



HIPPO 2020

8th International English Language Olympiad

IESOL Assessment Reading

RQF Level: Entry 2

(CEFR Level: A2)

Candidate Booklet – Reading

HIPPO 2

Semi-final Round

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

- Do NOT turn over the page until instructed.
- This examination is made up of 3 TASKS.
- Answer all the questions.
- Remember to transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.
- Use only black or blue PEN.
- Dictionaries are NOT allowed.

Time allowed: 35 minutes

Total marks available: 34



Reading Task 1

Read the sentences. Choose 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. _____ you pass me that book? I can't get it.

- a) Should b) Must c) Could

2. I really don't like that food. I think it is _____.

- a) horrible b) negative c) pleasant

3. They are so happy. They are going to _____ married.

- a) get b) have c) go

4. _____ we went, the people were friendly.

- a) Over there b) Everywhere c) Somewhere

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

- a) entrances b) directions c) answers

6. Please _____ this book to the library before the end of the week.

- a) return b) repeat c) receive

7. It's not working, so put a sign on it saying it's _____.

- a) broken b) repaired c) available

8. There is a new play tonight at the _____.

- a) cinema b) museum c) theatre

9. Please be _____ when you use the electric fire.

- a) complete b) careful c) useful

10. This can't wait till tomorrow - it has to be done _____.

- a) immediately b) usually c) probably



Reading Task 2

PART A

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

Hi Jane

How are you? I hope you are well. I'm emailing you about meeting this weekend. We don't want a repeat of last weekend. I know Sue said it would be an awesome film but it was so boring. I should have read more about it. At least it wasn't too long, and we had a good laugh about it.

How about we meet at the park at 10.00 on Saturday morning? We could meet Hanna and Sue as well. It's not far from the Clearwater Shopping Centre. There's a new clothes shop there called Top Store that sells some really fashionable items. However, I think it's quite expensive. We could always just look at the things we like and then buy them later online for less. Then we can get some food. There are lots of restaurants. I prefer pizza but Hanna likes fish and chips. I don't know what Sue likes. Maybe she likes fish and chips as well. Let's make a decision on Saturday.

In the evening, I am not sure what to do. Not a film! Maybe we should go to a concert. I haven't seen a band for a long time. There is one called the Starfish in town on Saturday night, but I am not sure if you will like them. Do you have any ideas?

We need to tell Hanna and Sue. Can you get in touch with Hanna? She rarely answers my phone calls. I will talk to Sue and let her know the time.

See you on Saturday

Your friend,

Sarah

Example: Sarah is writing to:

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



11. Sarah thinks last weekend was:

- a) excellent.
- b) alright.
- c) terrible.

12. What did Sarah think about the film they saw?

- a) It wasn't long enough.
- b) It wasn't interesting enough.
- c) It was too short.

13. The Clearwater Shopping Centre:

- a) opens at 10.00.
- b) is near the park.
- c) is close to where Hanna lives.

14. Sarah thinks that clothes from Top Store:

- a) cannot be bought online.
- b) can cost quite a lot.
- c) are not well made.

15. If the clothes are expensive, Sarah thinks they should:

- a) go to another shop.
- b) buy them anyway.
- c) look on the Internet.

16. What are the friends going to eat?

- a) They haven't decided yet.
- b) Fish and chips.
- c) Pizza.

17. Sarah thinks Jane:

- a) won't like the band Starfish.
- b) will like the band Starfish.
- c) might like the band Starfish.

18. Sarah wants Jane to:

- a) contact one of the friends.
- b) start answering her phone.
- c) email her back.



Part B

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

Dear Dave,

It's **(example)**_____ to know that you are back home!

How was the holiday? I hope it was exciting. You **19)**_____ tell me all about it when I see you next week.

My own holiday was **20)**_____. It was probably my best ever holiday. I can't remember **21)**_____ I told you but I went with my family to Spain. There were so many things to do. It was sunny **22)**_____ we could go swimming every day. There was also a beach with great surfing, a very interesting zoo with lots of animals and an old castle. We were so **23)**_____ that we were tired all the time but it was great fun.

