



HIPPO 2024 PRELIMINARY ROUND CANDIDATE BOOKLET

CEFR LEVEL **A2**
HIPPO CATEGORY **HIPPO 3-S2**

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

1. We need to _____ the parcel on our way home.

- a) decide b) delay c) collect

2. I'd like to _____ a bike for the afternoon, how much is it?

- a) spend b) borrow c) rent

3. You can _____ any clothes in the dressing room.

- a) try on b) pick up c) get back

4. We were _____ late for the train but we managed to get to the station in time.

- a) clearly b) nearly c) finally

5. I don't want soup tonight, shall we have pizza _____ ?

- a) instead b) except c) enough

6. It is not _____ to ride your bike without a helmet.

- a) simple b) ready c) safe

7. You need to walk _____ the bridge to get to the train station.

- a) across b) between c) opposite

8. Another word which means the same as 'a few' is _____ .

- a) many b) other c) some

9. It's quite cold outside, put on some _____ with your dress.

- a) earrings b) tights c) pockets

10. I don't have any _____ time this week, but I will help you next week.

- a) useful b) great c) spare

(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 Sarah,

How are you? I got a dog for my birthday! He arrived a week ago and I'm very excited. He is still very small - he was ten weeks old yesterday. He wasn't allowed to leave his mum till he was at least eight weeks old.

I went to see him at his home when he was really little. He has five brothers and sisters, and they all made funny noises. My dog had a mark on his head that made him look really pretty, so I chose him.

I have decided to call him Ben. My mum wanted to call him Rex, because that was her dog's name when she was a young girl. My sister and dad said it was up to me, so I called him Ben.

Because he is so little, Ben has special food. He can't eat what an adult dog eats. I think it smells bad, but Ben loves it. Dad says it's very expensive to buy and he hopes Ben enjoys it! At this age, Ben needs about half an hour exercise, twice a day. He spends a lot of time running around the house, but I still take him outside for a walk every day. We don't have to go far.

I did get some other presents for my birthday - a bag, colouring pens, some books, and a new purse. They were not as exciting as a new dog, but I suppose they are useful.

It's your birthday next month. Do you have a list of things you want? Have you thought about asking for a dog? If you had one, we could walk them in the park together and listen to some music. But remember that a dog needs a lot of time and attention every day, not like a hamster, for example. I don't think everyone should have a dog.

Write back soon!

Your friend,

Jane

Example: Jane has got a new

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

11. How old is Jane's dog?

- a) about 1 week
- b) about 8 weeks
- c) about 10 weeks

12. Why did Jane choose her dog?

- a) He was bigger than the others.
- b) He looked nicer than the others.
- c) He was louder than the others.

13. The dog's name was chosen by

- a) Jane.
- b) Jane's mother.
- c) Jane's sister.

14. Which is true about Ben's food?

- a) Jane makes it at home.
- b) It costs a lot of money.
- c) Ben doesn't really like it.

15. What does Jane say about exercise for Ben?

- a) He is still too young for exercise.
- b) Jane's dad takes the dog out most.
- c) She takes Ben for daily walks.

16. What does Jane think about her other presents?

- a) They are OK.
- b) They are great.
- c) They are bad.

17. What will Jane buy Sarah for her birthday?

- a) some music
- b) a dog
- c) we don't know

18. Which best describes Jane's opinion about dogs?

- a) You should think carefully about getting one.
- b) It is very easy to look after a dog.
- c) Dogs are much better than hamsters.

(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 Jane,

I'm so 0) _____ to hear that you have a new dog. That is great news!

I haven't been busy over the summer holidays. We 19) _____ a week in France camping, but the rest of the time I was at home. So I 20) _____ in the garden with my sister and enjoyed watching television.

I have found a brilliant television series called *The Lost Girl*. It's about a girl who is the same 21) _____ as us and she has lots of adventures. She even travels to other planets but really, she is just trying to get home. I think you will love it, so you 22) _____ watch it.

The weather here has been amazing. It has been sunny every day. And warm, but not 23) _____ hot.

24) ___ the lovely weather, I have been enjoying myself and I haven't 25) _____ any of the homework that we were given. I think I will start this weekend and do as much as I can 26) ___ we get back to school. Wish me luck!

Sarah

- Example: a) glad b) sad c) late
19. a) had b) went c) saw
20. a) heard b) played c) served
21. a) time b) day c) age
22. a) must b) need c) won't
23. a) too b) much c) a lot
24. a) However b) Because of c) Opposite
25. a) saved b) missed c) completed
26. a) before b) when c) after

(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

Stratford-upon-Avon is one of the most visited places in England. This is because it was the home of Shakespeare, who is one of the most famous writers in the world. It is only a small town, with about 30,000 people living there. However, about 3 million people visit every year, mostly in summer when the weather is warmer. It is called 'upon-Avon' because there is a river in the town called the Avon. There are a lot of hotels and restaurants, and visitors can get a tour of famous places.



