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HIPPO THE CONTEST

NATIONAL FINAL ROUND READING AND WRITING TEST

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CANDIDATE NUMBER _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

Do NOT turn over the page until instructed.

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

Writing 45 minutes

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TASK 1

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

EXAMPLE

An astronaut is somebody who:

- a) flies planes.
- b) goes to space in a rocket.



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A **whale** is a very large animal that lives:

- a) in the sea or ocean.
- b) in the river or lake.



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A **carnival** is a type of a:

- a) party with music, dancing, and games.
- b) meeting where you learn new things.



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A **hotel** is a place where people:

- a) go to when they are not well.
- b) stay when they are travelling.



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When you are **thirsty**:

- a) you could drink some juice.
- b) you should water the plants.



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An **elevator** usually moves people:

- a) inside and outside of a building.
- b) up and down a building.



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If you are reading a **newspaper**, you can:

- a) read the directions and look for places.
- b) read stories and look at pictures.



TASK 2

Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences.



THE GRANDDAD SAYS:

EXAMPLE Danny, how about going to the zoo on^c.....?

- a) April b) winter c) Saturday

7 we go to see the kangaroos first?

- a) Must b) Shall c) When

8 We need to be near the animals.

- a) careful b) afraid c) clever

9 What about having for lunch?

- a) ice-skates b) plate c) pasta

THE GRANDSON SAYS:

10, it is such a good idea.

- a) Brilliant b) See you c) How about

11 I'd love to some pictures of the penguins!

- a) make b) take c) bring

12 I prefer pancakes they are sweet.

- a) than b) but c) because



TASK 3

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

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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Assistant: Hi, how can I help you today?

- Dora:** a) Yes, I like the market.
b) I am looking for a helmet.
c) I can't come today.



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Assistant: What colour would you like to try?

- Dora:** a) There is a circle on it.
b) The green one please.
c) This one is too small.

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Doctor: Hi, how are you feeling today?

- Mag:** a) No, I will fix it.
b) I had a headache.
c) My stomach hurts.



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Doctor: Did you eat anything this morning?

- Mag:** a) I had a bowl of cornflakes.
b) I usually have my lunch quite early.
c) I'll have some toast for supper.

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Nathan: Hey, what's your favourite subject?

- Betty:** a) I love maths. What about you?
b) Geography is boring.
c) History is difficult for me.



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Nathan: Do you have any homework today?

- Betty:** a) I'm good, thanks.
b) Sure, here you are.
c) Yes, just a little.

TASK

Read the story and choose a, b or c to complete it.

Tom's Rainy Day

Tom wakes up and looks out the **EXAMPLE**c..... .
The sky is **19**, and **20** cover the sun.
“Oh no! It’s raining,” he says. Tom puts on his **21**
‘Don’t forget to take your **22** !’, says his mum. Then, he
steps outside and walks to school. The rain is cold, but he likes the sound of
raindrops. On the way, he sees a big puddle of water. Splash! He jumps in it.
His feet are wet, but he laughs. His friend Andy **23** to him.
“Let’s jump together!” he says. They splash and play. “Rainy days are fun!”
Tom **24**

EXAMPLE

a) sunglasses b) glass **c) window**

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a) yellow b) grey c) blue

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a) clouds b) birds c) rays

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a) sunglasses b) boots c) shoes

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a) umbrella b) gloves c) ball

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a) runs b) kicks c) laughs

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a) smiles b) runs c) cries



TASK 5

Read the story and choose a, b or c to complete it.



My grandparents live in the countryside, in a small house near a big **EXAMPLE***a*..... . I love visiting them every weekend!

On Saturday, I wake up early and **25** dressed. My dad drives us there. When we arrive, my grandmother gives me a **26** of milk and some fruit. Then, I go outside to play. I like to run in the village and **27** trees.

My grandfather has a small boat, and sometimes we go on the lake. The water is **28**, but I love it. In the afternoon, all of us walk in the forest. My grandmother likes telling stories when I am looking **29** animals. We usually take some photos **30** our walks together.

I love visiting my grandparents, and I always feel happy when I am there.

EXAMPLE

a) wake b) hospital c) basement

25 a) put b) get c) take

26 a) pair b) loaf c) glass

27 a) climb b) fix c) build

28 a) cold b) dry c) straight

29 a) up b) for c) on

30 a) during b) when c) with



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

31. _____ Jim help with his homework?
 - a) Whose does
 - b) Who does
 - c) Who
32. Who _____ that book about history on my desk?
 - a) left
 - b) did leave
 - c) leaves
33. Whose key is that? _____
 - a) It is of Kate.
 - b) It is Kate key.
 - c) It's Kate's.
34. He is interested _____ learning Russian.
 - a) to
 - b) for
 - c) in
35. Are there any cars _____ street?
 - a) on the
 - b) at the
 - c) along
36. How old is your aunt? She is _____.
 - a) forty-seven
 - b) forty-seven
 - c) forty seven
37. I will do my homework when I _____ home.
 - a) will come back
 - b) am coming back
 - c) come back
38. These jeans _____ too expensive.
 - a) are
 - b) is
 - c) be

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39. My _____ dog is very cute. They love him very much.
- a) parent's
 - b) parents'
 - c) parents's
40. _____ do you like the most? Dogs, cats or parrots?
- a) Which
 - b) What
 - c) Who
41. Why is your cat _____ on the desk?
- a) laying
 - b) lying
 - c) lieing
42. How do you _____ your name? It's J - O - H - N .
- a) say
 - b) spell
 - c) call
43. Which of these animals has stripes? _____.
- a) The elephant
 - b) The rabbit
 - c) The tiger
44. My sister's daughter is 4 years old and she is my favourite _____.
- a) niece
 - b) knees
 - c) niese
45. _____ is your school from your home?
- a) How much away
 - b) How far
 - c) How many meters
46. Lindsay was so pretty; she _____ a long, green dress.
- a) wore
 - b) was wearing
 - c) was dressed

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47. John and _____ going to the cinema. Do you want to come with us?
a) me are
b) I are
c) his brother is
48. The police _____ coming to school later today to teach students how to defend ...
a) is
b) are
c) were
49. _____ school is across from _____ supermarket.
a) - / -
b) The / the
c) Our / a
50. Do you have _____ books that you could donate to charity?
a) any
b) a
c) the
51. I _____ saw her when she visited us in May.
a) last
b) lastly
c) at the latest
52. I found my tennis racket _____ the back of the cupboard.
a) inside
b) on
c) at

2. Decide if the sentence is correct (a) or incorrect (b).

53. She'll prepare the food ahead of time and freeze it.
a) correct
b) incorrect
54. Go straight along this road and turn left at traffic lights.
a) correct
b) incorrect

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55. The dog hurt it's paw so we took it to the vet.
a) correct
b) incorrect
56. Ostrich is the fastest animal on two legs.
a) correct
b) incorrect
57. We keep the Hoover and mop in a cupboard under the stairs.
a) correct
b) incorrect
58. I found these apples going mouldy in the pantry.
a) correct
b) incorrect
59. I am the tallest boy in the class, aren't I?
a) correct
b) incorrect
60. I could play really good if I trained.
a) correct
b) incorrect



END OF ASSESSMENT

REMEMBER TO TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS
ONTO THE ANSWER SHEET!