



Candidate name and surname: _____

Candidate Booklet – Hippo Test of English

HIPPO S19 World Finals 2021

Time allowed: 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

- Do NOT turn over the page until instructed.
- This examination is made up of 30 questions.
- Answer all the questions.
- Use only black or blue PEN.
- Dictionaries are NOT allowed.

1. Complete each of the groups of three words with a word that is similar in meaning. Choose from the following:

belligerent	cumbersome	frugal	opulent	slothful
clamorous	destitute	impetuous	paltry	stingy
copious	discrepant	irate	perilous	valiant
coy	fervent	obese	ravenous	willy

1. angry, furious, livid _____
2. aggressive, militant, hostile _____
3. bulky, clumsy, unwieldy _____
4. cunning, artful, sly _____
5. eager, keen, zealous _____
6. noisy, boisterous, vociferous _____
7. incongruous, incompatible, incoherent _____
8. broke, penniless, skint _____
9. shy, sheepish, bashful _____
10. unimportant, petty, trivial _____

2. Replace the words in bold type in the following sentences with a single word. The first letter of the word is given.

- My brother is **able to use both hands equally well**. a _____
- The meeting was **put off** until later in the week. a _____
- This month's sales figures have **gone beyond** our expectations. e _____
- The margin of error is **so small that it can be ignored**. n _____
- A great deal of** damage was caused by the earthquake. e _____

3. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You can use a maximum of FIVE words for each space.

16. Mortgages are getting overly expensive these days. COSTS
- The _____ higher and higher these days.

17. Unemployment has risen drastically since the start of the crisis and the government is under pressure to find a solution. INCREASED

The government is under pressure due to _____ since the start of the crisis.

18. The secretary of the interior's resignation from the government was caused by the discovery of his domestic violence scandal. LED

The discovery of the secretary of the interior's role in the domestic violence scandal _____ the government.

19. Oh, you're here! I had no idea you were even considering attending! UNAWARE

I _____ fact that you were considering attending.

20. Just keep your nose out of it Bob, it has nothing to do with you. STAY

This has nothing to do with you so _____.

4. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

The more chemical controls are used, the more resistant insects and microbes become. According to Dr Robert Metcalf, professor of entomology at the University of Illinois, "Some strains of insects and microbes that have appeared are (21)_____ to nearly everything in our arsenal. The short-sighted and (22)_____ use of antibiotics has produced monster bugs. And it's getting worse. Pets are no quicker to develop resistance to new (23)_____ weapons. The earliest (24)_____ like DDT were highly (25)_____ for many years. The (26)_____ of the latest (27)_____ is often measured in months.

- RESIST
- RESPONSE
- CHEMISTRY
- INSECT
- EFFECT
- USE
- VARY

5. Complete the missing parts of the words to complete the sentences.

28. The on_____ of the disease is marked by a high temperature and a feeling of nausea.

29. The start of the tennis match had to be delayed for half hour because of a sudden down_____ .

30. The latest traffic news is that there is an eight-mile tail_____ on the M4.

FINALS HIPPO S19 KEY

1. Irate
2. Belligerent
3. Cumbersome
4. Wily
5. Fervent
6. Clamorous
7. Discrepant
8. Destitute
9. Coy
10. Paltry
11. Ambidextrous
12. Adjourned
13. Exceeded
14. Negligible
15. Extensive
16. Mortgage costs are getting
17. increased unemployment
18. led to his resignation from
19. was unaware of the
20. stay out of it, Bob
21. resistant
22. irresponsible
23. chemical
24. insecticides
25. effective
26. usefulness
27. varieties
28. onset
29. downpour
30. tailback