus General Knowledge Explorers (UGKE)

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. Which city is home to the International Court of Justice?
 - a. Geneva, Switzerland
 - b. Hague, Netherlands
 - c. Strasbourg, France
 - d. Brussels, Belgium

2. Which country is famous for its dot painting style?
 - a. Brazil
 - b. South Africa
 - c. Canada
 - d. Australia

3. Fill in the blank:
The Alhambra, a famous palace showcasing Islamic architecture, is located in _____.
 - a. Morocco
 - b. Spain
 - c. Turkey
 - d. Egypt

4. Which country has the highest number of workers employed in the renewable energy sector?
 - a. Brazil
 - b. India
 - c. Germany
 - d. China

5. Which organization operates the Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific Ocean to alert countries about potential tsunamis?
 - a. World Meteorological Organization
 - b. International Tsunami Warning Centre
 - c. United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
 - d. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

6. Fill in the blank:
The Years, an influential work blending autobiography and history, was written by _____.
 - a. Orhan Pamuk
 - b. Annie Ernaux
 - c. Margaret Atwood
 - d. Salman Rushdie

7. Consider the following statements about the Pulitzer Prize:
 1. It is awarded for achievements in newspaper, magazine, and online journalism.
 2. It includes categories for books, drama, and music.
 3. It is awarded by the United Nations.Which of the following is correct?
 - a. only statement 1 is correct
 - b. only statements 2 and 3 are correct
 - c. all statements are correct
 - d. only statements 1 and 2 are correct

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8. Arrange the following major global disasters in chronological order:

1. Haiti Earthquake
2. Indian Ocean Tsunami
3. Hurricane Katrina
4. Nepal Earthquake

- a. 2 - 3 - 1 - 4
- c. 1 - 3 - 2 - 4

- b. 3 - 2 - 4 - 1
 - d. 2 - 1 - 3 - 4
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9. Which global event, celebrated on June 5 every year, promotes environmental conservation and action?

- a. Earth Day
- c. World Wildlife Day

- b. World Environment Day
 - d. International Biodiversity Day
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10. Consider the following statements about the Carnival of Rio de Janeiro:

1. It is the largest carnival in the world.
2. The festival has roots in Portuguese Catholic traditions.
3. The main attraction is the samba parade, where different samba schools compete.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statement 1 is correct
- c. only statements 1 and 2 are correct

- b. only statements 2 and 3 are correct
 - d. all statements are correct
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11. Fill in the blank:

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which serves as the foundation for human rights worldwide, was adopted by the _____.

- a. International Criminal Court
- c. International Labour Organization

- b. World Economic Forum
 - d. United Nations General Assembly
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12. Arrange the following major international courts and judicial institutions in chronological order based on their establishment:

1. International Criminal Court
2. International Court of Justice
3. European Court of Human Rights
4. Permanent Court of Arbitration

- a. 3 - 4 - 2 - 1
- c. 4 - 2 - 3 - 1

- b. 2 - 1 - 4 - 3
 - d. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
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13. Where is the headquarters of Amnesty International located?

- a. Geneva, Switzerland
- c. London, United Kingdom

- b. New York, USA
 - d. Paris, France
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14. Fill in the blank:

_____ is the only country where women make up more than 50% of the national parliament, leading the world in gender representation in politics.

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| a. Sweden | b. India |
| c. Finland | d. Rwanda |
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15. Which country has the highest number of workers employed in the semiconductor industry?

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| a. UK | b. China |
| c. Taiwan | d. South Korea |
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16. Which country's legislative body consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate?

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| a. United Kingdom | b. Germany |
| c. France | d. United States |
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17. Fill in the blank:

The Laureus World Sports Awards are often referred to as the _____ of sports because of their prestige.

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| a. Nobel Prize | b. Oscars |
| c. Ballon d'Or | d. Grammy |
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18. Fill in the blank:

The Richter scale is used to measure the strength of _____.

