



HIPPO 2024 PRELIMINARY ROUND CANDIDATE BOOKLET

CEFR LEVEL **B1**
HIPPO CATEGORY **HIPPO 4-S3**

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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 40 minutes

Use of English 30 minutes





Reading Task 1

Read the text and circle the best option to complete each gap – a, b, c, or d. An example has been done for you.

When animals move across long distances, larger animals choose to go more slowly to go 0) ___ getting too hot, a recent study has found. In a study of 532 animals, scientists 1) ___ that animals which weigh over a ton (about 907 kilograms) move the slowest. The scientists' 2) _____ is that larger animals get hotter more quickly when they travel.

Whether it's swimming, flying, or long marches across land, travel is a very important element of lots of animals' lives. They need to do it to look for food, find a partner, and move to areas with more 3) _____ climates as the seasons change.

Medium-sized animals were found to move the most quickly. This is 4) _____ because they are able to stay cool, but also because they have the 5) _____ of larger legs and wings than small animals. Scientists think this means that global warming could pose a greater risk to bigger animals in future.

The study showed that as animals became larger, the traveling speeds increased. This 6) _____ until they reached the weight of one ton, when they got a lot slower. The results were the same for aquatic animals even though they live in water, 7) _____ can cool the body down.

The researchers think the results of the study can help them 8) _____ how fast different animals will move based on their size. They might be able to do that even if not very much is known about the animal's biology. One of the researchers, Dr Myriam Hirt from the University of Jena, said: "We have reasons to believe that large animals might be more at risk 9) _____ the damage to their natural environments. This has most 10) _____ happened as a result of the climate becoming warmer, but this theory needs further investigation."

- Example:** a) avoid b) try c) cause d) need
1. a) convinced b) recommended c) discovered d) wondered
2. a) enquiry b) explanation c) excuse d) meaning
3. a) suitable b) incredible c) uncomfortable d) accurate
4. a) absolutely b) finally c) extremely d) partly
5. a) benefit b) promise c) pattern d) disadvantage
6. a) continued b) stayed c) paused d) stopped
7. a) what b) where c) which d) when
8. a) search b) claim c) persuade d) predict
9. a) whether b) due to c) in fact d) for sure
10. a) completely b) definitely c) likely d) exactly

(10 marks)



Reading Task 2

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

History of Christmas Cards

The custom of sending Christmas cards was started in the UK in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole. He was a senior civil servant (government worker), who had helped set-up the new 'Public Record Office' (now called the Post Office). Sir Henry wondered how it could be used more by ordinary people.

Sir Henry came up with the idea of Christmas Cards with his friend John Horsley, who was an artist. They designed the first card and sold them for 1 shilling each, which was a lot of money. The card consisted of three parts. The two parts on the outside showed people caring for the poor, and the part in the centre had a drawing of a family having a large Christmas dinner. Some people didn't approve of the card because it showed a child being given a glass of wine. About 1000 of these cards were printed and sold. They are now very rare, and their prices reach thousands of pounds!

Para. 3

The first postal service that ordinary people could use was started in 1840 when the first 'Penny Post' public postal deliveries began. It GAP) ___ people to send letters for just a penny. Before that, only very rich people could afford to send anything in the post. The new Post Office was able to offer a penny stamp because the first railways were being built. These could carry much more post than the horse and carriage that had been used before for less money and faster.

Para. 4

The early Christmas cards usually had pictures of the Nativity scene on them: the scene of Jesus Christ's birth. In late Victorian times, robins (a British bird) and snow-scenes became popular. In those times, the postmen were nicknamed 'Robin Postmen' because of the red uniforms they wore. Snow-scenes were popular because they reminded people of the very snowy winter that happened in the UK in 1836.

Para. 5

Christmas Cards appeared in the United States of America in the late 1840s, but were very expensive and most people couldn't afford them. In 1875, Louis Prang, a printer who was originally from Germany, but who had also worked on early cards in the UK, started mass producing cards GAP)___ more people could afford to buy them. Mr Prang's first cards featured flowers, plants, and children. In 1915, John C. Hall and two of his brothers created Hallmark Cards, who are still one of the biggest card makers today!

The first known 'personalised' Christmas Card was sent in 1891 by Annie Oakley, the famous sharpshooter (a person very skilled at shooting) and star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. She was spending Christmas in Scotland, and sent a few cards back to her friends and family in the USA with a photo of her on them. As she was in Scotland, she's wearing tartan (a traditional Scottish pattern) in the photo! It is believed that Annie designed the cards herself, and they were printed by a local printer.



In the 1910s and 1920s, home-made cards became popular. They were often unusual shapes and had things such as foil and ribbon on them. To avoid damaging the cards in the post, people delivered them in person. Nowadays, cards have all sorts of designs: jokes, winter pictures, Santa Claus or scenes of life in past times. Charities often sell their own Christmas cards as a way of raising money.

