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ENGLISHWITHOUTBORDERS

# HIPPO THE CONTEST

## PRELIMINARY ROUND CANDIDATE BOOKLET

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HIPPO CATEGORY HIPPO 1

CANDIDATE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

Do NOT turn over the page until instructed.

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

Answer all the questions.

Dictionaries are not allowed.

Remember to transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

**Time allowed:**

**50 minutes**

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**13<sup>th</sup>**  
Edition



# TASK 1

Choose the correct answer a or b to complete the sentence.

## EXAMPLE

A **clown** is somebody who:

- a) flies planes.
- b) makes people laugh.



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A **postcard** is a small card you can:

- a) send to your friend.
- b) move to your friend's place.



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A **wardrobe** is where you:

- a) put your clothes.
- b) wash your clothes.



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A **waterfall** is water:

- a) staying at the bottom of a river.
- b) falling from the top of a mountain.



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When it gets **cold**,:

- a) you should take off your coat.
- b) you should put on your sweater.



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A **dictionary** can be used to look for:

- a) words you don't know.
- b) ideas on the internet.



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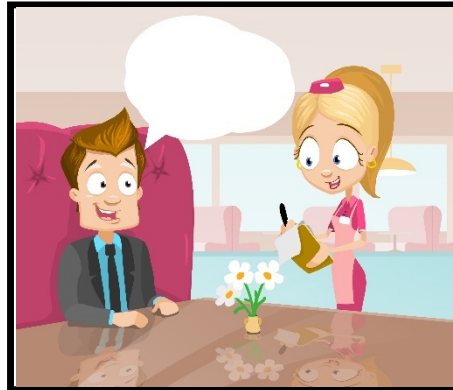
If you **get on** the bus,:

- a) you are inside the bus.
- b) you are next to the bus.



## TASK 2

Choose the correct answer a, b or c to complete the sentences.



### THE WOMAN SAYS:

**EXAMPLE** Hello, how can I .....<sup>a</sup>..... you?

- a) help                      b) buy                      c) teach

- 7** Do you ..... a milkshake?  
a) want                      b) carry                      c) feed
- 8** How ..... sandwiches would you like?  
a) much                      b) often                      c) many
- 9** We have the ..... coffee in town.  
a) sweet                      b) best                      c) cheap

### THE MAN SAYS:

- 10** ....., do you have any desserts?  
a) For example              b) Excuse me              c) Goodbye
- 11** I am ..... . Can I have a cup of tea?  
a) hungry                      b) surprised                      c) thirsty
- 12** Sorry, can I have a ..... for my pancake?  
a) bottle                      b) plate                      c) glass



## TASK 3

Choose the correct answer a, b, or c to complete the dialogues.

### EXAMPLES



**Ella:** Can Ben come to our house tomorrow?

- Mum:** a) Yes, he is.  
b) Yes, he can.  
c) Yes, you can.

**Ella:** What time can he come?

- Mum:** a) How about 10 o'clock?  
b) No, he can't.  
c) To our house.

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**Doctor:** What's the problem, Alice?

- Alice:** a) Yes, we like the hospital.  
b) I have a headache.  
c) She is feeling better now.



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**Doctor:** You must drink more water.

- Alice:** a) Thank you, I will do that.  
b) Yes, I have toothache.  
c) I would drink some juice.

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**Driver:** Good morning! Where would you like to go?

- Felix:** a) Yes, I'd like to.  
b) I will go shopping.  
c) The airport, please.



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**Driver:** What time do you need to be there?

- Felix:** a) I have the address.  
b) Before two o'clock.  
c) I will get off the bus.

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**Linda:** Excuse me, how much is this scarf?

- Clerk:** a) It's windy outside.  
b) It's soft and cheap.  
c) It's only ten pounds.



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**Linda:** Do you have it in yellow?

- Clerk:** a) Yes, here you are.  
b) Yes, I will dress up.  
c) Yes, it is very famous.



## TASK 4

Choose the correct answer a, b, or c to complete the story.

My friend Jack is a **EXAMPLE** .....a..... Teacher – he knows a lot about kings and dates. He is also good at **19** ....., because he loves travelling. Jack has a **20** ..... and blonde hair, which makes him look like an **21** ..... king himself!

He says his neighbour, Leo, dreams of becoming a farmer in the future. He loves animals and wants to live on a big farm with cows, chicken and sheep. He can grow fresh food, like fruit and **22** ..... . He says farming can be difficult, but it is an **23** ..... life. He thinks taking care of animals and **24** ..... will make him happy.