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| a. hurricanes | b. floods |
| c. tornadoes | d. earthquakes |
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19. Who wrote the classic children's book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?

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| a. J.K. Rowling | b. Dr. Seuss |
| c. Lewis Carroll | d. Roald Dahl |
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20. Which of these books was adapted into a famous Disney animated movie?

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| a. Jungle Book | b. Great Gatsby |
| c. Oliver Twist | d. To Kill a Mockingbird |
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21. Which country became the first to land a spacecraft on the Moon's South Pole?

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| a. USA | b. Russia |
| c. India | d. China |
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22. Fill in the blank:

The device used to detect and measure earthquakes is called a _____.

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| a. barometer | b. seismograph |
| c. anemometer | d. hygrometer |
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23. Fill in the blank:

In 2018, _____ became the first country in the world to launch a hydrogen-powered train, called Coradia iLint, to promote green transportation.

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| a. Japan | b. Germany |
| c. USA | d. France |
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24. Fill in the blank:

In 2021, _____ became the first country in the world to officially adopt Bitcoin as legal tender.

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| a. Switzerland | b. El Salvador |
| c. UAE | d. Singapore |
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25. Arrange the following important days in chronological order based on their recognition by the UN:

1. International Women's Day
2. World Health Day
3. International Day of Peace
4. World Environment Day

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| a. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 | b. 3 - 1 - 4 - 2 |
| c. 1 - 3 - 2 - 4 | d. 2 - 4 - 1 - 3 |
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26. Which international organization is responsible for promoting and protecting human rights globally?

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| a. United Nations | b. WHO |
| c. International Monetary Fund | d. World Trade Organization |
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27. Which space agency successfully landed the Perseverance Rover on Mars?

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| a. NASA | b. ISRO |
| c. ESA | d. CNSA |
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28. Fill in the blank:

The Mona Lisa, one of the most famous paintings in the world, was created by _____.

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| a. Pablo Picasso | b. Vincent Van Gogh |
| c. Leonardo da Vinci | d. Claude Monet |
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29. Fill in the blank:

The James Webb Space Telescope was launched in _____ to study distant galaxies and exoplanets.

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| a. 2020 | b. 2021 |
| c. 2018 | d. 2015 |
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30. Where is the headquarters of the World Food Programme (WFP) located?

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| a. New York, USA | b. Geneva, Switzerland |
| c. Brussels, Belgium | d. Rome, Italy |
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31. Which country is planning the Artemis program, aiming to return humans to the Moon?

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| a. USA | b. China |
| c. Russia | d. Japan |
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32. Which country was the first to adopt a written constitution?

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| a. United States | b. France |
| c. Poland | d. San Marino |
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33. Fill in the blank:

The Treaty of Versailles, signed in _____, officially ended World War I and imposed heavy penalties on Germany.

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| a. 1919 | b. 1923 |
| c. 1918 | d. 1939 |
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34. What is the name of the national parliament of Japan?

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| a. Diet | b. Knesset |
| c. Bundestag | d. Rajya Sabha |
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35. Arrange the following major historical events in chronological order:

1. Suez Crisis
2. Formation of the State of Israel
3. Camp David Accords
4. Persian Gulf War

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| a. 1 - 2 - 4 - 3 | b. 2 - 1 - 3 - 4 |
| c. 4 - 2 - 1 - 3 | d. 2 - 4 - 1 - 3 |
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36. Arrange the following major sporting milestones in chronological order:

1. Introduction of the Paralympic Games
2. First FIFA World Cup held
3. First modern Olympic Games
4. Formation of the International Cricket Council (ICC)

- a. 3 - 2 - 4 - 1
c. 3 - 4 - 2 - 1

- b. 2 - 3 - 1 - 4
d. 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
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37. Which sport was specifically designed for visually impaired athletes and is played only in the Paralympic Games?

- a. Wheelchair Rugby
c. Goalball

- b. Para-Badminton
d. Boccia
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38. Which Olympic sport was once an official event but later discontinued?