Charities also make money from stickers used to decorate the card envelopes. This custom was started in Denmark in the early 1900s by a postal worker. He thought it would be a good way for charities to raise money, as well as making the cards more pretty. People loved the idea: over four million stickers were sold in the first year! Soon, Sweden and Norway adopted the custom, and then it spread all over Europe and America.

Example: The text is about

- a) a Christmas custom.
- b) Christmas food.
- c) Christmas decorations.
- d) history of Christmas.

11. Why did Sir Henry Cole design the first Christmas Card?

- a) To send it to his friend John Horsley.
- b) To encourage people to use the post more.
- c) To impress a senior civil servant.
- d) To make himself some extra money.

12. Which is true about the first Christmas card?

- a) Not everyone liked it.
- b) It only showed family life.
- c) It was cheap to buy.
- d) Lots of designs were printed.

13. In paragraph 3, the best option to complete the gap is

- a) needed
- b) allowed
- c) made
- d) achieved

14. Penny Post service was made possible thanks to

- a) a new fast type of train.
- b) money donated by the rich.
- c) additional horses being used.
- d) the introduction of a railway system.



15. In paragraph 4, the best option to replace the underlined phrase 'were nicknamed' is

- a) were replaced by
- b) were also called
- c) were used as
- d) were famous

16. Which image was NOT used in the early Christmas cards?

- a) winter scenes
- b) Nativity scenes
- c) postal workers
- d) birds

17. In paragraph 5, the best option to complete the gap is

- a) so
- b) if
- c) but
- d) then

18. Where was Louis Prang born?

- a) in the USA
- b) in the UK
- c) in Germany
- d) we don't know

19. Why is Annie Oakley mentioned in the text?

- a) Because she travelled a lot.
- b) Because she created a card with her picture.
- c) Because she loved sending Christmas cards.
- d) Because she is a famous Scottish actress.

20. Which is true about Christmas cards in the early 20th century?

- a) People had them printed locally.
- b) People started making their own.
- c) People sent more of them than ever before.
- d) People started including jokes in them.



21. In the last paragraph, the underlined word 'spread' is used to mean

- a) reach a wider area
- b) move and arrange
- c) communicate
- d) affect negatively

22. Which best describes the custom of putting stickers on envelopes?

- a) It originated in Sweden and Norway.
- b) It was popular with the rich.
- c) It was started by a charity.
- d) It was an immediate success.

(12 marks)



Reading Task 3

A) Read the three texts and answer the questions below by indicating which text each question relates to: A, B, or C.

An example has been done for you.

Glossary:

a *UNESCO World Heritage Site* - a site of great cultural and/or natural importance

Text A - Petäjävesi Old Church

Built in central Finland, Petäjävesi Old Church can be found on the shores of Lake Solikkojärvi and is surrounded by a landscape full of lakes and forests, typical of the region.

The wooden church was the result of a lifetime of hard work by a local man, Jaakko Leppänen. The bell tower was added to the church by his grandson.

In the past, poor farmers built hundreds of churches like this, but today few of them survive. This is because they were made of wood and were often GAP)_____by fire. Today, although Petäjävesi Old Church has a fire alarm, it is still at risk of being damaged by fire.

In 1879, a new church was built on the other side of the lake, and Petäjävesi Old Church was no longer used. The old church was repaired in the 1920s, and is now open to visitors again, but only in the summer.

Because Petäjävesi Old Church attracts a large number of tourists, it can result in damage to the wooden floor. However, this problem has been solved by giving out soft shoes for visitors to wear.

Text B - Levuka Historical Port Town

Levuka is set among the coconut trees on the beach of Ovalau Island, Fiji. In the 1820s, the port was built by Europeans and the town became the first capital of Fiji in 1874.

A large stone sea wall runs along the length of the famous main road, called Beach Street. The UNESCO site includes the port and commercial buildings on Beach Street. European style houses, churches and schools grew up around the tiny villages of the local population.

Today, Levuka is no longer an active port, but it remains important. This is because it GAP)_____ the story of human contact that took place when Europeans explored, attacked, or traded with the Pacific Islands. It also shows how the town developed over many years and many styles with each generation of builders adding to it.

The port as well as the nearby area are in very good condition because of the care given to the town's historic buildings since it was first recognised as a UNESCO site in the 1970s. UNESCO says people responsible for the site have done an excellent job.



Text C - Rapa Nui National Park

Rapa Nui National Park is GAP)_____on Easter Island. It is a lonely island, the furthest place in the world from where other humans are found. The National Park covers about 40% of the island, including beaches and volcanos, as well as four tiny nearby islands.

Rapa Nui National Park's most important sites are where its giant statues are found. These are called *moai* and can be up to 10 metres tall. There are about 900 of them, made by local people between 1250 and 1500 CE. There is a museum which offers visitors more information about the *moai*. Europeans did not reach the island till 1722, so the local culture survived longer than in other South Pacific islands.

