



HIPPO 2023 PRELIMINARY ROUND CANDIDATE BOOKLET

CEFR LEVEL A1
HIPPO CATEGORY HIPPO 2

Candidate Number _____

Date of Birth _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

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This examination is made up of 2 units: READING & USE OF ENGLISH

Answer all the questions.

Use only black or blue PEN.

Dictionaries are not allowed.

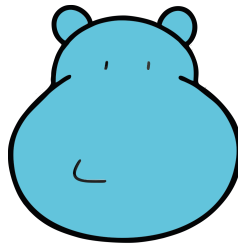
Remember to transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

Time allowed:

Reading 30 minutes

Use of English 20 minutes





Reading Task 1

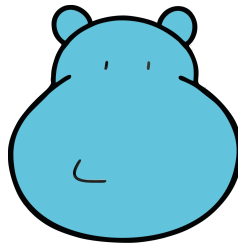
Read the sentences. Circle the best option – a, b, or c – to complete each gap. An example has been done for you.

Example: I usually have _____ at 7 o'clock in the morning.

- a) breakfast b) lunch c) dinner

1. There are _____ days in a week, and my favourite is Friday.
a) seven b) seventeen c) seventy
2. Your new house is _____ to the old one: almost all the rooms are the same.
a) similar b) better c) different
3. I enjoy reading much more _____ watching TV.
a) as b) and c) than
4. We really wanted to go to the park, _____ it was too wet and cold.
a) because b) but c) if
5. In my opinion, he was the best _____ in the game!
a) player b) body c) brother
6. We are late for school because you walked too _____!
a) fast b) little c) slowly
7. Would you like some _____ with your soup?
a) bread b) sugar c) glass
8. Can I have a _____ to cut the cake please?
a) fork b) knife c) spoon
9. You always leave your clothes on the floor. Can you be more _____?
a) tidy b) easy c) fine
10. I'm going to make some lunch if you are _____?
a) tired b) thirsty c) hungry

(10 marks)



Reading Task 2 - A

Read the text and answer the questions below. Circle the correct option, a, b, or c. An example has been done for you.

My Life

My name is David. I live in the city of London in the UK. It is a very big city and I travel a long way to my school. I like the school, but I have to go there by train.

My favourite lesson is maths. I like it because I am good at it, and I don't think it is hard. We also do geography, science and languages. I don't enjoy history or English, because you have to do a lot of reading. I think they are boring.

My dad has a very famous restaurant called The Blue Ocean. He also works there as a chef. A lot of people from France and Germany visit the restaurant. It is very famous for its menu. My dad cooks fish and people really like it. They also do lots of special ice cream flavours. The best one is the honey ice cream, and we eat it a lot at home.

I help my dad in the restaurant at the weekend. When I am older, I want to work there for a year or two. Then I want to open my own restaurant.

Example: David lives

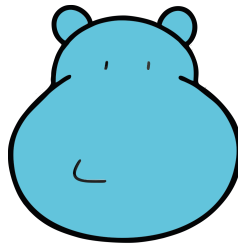
- a) in a city in the UK.
- b) in Ireland.
- c) in the countryside.

11. David's school is

- a) close to his house.
- b) far from his house.
- c) easy to walk to.

12. David likes maths because

- a) it is hard.
- b) it is easy.
- c) the teacher is fun.



13. Which lessons doesn't David like?

- a) English
- b) science
- c) geography

14. David's dad

- a) worked in The Blue Ocean in the past.
- b) works in The Blue Ocean now.
- c) wants to work in The Blue Ocean.

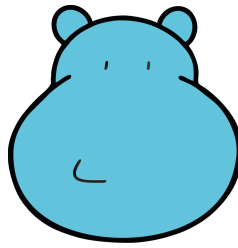
15. David thinks the honey ice cream

- a) is very expensive.
- b) is too sweet.
- c) is the nicest one.

16. In the future, David wants to

- a) buy his dad's restaurant.
- b) only work at the weekend.
- c) have his own restaurant.

(6 marks)



Reading Task 2 - B

Read the text and fill in the gaps below. Circle the correct option, a, b, or c. An example has been done for you.

(Example) _____ Sarah!

Did you see *The Greatest Dancer* on TV **17)** _____ night? Lots of famous people were dancing. It was a great **18)** _____. I watched every minute of it, and really enjoyed it. I hope all my **19)** _____ at school saw it. I am going to ask them on Monday.

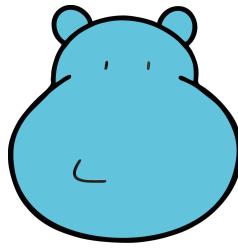
Are you ready for all the lessons on Monday? We got a lot of French homework and it **20)** _____ a long time to do it. Have you done it yet? I did the science homework as well. That was easy and I finished **21)** _____ a few minutes.