- a. Fencing
c. Gymnastics

- b. Triathlon
d. Tug-of-War
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39. Which event led to the United States entering World War II?

- a. Battle of Stalingrad
c. Attack on Pearl Harbor

- b. Treaty of Versailles
d. Fall of Berlin
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40. Which two superpowers were the main rivals during the Cold War?

- a. United States and China
c. United States and Soviet Union

- b. Soviet Union and Germany
d. United Kingdom and Japan
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Scholar Section (Each Question is of 2 Marks)

41. Arrange the following Nobel Prize in Literature winners in chronological order based on the year they received the award:

1. Kazuo Ishiguro
2. Olga Tokarczuk
3. Annie Ernaux
4. Abdulrazak Gurnah

- a. 4 - 1 - 2 - 3
c. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4

- b. 2 - 1 - 4 - 3
d. 1 - 2 - 4 - 3
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42. Consider the following statements about the International Court of Justice:

1. It settles disputes between countries.
2. It can prosecute individuals for crimes.
3. All United Nations member states recognize its authority.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statements 1 and 3 are correct
c. only statements 2 and 3 are correct

- b. only statement 1 is correct
d. all statements are correct
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43. Consider the following statements about global green job policies:

1. The European Union has a Green Deal aiming for carbon neutrality by 2050.
2. India is one of the world's fastest-growing solar energy workforce.
3. The United States has banned all fossil fuel-related jobs.

Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 1 is correct | b. only statements 1 and 2 are correct |
| c. only statements 2 and 3 are correct | d. all statements are correct |
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44. Consider the following statements about the International Red Cross:

1. It provides emergency medical assistance in disaster-affected areas.
2. It works only in war zones and does not help in natural disasters.
3. It operates worldwide, offering disaster response and first aid training.

Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 1 is correct | b. only statements 2 and 3 are correct |
| c. only statements 1 and 3 are correct | d. all statements are correct |
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45. Consider the following statements about International Human Rights Day:

1. It is observed on December 10 each year.
2. It commemorates the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).
3. It is organized by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 1 is correct | b. only statements 2 and 3 are correct |
| c. only statements 1 and 2 are correct | d. all statements are correct |
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46. The Shwedagon Pagoda, a gold-covered Buddhist temple that holds relics of Buddha, is located in which country?

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| a. Nepal | b. Thailand |
| c. Myanmar | d. Sri Lanka |
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47. Arrange the following first in the world technological breakthroughs in chronological order:

1. USA becomes the first to launch a private reusable rocket
2. USA becomes the first to test a Hyperloop transportation system
3. Russia becomes the first to send a humanoid robot to space
4. China to complete a successful Mars sample return mission

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| a. 3 - 1 - 2 - 4 | b. 2 - 1 - 4 - 3 |
| c. 1 - 3 - 2 - 4 | d. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 |
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48. Consider the following statements about anti-doping measures in sports:

1. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) enforces drug testing in international sports.
2. Athletes can legally use performance-enhancing drugs if approved by their sports federation.
3. The Olympic Games follow WADA's anti-doping regulations.

Which of the following is correct?

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| a. only statement 1 is correct | b. only statements 1 and 3 are correct |
| c. only statements 2 and 3 are correct | d. all statements are correct |
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49. Consider the following statements about the Renaissance:

1. It was a cultural movement that began in Italy.
 2. It emphasized humanism, art, and science.
 3. It spread across Europe, influencing politics and philosophy.
- Which of the following is correct?

- a. only statement 1 is correct
 - b. only statements 1 and 2 are correct
 - c. only statements 2 and 3 are correct
 - d. all statements are correct
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50. Arrange the following famous space missions in chronological order:

1. Apollo 11
2. Voyager 1
3. Curiosity Rover
4. Parker Solar Probe

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

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29.	b	30.	d	31.	a	32.	a	33.	a	34.	a	35.	b
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