



HIPPO 2020

8th International English Language Olympiad

IESOL Assessment Reading

RQF Level: Entry 2

(CEFR Level: A2)

Candidate Booklet – Reading

HIPPO 3

Preliminary Round

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

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Time allowed: 35 minutes

Total marks available: 34



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: Please don't _____ - our dog is afraid of loud noises.

a) shout

b) speak

c) run

1. Is the music _____ you? If so, I'll turn it down.

a) bothering

b) recording

c) shouting

2. What time is your _____ with the doctor?

a) accident

b) appointment

c) activity

3. Please write your name _____ in this box.

a) alright

b) clean

c) clearly

4. Have you seen my glasses? I can't find them _____.

a) somewhere

b) anywhere

c) there

5. Do you know how to find our office or do you need _____?

a) directions

b) entrance

c) answer

6. Your brother is very _____ - he always says 'please' and 'thank you'.

a) pleased

b) lucky

c) polite

7. I know I put my keys _____ in this room but I cannot find them now.

a) somebody

b) somewhere

c) sometimes

8. Do you like sugar in your tea or do you prefer it _____?

a) against

b) without

c) except

9. Please make sure you _____ your homework before you start watching TV.

a) complete

b) leave

c) include

10. I need to _____ the books to the library this week.

a) receive

b) return

c) rent



Reading Task 2

PART A

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

Dear Tom!

How are you? You asked me to write you an email when I arrived in Spain for the summer language course. Mum and I left our house early this morning. We flew from Manchester airport and landed this afternoon.

The flight was boring. I was going to read a book or learn some new vocabulary, but I fell asleep as soon as we took off. When we landed, the weather was great, but we had to wait in a long queue at the airport, and so we missed my two-thirty train to Madrid. Fortunately, the trains are quite frequent, so we were able to get on one at quarter to three, and arrived in the city just after four o'clock.

The place Mum and I are staying at has two big bedrooms and a nice kitchen, which Mum loves. But I think the most amazing part about it is the balcony with views of an old church.

Tomorrow is a national holiday in Spain, so the language school is closed. We'll do some sightseeing instead! I'm worried that my Spanish is not good enough to communicate, so I hope we're going to find all the places we want to see! Mum says that the weather should be OK.

You must tell me about how your last exam at school went as soon as you know. Try not to get too stressed while you wait to find out. Maybe you could see a film at the cinema?

Your friend,

Mike

Example: Mike is writing to:

- a) his dad.
- b) his friend.
- c) his teacher.



11. Right now, Mike is:

- a) at home.
- b) visiting his mum.
- c) in a foreign country.

12. What did Mike do on the plane?

- a) He read a book.
- b) He learnt new words.
- c) He slept.

13. Why were they late for the train?

- a) Because the flight was late.
- b) Because of the weather.
- c) Because the airport was busy.

14. Mike travelled on a train at:

- a) 2.45 pm.
- b) 3.15 pm.
- c) 4.15 pm.

15. What's Mike's favourite part of his apartment?

- a) The kitchen.
- b) The balcony.
- c) The bedroom.

16. Tomorrow, Mike is going to:

- a) start his course.
- b) visit some attractions.
- c) visit the church.

17. What is Mike nervous about?

- a) The size of the city.
- b) His language skills.
- c) The weather.

18. Mike wants to find out about:

- a) his friends' exam results.
- b) his own exam results.
- c) his friend's opinion about a film.



Part B

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

Dear Mike!

It's (example) _____ to know you arrived safely!

You are very lucky to be away. The weather here is **19)** _____. They said it would rain a bit this morning, but it hasn't stopped all day! I was going to play football this afternoon, **20)** _____ the grass is too wet. So I might go to the cinema **21)** _____, I haven't decided yet. I'm trying not to worry about the exam results, but I know that if I get a bad mark, my parents will be **22)** _____. They always tell me I **23)** _____ succeed at school so that I can get a good job one day. I know they are right, and I **24)** _____ prepare really well for all the tests, but I know I didn't do well enough this time.

Anyway, I hope you're having a great time. I'll let you **25)** _____ about my exam results. I have one small **26)** _____: can you get me a Real Madrid football shirt? I'd really like that.