Text B

Visiting Stratford-upon-Avon was a brilliant experience. You can buy a ticket for all the places connected to Shakespeare and it costs less than buying separate tickets. The house where Shakespeare lived as a child was great. But I thought that his wife's house was a bit dull. The town is really old. Lots of the buildings still have the original wood and they look really pretty. It is worth taking a boat trip down the river, especially if it rains, because the boats are covered. And of course, we went to the theatre one evening to see one of Shakespeare's plays.

David

Text C

Because it is located in the centre of England, traveling to Shakespeare's hometown is simple, even from London. There is a train station and parking on the edge of the town. When we went, there was a festival with people dressed up in costumes from the 1500s. They spoke in a form of English used in Shakespeare's time, so it sounded strange, but was fun to listen to. You might not understand them! If you are visiting England and like books and history, then you should also go to Haworth in Yorkshire in the north of England. It was the home of the Bronte sisters, who are also famous authors.

Judith

Which text ...

Example: was written by David?

Text

B

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| 27. | includes a negative comment? | ----- |
| 28. | gives information about getting to the town? | ----- |
| 29. | mentions something its writer finds unusual? | ----- |
| 30. | includes a tip about the weather? | ----- |
| 31. | tells you how to save money? | ----- |
| 32. | suggests another town to visit as well? | ----- |
| 33. | mentions when most people visit the town? | ----- |
| 34. | presents only facts, and not opinions? | ----- |

END OF READING ASSESSMENT

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Time allowed: 30 minutes

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

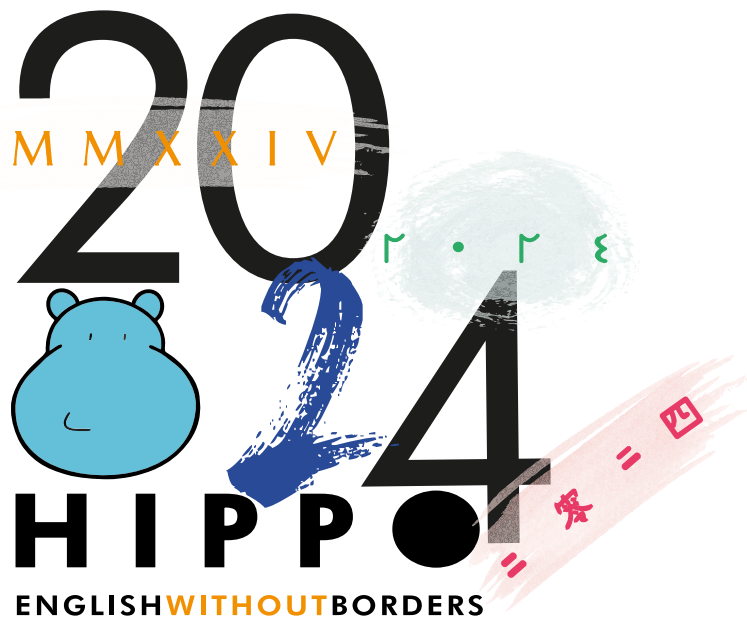
35. The students were _____ to stay quiet during the exam.
A) instruct B) instructed C) instructing D) instruction
36. I am looking forward _____ your new book when it comes out.
A) reading B) read C) to reading D) to have read
37. I have a headache. I think I _____ too much coffee.
A) drink B) drunk C) drank D) was drinking
38. The teacher _____ the students to read the instructions carefully.
A) was advising B) advised C) advice D) adviced
39. I _____ my keys again. It's so frustrating!
A) have lost B) lost C) had lost D) lose
40. They _____ dinner when we arrived at their house.
A) has B) were having C) have D) had
41. The children _____ for their parents at the school gate for the past hour.
A) have been waiting B) are waiting C) were waiting D) waited
42. I am not very _____ of books.
A) keen B) fond C) interested D) read
43. The teacher asked us _____ so much noise in the classroom.
A) don't make B) not make C) not to make D) not making

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44. We rarely see our cousins, _____.
- A) not nearly often enough B) nearly often enough C) not nearly often D) not enough nearly
45. There are _____ oranges in the fridge, enough for juice.
- A) a few B) few C) little D) a little
46. She _____ a shower when the phone rang.
- A) is having B) was having C) has had D) had
47. We _____ at the cinema when we realized we had forgotten the tickets at home.
- A) arrived B) had been arriving C) were arrived D) had arrived
48. The team _____ a challenging project successfully last month.
- A) completed B) invented C) imagined D) coined
49. My sister and I _____ our summer vacation in Europe last year.
- A) had spent B) spent C) spend D) have spent
50. The team members, _____ were tired, decided to take a short break.
- A) whom B) who C) which D) whose
51. _____ rain is forecast for the afternoon.
- A) A lot B) A lot of C) Many D) Much
52. He _____ for the exam when the power went out.
- A) was studying B) has been studying C) studied D) had studying
53. She _____ to lock the door before she left.
- A) had forgotten B) forgot C) was forgetting D) has forgotten
54. She has been living in the city _____ she was a child.
- A) since B) for C) from D) during



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