Don't forget to **22)** _____ your sports clothes on Monday. The PE lesson is at 11.00.

Jane

- Example: a) Hi b) Welcome c) Happy
17. a) last b) before c) next
18. a) joke b) person c) show
19. a) friends b) students c) subjects
20. a) made b) took c) had
21. a) at b) on c) in
22. a) bring b) leave c) wash

(6 marks)



Reading Task 3 - A

Read the three texts and answer the questions below. An example has been done for you.

Holiday A

Mountain Holiday

Enjoy the snow in the high mountains of France and Switzerland.

How long: 9 nights.

Price: £1150 per person or £3500 for a family of four (hotel and skis are included).

Book your holiday from November to March
at bookinginfo@travelworld.co.uk

Holiday B

African Safari

This is a great holiday for people who like to meet lions, tigers and elephants!

No people under 18 years of age.

How long: 14 nights.
Price: only £3480 per person.

Dates from June to August.
Call us on: 05184 454 454

Holiday C

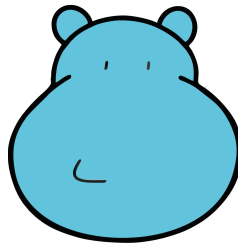
Week Breaks in Prague

Things to do: famous castle, river and bridge, walking tours, and much more!

Saturday to Saturday – only £599 (flights, hotel and food).

Fly from any London airport, any day of the year.

7 nights in a 3-star hotel, with breakfast and evening meal.
Phone 0203 129 7777.



Which holiday...

Party

Example: is in Africa?

B

23. is the longest?

24. is the cheapest?

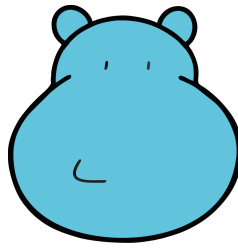
25. is not for children?

26. is only in the summer?

27. can you send an email about?

28. is best if you like animals?

(6 marks)



Reading Task 3 - B

Choose the correct question to match the given answer. Circle the correct option, a, b, or c. An example has been done for you.

Example:

- a) When's your birthday?
 b) How old are you? I'm twelve years old.
c) Where do you live?

29.

- a) So, are you a fast runner?
b) Tell me, do you like running? Yes, I think I am.
c) How often do you run?

30.

- a) Is your brother a teacher?
b) Does your dad work at an airport? No, he doesn't.
c) Does your mum work in a hospital?

31.

- a) Do you like cats?
b) What is your favourite animal? Yes, they are my favourite.
c) How many cats do you have?

32.

- a) Is the library open now?
b) Is there a film on tonight? Yes, it's near the library.
c) Is there a cinema in this town?

33.

- a) Are you going to help me later today?
b) Would you like some help with this? Yes, please.
c) Could you help me with the shopping?

34.

- a) Would you like a new bike?
b) Have you seen John's new bike? No, I like the one I have.
c) Can you ride a bike?

(6 marks)

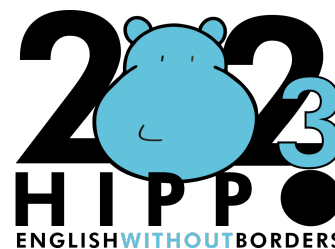
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Preliminary Round

HIPPO 2 Use of English MC Test



44. I didn't see _____ strange when I went into the room.
A) anything B) nothing C) something
45. This is the most expensive horse in _____.
A) Netherlands B) the Netherlands C) the Dutch
46. When my grandfather was young, he _____ walk to school.
A) musted B) had C) had to
47. Tell me Mr. Hopkins, what _____ yesterday at 6pm?
A) did you do B) had you done C) were you doing
48. It was so busy that I was _____ for half an hour.
A) queue B) queuing C) queued
49. Pay no attention to me, just carry _____.
A) on B) in C) up
50. They were _____ on the same day.
A) bourn B) born C) borned
51. Ooooooh, I like the blue one much more. It _____ you perfectly.
A) suits B) suit C) suites
52. You look tired, I _____ to the supermarket.
A) am going to go B) am going C) will go
53. What is the _____ between slugs and snails?
A) diference B) difference C) differension
54. What _____ about?
A) are you thinking B) do you think C) think you

END OF ASSESSMENT

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1. A	26. B
2. A	27. A
3. C	28. B
4. B	29. A
5. A	30. B
6. C	31. A
7. A	32. C
8. B	33. B
9. A	34. A
10. C	35. C
11. B	36. B
12. B	37. B
13. A	38. C
14. B	39. A
15. C	40. B
16. C	41. B
17. A	42. C
18. C	43. B
19. A	44. A
20. B	45. B
21. C	46. C
22. A	47. C
23. B	48. C
24. C	49. A
25. B	50. B
	51. A
	52. C
	53. B
	54. A