Bye,
Tom

- Example: a) good b) glad c) happy
19. a) terrible b) fine c) surprised
20. a) so b) when c) but
21. a) just b) instead c) already
22. a) upset b) unusual c) pleased
23. a) may b) can c) must
24. a) usually b) especially c) possibly
25. a) inform b) tell c) know
26. a) request b) offer c) advice



Reading Task 3

Read the three texts. Answer the questions by writing the correct letter: A, B, or C.
An example has been done for you.

Text A

Hi Joe,

We'll be at the Red Dragon restaurant for Billy's birthday party on Saturday. I'm not a fan of Chinese food but it's Billy's favourite! If you can join us, the restaurant is on Town Street – from the park, go straight ahead on Green Street. You will go under a bridge and past a swimming pool on the right. When you see the library, turn left into Rose Lane. The restaurant is on the corner, opposite the new school. See you there!



Marie

Text B

I'm from America but now I live in China. The local food here is delicious. I love it! Some simple fish or meat with rice from a nice restaurant is the perfect lunch for me and my friends. My mum taught me to make the best chicken soup. Most people think that Chinese food is unhealthy but I don't agree. We eat a lot of vegetables and drink green tea every day. Because of my diet and Tai Chi, my favourite type of Chinese exercise, I'm much healthier these days.
Nancy, Beijing

Text C

We went for dinner at the Seven Stars Chinese restaurant in Edinburgh last week and really enjoyed it. The menu is not too expensive at under £15 per meal and there are a lot of different dishes. We don't eat meat, so we had a seafood meal for two. There was a lot of food and we didn't need a dessert! The staff are very polite and helpful too. It gets very busy though. You can't book a table online and there is often a queue, so prepare to wait. We waited for almost 30 minutes. The other problem we had was paying the bill – we wanted to pay by card but it's cash only, so remember to take some cash with you. It's really worth a visit!



Which text ...

Text

Example:	was written by Nancy?	B
27.	tells you about a way someone keeps fit?	-----
28.	tells you how to get to a place?	-----
29.	invites someone to a restaurant?	-----
30.	includes good and bad points about a restaurant?	-----
31.	says that Chinese food can be healthy?	-----
32.	is by someone who has moved to a different country?	-----
33.	tells you about the price of a meal?	-----
34.	was written by a person whose favourite food is Chinese?	-----

END OF READING ASSESSMENT



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IESOL Assessment Listening
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Candidate Booklet – Listening
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Guide time: Approx. 20 minutes **Total marks available:** 22



Listening Task 1

Listen to six people speaking. Circle the best response – a, b, or c.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played.

There is an example.

Example Speaker.

- a) Yes, I'd like that.
- b) No, I didn't like it.
- c) I liked it a lot.

35. Speaker 1.

- a) OK, let's go.
- b) Can I help you?
- c) I must go now.

38. Speaker 4.

- a) It's a nice room.
- b) I want another drink.
- c) I'm sorry, I didn't know.

36. Speaker 2.

- a) Thursdays are nice.
- b) No, we are busy tonight.
- c) Yes, let's watch TV.

39. Speaker 5.

- a) That's nice.
- b) Sorry to hear that.
- c) When are you going?

37. Speaker 3.

- a) I love cars.
- b) Yes, of course I can.
- c) Good, because I can't.

40. Speaker 6.

- a) Yes, the rain gets in.
- b) I like its colour.
- c) School is great.



Listening Task 2

Listen to four short conversations and circle the correct answer – a, b, or c.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played.

There is an example.

Example: Tom is going to:

- a) buy a book.
- b) borrow a book.
- c) borrow some money.

41. How will the man get to the train station?

- a) In a taxi.
- b) By car.
- c) He will walk.

42. What time does the shop close on Sunday?

- a) 4 o'clock.
- b) 5 o'clock.
- c) 9 o'clock.

43. What are the friends doing next?

- a) Going to get some food.
- b) Going straight home.
- c) Going to watch a film.

44. What gift is the man going to buy?

- a) A book.
- b) A computer game and some music.
- c) Only a computer game.



Listening Task 3

Listen to the conversation and answer the questions. Circle the correct answer – a, b, or c. You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played.