More staff and money are needed for the management and care of the site, especially for the training of park guards. There are difficulties for the National Park because much of the growing local population want to live on the land within the Park grounds.

Which text describes a UNESCO World Heritage Site that...

Text

Example	consists of a single religious building?	A
23.	was partly built by people not from the area?	-----
24.	is not found by the sea?	-----
25.	has been very well looked after by those in charge?	-----
26.	faces no major risks to its future?	-----
27.	is in a very remote location?	-----
28.	was built by a specific individual?	-----
29.	had a violent history?	-----
30.	needs more resources to guarantee its future?	-----



B) Now answer the following questions by circling the correct option.

31) In Text A, the best option to complete the gap is

- a) prevented
- b) controlled
- c) destroyed
- d) annoyed

32) In Text B, the underlined words mean the same as

- a) accompanied
- b) developed
- c) imagined
- d) rebuilt

33) In Text B, the best option to complete the gap is

- a) records
- b) avoids
- c) replaces
- d) joins

34) In Text C, the best option to complete the gap is

- a) introduced
- b) lost
- c) displayed
- d) located

(12 marks)

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Time allowed: 30 minutes

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

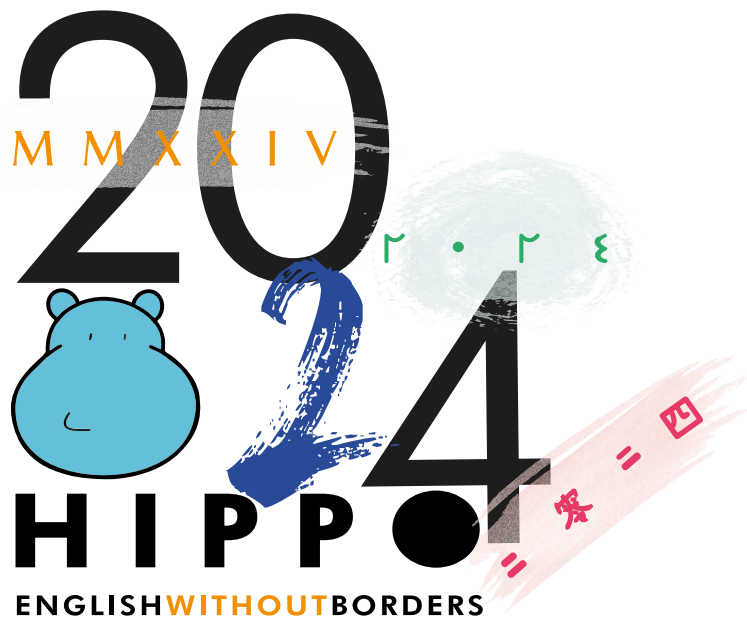
35. The students were asked to work together _____ the group project.
A) at B) in C) on D) with
36. The manager congratulated the team for their hard work and _____.
A) dedication B) apathy C) adherence D) deterioration
37. The students _____ to find out they had won the competition.
A) have been surprised B) were surprised C) are surprised D) surprised
38. The coach thanked the team for their display in the second _____.
A) break B) period C) half D) halftime
39. She _____ interested in the topic since she was a child.
A) is B) was C) has been D) is being
40. The students were _____ by the challenging nature of the assignment.
A) persuaded B) daunted C) uplifted D) flooded
41. The students were surprised _____ the difficulty of the final exam.
A) about B) with C) to D) at
42. The teacher _____ the students to read the instructions carefully.
A) advised B) was advising C) adviced D) was advicing
43. The students were asked to put _____ their thoughts on the topic in writing.
A) down B) out C) up D) off

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44. The novel's _____ storyline captivated readers until the very end.
A) ornate B) simplistic C) intricate D) rudimentary
45. The teacher advised the students _____ too much time on one question.
A) not spending B) don't spend C) to not spend D) not to spend
46. The play was so _____ that the audience gave it a standing ovation.
A) impress B) impressing C) impressive D) impressionable
47. I can't believe she didn't invite us to her wedding. We _____ her for years!
A) have known B) know C) had known D) known
48. The athlete was disqualified _____ using performance-enhancing drugs.
A) for B) from C) of D) with
49. The new software is rarely _____ with older operating systems.
A) well-matched B) compatible C) well-suited D) harmonious
50. The architect's design was both functional and aesthetically _____.
A) pleasing B) displeasing C) displeased D) pleased
51. She _____ her way through college by working part-time.
A) paid B) was paying C) had paid D) pays
52. Despite the challenges, the team _____ to complete the project ahead of schedule.
A) was managed B) has managed C) had managed D) managed
53. The athlete was _____ of using performance-enhancing drugs after failing the drug test.
A) accused B) blamed C) charged D) condemned
54. The committee members disagreed on the best approach, _____ led to a lengthy debate.
A) who B) which C) whose D) that



END OF ASSESSMENT

Remember to transfer your answers onto
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