**EXAMPLE**

a) history

b) biology

c) chemistry

**19**

a) sciences

b) geography

c) maths

**20**

a) beard

b) treasure

c) money

**21**

a) animal

b) older

c) old

**22**

a) herbs

b) plants

c) vegetables

**23**

a) boring

b) exciting

c) everlasting

**24**

a) plants

b) snacks

c) blooms



## TASK 5

Choose the correct answer a, b, or c to complete the story.



I'm Toby, and I **EXAMPLE** ..... **b** ..... a big dream. I want to be an astronaut. I love looking at the stars and **25** ..... videos about space. I think space is amazing! I want to fly **26** ..... a rocket, go to the moon, and see Earth from above. I know astronauts **27** ..... be strong and smart. They learn about rockets, stars, and the moon. They also speak many **28** ..... languages and **29** ..... emails from space. I study hard at school. I am learning maths and science. I believe if I work hard, one day I **30** ..... be an astronaut and explore space.

**EXAMPLE**

a) call

**b) have**

c) build

**25**

a) watching

b) practising

c) thinking

**26**

a) below

b) around

c) in

**27**

a) would

b) must

c) can

**28**

a) terrible

b) dangerous

c) different

**29**

a) send

b) carry

c) bring

**30**

a) will

b) need

c) shall



# 13<sup>th</sup> HIPPO

## preliminary round

HIPPO 1

### Use of English



Choose A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

31. We are early for class \_\_\_\_\_ morning.  
A) this                      B) that                      C) today                      D) in
32. I \_\_\_\_\_ cold.  
A) have                      B) am                      C) have had                      D) ain't
33. Is it expensive? No, it only \_\_\_\_\_ €5.  
A) costs                      B) is costing                      C) cost                      D) was costing
34. 'How are you today?' ' \_\_\_\_\_'  
A) Thank you                      B) Very well, thank you                      C) Thank you, very well                      D) Very good, thank you
35. She \_\_\_\_\_ the piano for five years in primary school.  
A) played                      B) was playing                      C) plays                      D) has played
36. Where is Helen? She \_\_\_\_\_ shopping.  
A) has been                      B) has gone                      C) went                      D) was going
37. The bookstore \_\_\_\_\_ for good next Monday.  
A) closes                      B) is closing                      C) has closed                      D) will close
38. I really like that wooden \_\_\_\_\_. It looks amazing.  
A) wall                      B) fence                      C) hedge                      D) barricade
39. When I grow up, I \_\_\_\_\_ a football player.  
A) will be                      B) will have be                      C) am                      D) am going to be



### Use of English

40. We have lived in the same house \_\_\_\_\_ as long as I can remember.  
A) since                      B) for                      C) when                      D) so
41. You wouldn't believe what he got for his birthday, 3 white \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) mouse                      B) mice                      C) mouses                      D) mices
42. A number of important decisions were taken \_\_\_\_\_ the school meeting.  
A) in                      B) on                      C) to                      D) at
43. I cut the pizza into four \_\_\_\_\_ pieces.  
A) level                      B) equal                      C) alike                      D) same
44. I was at Michela's wedding yesterday. She \_\_\_\_\_ married in white.  
A) -                      B) was got                      C) got                      D) has got
45. 'How many did you order?' 'Three \_\_\_\_\_.'  
A) pair                      B) kilo                      C) pound                      D) dozen
46. 'How long have you had this car?' '\_\_\_\_\_ my eighteenth birthday, six months ago.'  
A) From                      B) For                      C) Since                      D) After
47. He never goes fishing, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A) does he                      B) doesn't he                      C) isn't he                      D) is he
48. I can no longer put \_\_\_\_\_ with him. He is so insensitive and arrogant.  
A) off                      B) up                      C) on                      D) at
49. All children love \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate and \_\_\_\_\_ sweets.  
A) the / the                      B) - / the                      C) - / -                      D) the / -
50. We \_\_\_\_\_ of buying a new car, maybe an Alfa Romeo.  
A) are thinking                      B) think                      C) mean                      D) have a thought



# END OF ASSESSMENT

REMEMBER TO TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS  
ONTO THE ANSWER SHEET!

# **OMR ANSWER SHEET**

## **Backup Copy**

Please use the separately provided answer sheet (the standalone copy) first. This backup copy should only be used if needed.

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## HIPPO 1 READING KEY

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2. A
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. A
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. B
11. C
12. B
13. B
14. A
15. C
16. B
17. C
18. A
19. B
20. A
21. C
22. C
23. B
24. A
25. A
26. C
27. B
28. C
29. A
30. A

## HIPPO 1 USE OF ENGLISH MC KEY V1

31. A
32. B
33. A
34. B
35. A
36. B
37. B
38. B
39. D
40. B
41. B
42. D
43. B
44. C
45. D
46. C
47. A
48. B
49. C
50. A