



# HIPPO 2023 PRELIMINARY ROUND CANDIDATE BOOKLET

CEFR LEVEL **A2**  
HIPPO CATEGORY **HIPPO 3**

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.

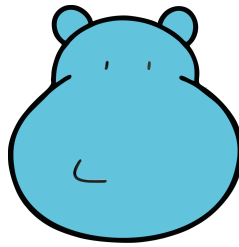
Remember to transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

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.

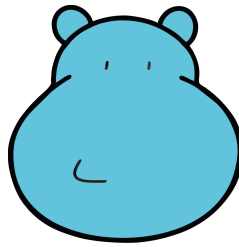
Example:

Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ – our dog is afraid of loud noises.

- a) shout                      b) speak                      c) run

- Unless you leave now, you will be late for your \_\_\_\_\_ at the hospital.  
a) entrance                      b) appointment                      c) invitation
- It can be expensive to \_\_\_\_\_ a car when you are on holiday.  
a) spend                      b) borrow                      c) rent
- I don't think this restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ any meat dishes.  
a) serves                      b) spends                      c) orders
- I am really \_\_\_\_\_ that you enjoyed my company last weekend.  
a) amazing                      b) attractive                      c) pleased
- Please hold my hand, it's easy to get lost in a \_\_\_\_\_ city.  
a) crowded                      b) various                      c) dirty
- That comedy was awesome – I couldn't stop \_\_\_\_\_ for the whole two hours.  
a) joking                      b) sharing                      c) laughing
- Excuse me, is there a drink \_\_\_\_\_ with this meal?  
a) included                      b) described                      c) decided
- Another word which means the same as 'maybe' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) certainly                      b) perhaps                      c) actually
- Can you \_\_\_\_\_ a different show? This one is boring.  
a) find out                      b) take off                      c) put on
- Oh look, this jacket costs a lot less than it did last week; I think it's \_\_\_\_\_ sale.  
a) for                      b) on                      c) up

(10 marks)



## 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 Lena,

Guess what? My parents told me that I'm going to have a little brother. I have always wanted to have a brother or a sister to play with. My mum says that he is going to arrive in early December. It's August now – it's four months away! I'm not sure if I can wait for so long.

I'm going to start preparing. I think all my old toys are still in the garage, so I'm planning to bring them back into the house and clean them. Mum and dad said that the baby will stay in their bedroom at first, but when he is a few months old he will have his own room. I don't really know much about babies! You have a little sister – can you tell me something about her? When do babies start to speak? Can they eat chocolate or sweets?

I know that it's your birthday next month. My mum said I can send you a little gift. She is going to take me shopping this weekend. I'm sorry that I can't be there for your party this year, but I'm sure you'll have a great time!

I had my first horse riding lesson last week. The teacher was really nice, but the horse tried to eat my jumper! Dad says that the horse was just trying to be friendly. At least I didn't fall off! I'm going to take some carrots for him next week. My lessons are usually on Tuesdays and Fridays, but my teacher is now on holiday until next Wednesday, so I have to wait until Friday to see the horse again!

Your friend,

Sara

**Example: Sara is going to have a new**

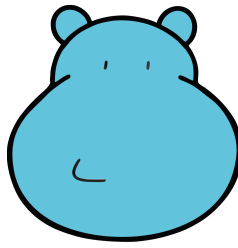
- a) brother.
- b) pet.
- c) house.

**11. Sara's brother is going to be born**

- a) next month.
- b) in four months.
- c) next year.

**12. Sara feels very \_\_\_\_\_ about having a brother.**

- a) excited
- b) healthy
- c) worried



**13. At first, the baby will sleep in**

- a) Sara's room.
- b) his own room.
- c) his parents' bedroom.

**14. Sara is asking her friend for**

- a) advice about babies.
- b) pictures of her sister.
- c) some toys for her brother.

**15. Whose birthday is it next month?**

- a) Sara's
- b) Lena's
- c) Sara's mum's

**16. Will Sara go to the birthday party?**

- a) yes
- b) no
- c) maybe

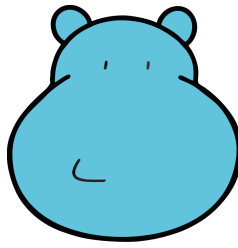
**17. What happened during Sara's first riding lesson?**

- a) The horse ate some carrots.
- b) Sara fell off the horse.
- c) The horse tried to eat Sara's clothes.