There is an example.

Example: Jane has returned from:

- a) a work trip.
- b) a family visit.
- c) a holiday.

45. When did Jane get back?

- a) Today.
- b) Yesterday.
- c) More than 1 week ago.

48. What does Jane say about the cost?

- a) It is cheaper in some months.
- b) It is still expensive in September.
- c) It is cheap all year round.

46. What was the worst thing about her holiday?

- a) The weather.
- b) The food.
- c) Many tourists.

49. David says his family enjoy:

- a) holidays in September.
- b) very warm weather.
- c) holidays in the UK.

47. Jane says that a holiday in Spain:

- a) is only for young people.
- b) can be fun for everyone.
- c) is not very good for families.

50. David will get more information from:

- a) a book about Spain.
- b) a travel website.
- c) his friend.

Listening Task 4

Listen and answer the questions. Circle 'A - True' or 'B - False'.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played.

There is an example.

Example:

Dina works at the library.

A - True B - False

51. The library usually closes at 6 o'clock. A - True B - False

52. Students cannot use the library on Friday morning. A - True B - False

53. You must bring a photograph to get a library card. A - True B - False

54. It doesn't cost anything to get the first library card. A - True B - False

55. Students can borrow a maximum of 3 items. A - True B - False

56. You can call the library to keep your items for longer. A - True B - False



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Time allowed: 20 minutes



66. Could you tell me what time _____ ?
a) the match starts b) does the match start c) does the match starts
67. He never goes fishing, _____ ?
a) does he b) doesn't he c) isn't he
68. Neither of the two brothers _____ dark-haired.
a) are b) have c) is

2. Decide if the sentences are correct (a) or incorrect (b).

69. It was cold Saturday morning at the beginning of the month.
a) Correct b) Incorrect
70. When we went on holiday, we were swimming every day.
a) Correct b) Incorrect
71. When I grow up, I will be a football player.
a) Correct b) Incorrect
72. 'Shall I compare you to a summer's day?', said the young boy.
a) Correct b) Incorrect
73. Our victory in this match is not very likely.
a) Correct b) Incorrect
74. I am thinking of taking up a new hobby.
a) Correct b) Incorrect
75. What people see in Max is beyond me, for one thing...
a) Correct b) Incorrect
76. I think I already met him somewhere.
a) Correct b) Incorrect

END OF READING ASSESSMENT



IESOL E2/A2 READING ANSWER SHEET – HIPPO Preliminary Round 2020

Reading Task 1

Question	Answer
1.	A
2.	B
3.	C
4.	B
5.	A
6.	C
7.	B
8.	B
9.	A
10.	B

Total: / 10

Reading Task 2

Question	PART A Answer	PART B Answer
11.	C	19 A
12.	C	20 C
13.	C	21 B
14.	A	22 A
15.	B	23 C
16.	B	24 A
17.	B	25 C
18.	A	26 A

Total: / 8

Total: / 8

Reading Task 3

Question	Answer
27.	B
28	A
29	A
30	C
31	B
32	B
33	C
34	B

Total: / 8



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Listening Task 1		Listening Task 2
Question	Answer	Answer
35	A	41 B
36	B	42 A
37	C	43 A
38	C	44 C
39	A	
40	A	
Total: / 6		Total: / 4

Listening Task 3		Listening Task 4
Question	Answer	Answer
45	C	51 T
46	B	52 F
47	B	53 F
48	A	54 T
49	B	55 F
50	A	56 F
Total: / 6		Total: / 6

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EUROPE

- 57. A
- 58. B
- 59. B
- 60. C
- 61. B
- 62. B
- 63. C
- 64. B
- 65. A
- 66. C
- 67. A
- 68. B
- 69. C
- 70. A
- 71. A
- 72. B
- 73. B
- 74. B
- 75. A
- 76. B

ASIA

- 57. C
- 58. B
- 59. B
- 60. C
- 61. C
- 62. A
- 63. B
- 64. B
- 65. A
- 66. A
- 67. A
- 68. C
- 69. B
- 70. B
- 71. B
- 72. A
- 73. A
- 74. A
- 75. A
- 76. B