



# UNICUS OLYMPIADS

## Sample Paper (2020-21)

**Class 11**

**Unicus English Olympiad**



<b>Section – Class*</b> <small>*Syllabus covered</small>	<b>Total Questions</b>	<b>Marks per Questions</b>	<b>Total Questions</b>
Classic Section – Class 10	28	1	28
Classic Section – Class 9	12	1	12
Scholar Section – Class 10	7	2	14
Scholar Section – Class 9	3	2	6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>50</b>		<b>60</b>

1. Choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/phrase:

Not likely to be easily pleased

- a) Fastidious  
c) Fatalist
- b) Infallible  
d) Communist

**Correct Answer: a**

*1 Mark*

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2. Find the proper order for the four sentences and mark accordingly:

1: The lions used to be widely found in Africa and Asia.

P: There are special forest zones set aside for wildlife in various countries.

Q: Indiscriminate killing by hunters has been the cause of this drastic fall in their number.

R: Today they are a relatively rare species.

S: If the species survives at all, it will be only in national parks.

6: No hunting is permitted in such reserved areas.

- a) Q S P R  
c) S R P Q
- b) R S P Q  
d) R Q S P

**Correct Answer: d**

*1 Mark*

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3. Punctuate the following sentence:

great god I would rather be a pagan than such a christian wrote wordsworth.

- a) 'Great God! I would rather be a Pagan than such a Christian,' wrote Wordsworth  
b) "Great God! I would rather be a Pagan than such a Christian," wrote Wordsworth.  
c) "Great God! I would rather be a Pagan than such a Christian", wrote Wordsworth.  
d) Great God! I would rather be a Pagan than such a Christian, wrote Wordsworth.

**Correct Answer: b**

*1 Mark*

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4. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

Son: I failed, father. I don't understand how.

Father condemned: \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Well, never mind. Try again next year.  
c) Perhaps there has been a mistake.
- b) Well, I do! You are lazy.  
d) You really care that you should pass.

**Correct Answer: b**

*1 Mark*

5. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

The earliest known Greek \_\_\_\_\_ are Mycenaean, written on clay tablets, and \_\_\_\_\_ records, but cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ literature

- a) runics, document, termed
- b) writings, document, termed
- c) document, register, termed
- d) transcripts, classify, termed

**Correct Answer: b**

*1 Mark*

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6. Read the passage and answer the question:

In front of the house, there was a beach. Peter liked to stretch on the sand when the sun was warming it. From the back door of the house, he would walk along a path as far as the sand, and stand at the water's edge looking at the sea. When nothing very interesting was happening on the water, he would go down on his knees and take a handful of sand. Through his fingers ran the sand until only small stones and shells were left. Then, with a large sweep of his arm and with as much strength as he could muster, Peter would throw the shells away as far as he could.

At other times, he would go on his back and gaze up at the clouds, his hands idly searching the sand at his sides. He never stopped playing with the sand and feeling it run through his fingers, however much he was absorbed by the changes in the clouds. Occasionally, some fishing boats came close enough to the beach for Peter to see what the fishermen were doing. Then with his hands clasped, he would look and look, while his whole body moved with the boat from side to side. When the fisherman drew in their nets or cast them into the water, Peter would do the same with an imaginary net of his own his place on the beach.

On this small beach, Peter had a world of his own.

When nothing interesting was happening on the water, Peter would\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) take a handful of sand and let it run through his fingers
- b) watch the fishing boats
- c) pretend to be a fisherman by playing with his imaginary net
- d) go back to the house

**Correct Answer: a**

*1 Mark*

7. Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the word given in the quotes:

We were “ecstatic” but increasingly nervous.

- a) Animated
- b) Bewildered
- c) Enraptured
- d) Wilful

**Correct Answer: c**

*1 Mark*

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8. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.

"Are you upset about your exam result?" asked a soft voice from behind.

- a) A soft voice asked that if I was upset about my exam result.
- b) A soft voice behind me asked if I was upset about my exam result.
- c) A soft voice said to me are you upset about my exam result.
- d) A soft voice from my back asked if I was upset about my exam result.

**Correct Answer: b**

*1 Mark*

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9. Read the following passage and answer the question:

Manik Pradhan, a power-loom owner from Maharashtra, and his mother were homeward-bound one evening when heavy rain forced them to take shelter beneath a bridge. Not far away, a small group of laborers huddled together under a part of the cement housing above a 16 meter deep well used to pump water for irrigation. Suddenly, Manik and his mother heard the laborers scream. When the two got to the well, they were told that a five-year-old boy named Hariya had fallen in through a side opening in the structure. Ignoring his mother's fears, Manik quickly knotted together lengths of flimsy rope belonging to the laborers and asked them to lower him into the dark well. "I hope the rope holds," he thought. As he descended, Manik noticed the metal rungs on the wall of the well. He grabbed hold of one and started climbing down when he saw the boy clinging to a pipe running up the well's center. Grabbing the child, Manik started to climb praying that the old rungs wouldn't give away and plunge them both into the churning water below. Their luck held and within a few minutes, Manik clambered to ground level and handed over Hariya to his sobbing father.

The man fell at Manik's feet and offered him some money as a reward. Refusing the cash, Manik took Hariya and his family to a nearby eatery and offered them steaming tea to warm them up. Several organizations have honored Manik for his bravery and presence of mind on that wet day three years ago. "I am happy I was at the right place at the right time," he says, "and was able to return a little boy to his family."

On reading the above passage, from the given set of options choose the right option which first drew Manik and his mother to the well?

- a) They wanted to take shelter from the heavy rain
- b) They were returning back home from their journey
- c) They heard news of about a small boy falling into the well
- d) They heard screams of the labourers

**Correct Answer: d**

*2 Marks*

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- 10.** Read the given statement and identify the best word that captures the expression of the father:

She's scared to ask for pocket money as her father is in a black mood today.

- a) Occupied
- b) Irritated
- c) Busy
- d) Worried

**Correct Answer: b**

*2 Marks*

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