**18. When is Sara's next lesson?**

- a) on Tuesday
- b) on Wednesday
- c) on Friday

(8 marks)



**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 Sara!

I'm so **0)** \_\_\_\_\_ to hear that you're going to have a little brother – congratulations!

Of course, I can tell you about my sister. She is three years old, so I can't remember all the **19)** \_\_\_\_\_ from the time she was a baby. She started to speak when she was about one-year-old. I don't really know about eating chocolate though – my parents don't **20)** \_\_\_\_\_ us eat chocolate at all! I can tell you one thing: you are very **21)** \_\_\_\_\_ that you don't need to share your bedroom. Babies cry a lot during the night!

It's very **22)** \_\_\_\_\_ of you to send me a birthday gift, thank you. I'm going to have a small party for some of my closest friends from school. Maybe we could speak on the phone **23)** \_\_\_\_\_ the party? That way I can tell you all about the games we played and the gifts I received.

I would love to have horse riding lessons too, **24)** \_\_\_\_\_ my parents said no. We would have to travel for an hour to the classes, and they say that we haven't got the **25)** \_\_\_\_\_.

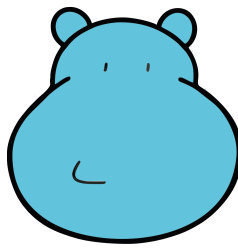
You **26)** \_\_\_\_\_ to tell me all about your second lesson – I hope the horse likes the carrots, and you become good friends!

Take care,

Lena

- Example:**     a) glad        b) sad        c) late
- 19.**            a) places        b) items        c) details
- 20.**            a) make        b) need        c) let
- 21.**            a) lazy        b) lucky        c) awesome
- 22.**            a) kind        b) busy        c) happy
- 23.**            a) before        b) after        c) when
- 24.**            a) as        b) because        c) but
- 25.**            a) time        b) idea        c) size
- 26.**            a) decide        b) need        c) want

(8 marks)



### 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

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland, located on the east coast. The city has many hills, and on one of the highest stands Edinburgh Castle. The city has a big festival every year, in August. There are two really famous football clubs and many famous people – J K Rowling wrote her Harry Potter books in an Edinburgh café! Hollyroodhouse is a very popular place to visit. It used to be Queen Elizabeth II's Scottish home.



#### Text B

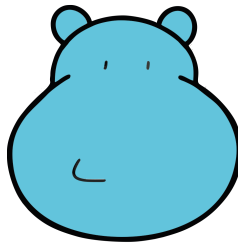
I love Edinburgh! I visited it last year, and getting there on the train from London was quite easy. In Edinburgh, it's best to walk everywhere. It's not like my home city in the USA, where everyone drives their car or takes a taxi. We walked down the Royal Mile and I bought a Scottish kilt, which is a type of traditional skirt worn by men. Kilts come in lots of different colours. We visited in October, and it rained a lot, so we spent a lot of time in the galleries and museums, as well as various restaurants. It was great to learn about Scotland's history!

David

#### Text C

I moved from Edinburgh to Glasgow earlier this year, and in my opinion the two cities are not that different. I go to Glasgow Art School, where I study modern art. The people are really friendly here and I've made a lot of new friends. We often go out to restaurants and cafés, which are a lot cheaper than in Edinburgh. The parks are amazing too – there are so many green spaces here, perfect for exercising in the fresh air. We don't have a castle, but we have the best designer shops. I was surprised how many people from Edinburgh travel over to Glasgow to do their Christmas shopping!

Jenna



Which text ...

**Example:** was written by David?

**Text**

B

- |     |   |       |
|-----|---|-------|
| 27. | tells you about an event in the summer?         | ----- |
| 28. | says that travelling to Edinburgh is simple?    | ----- |
| 29. | was written by a student?                       | ----- |
| 30. | includes information about the weather?         | ----- |
| 31. | says that eating out in Edinburgh is expensive? | ----- |
| 32. | compares two cities in Scotland?                | ----- |
| 33. | doesn't present any personal opinions?          | ----- |
| 34. | mentions a fact about Scottish clothes?         | ----- |

(8 marks)

**END OF READING ASSESSMENT**

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