There were lots of restaurants near the hotel. The food was great. In one restaurant the chef **24)**_____ the food in front of us. We could see him cooking it! He also **25)**_____ my little brother to help him make the dessert, which was a real **26)**_____. I wasn't expecting it.

See you soon.

Simon

Example:

a) good b) glad c) happy

19. a) need b) must c) would

20. a) brilliant b) horrible c) well-known

21. a) if b) that c) while

22. a) when b) until c) so

23. a) useful b) bored c) busy

24. a) explained b) ate c) prepared

25. a) included b) invited c) joined

26. a) surprise b) normal c) mistake



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 Mike

You must go to the new cinema on Smith Square. The one that opened last week. The seats are so comfortable, it has 6 screens and it was really cheap - only £7 each. I went on Tuesday to see *The Long Day Out*. It's excellent. Brian Jones is such a great actor. The only problem is that it's quite far out of town, so you might need to get the bus or car to get there.



Jane

Text B

There are so many cinemas in London it is hard to say which one is the best. There are 28 in central London and they vary in size, price and quality. The cheapest is the Prince Charles. Prices are from £1.50 up to £4. But the best, in my opinion, is the Genesis, where they have a pizza restaurant and you can take your pizza into the film if you don't finish in time.

Katie, London

Text C

Why not see your next film at The Grand on Regent Street? We have an award winning cinema, with the largest screens in town and the most professional staff you will find anywhere. We have to warn you that because we are the best, we can get very busy. We advise that you order tickets in advance. Otherwise you might be disappointed. Normal tickets are £15 for an adult and children aged 6 to 15 are half-price. We have a special offer on tickets on Tuesdays.



Which text ...

Text

Example: was written by Katie?

B

27. describes the least expensive cinema?

28. is an advert for a cinema?

29. is a suggestion to a friend?

30. includes a negative comment about the cinema?

31. is cheaper on certain days of the week?

32. includes a review of a film?

33. talks about how to get to the cinema?

34. suggests you should book before you go?

HIPPO 2020

Semifinal Round

HIPPO 2 Writing Test

Time allowed: 45 minutes



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1. My favourite person is... (Write about 60 words.)

2. Put the verbs into the correct form.

1. Peter is a waiter. He _____ (meet) people every day.
2. I will give you her number if I _____ (find) it.
3. We _____ (go) to a concert on 10th March.
4. He _____ (always cry) and I can't stand it any more.
5. My mom _____ (sleep), so try not to make a noise.
6. He _____ (cook) while I was learning.
7. Marry _____ (fall) while she was dancing.
8. If I have enough money, I _____ (buy) a jacket.
9. I decided to move to London. I _____ (study) Engineering there.
10. I _____ (always want) to visit Egypt.

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3. Insert the missing word in each space.

- 11. Dogs are very _____ animals. They will never leave you.
- 12. The film is definitely worth _____.
- 13. Ann hasn't thrown the rubbish _____.
- 14. _____ down. Things will be better.
- 15. He cries all the time. He is so _____ .
- 16. We had a great weekend. How _____ you?
- 17. We haven't been to the cinema _____ months.
- 18. Robots are made _____ metal.
- 19. There is _____ in the fridge. We must go shopping for food.
- 20. You _____ park here. It's forbidden.

4. Correct the incorrect sentences and tick the correct ones.

- 21. The Pacific is the bigger ocean in the world. _____
- 22. It is much more colder here than in your country. _____
- 23. That shirt looks good on you. _____
- 24. Look at the child which is playing alone. _____
- 25. He is a very interested child. _____
- 26. Will you do me a favour, please? _____
- 27. On my opinion, he is crazy. _____
- 28. That's John's car, doesn't it? _____
- 29. 'Thank you for the lift.' 'Don't mention it.' _____
- 30. I prefer reading books than watching films. _____

