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ENGLISHWITHOUTBORDERS

HIPPO THE CONTEST

NATIONAL FINAL ROUND READING TEST

CEFR LEVEL A2
HIPPO CATEGORY HIPPO 2-S1

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

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 ____ the windows – I have just cleaned them.

- a) touch b) watch c) hear

1. I need to ____ my bicycle before I can ride it again.

- a) repair b) build c) paint

2. Have you read this book? The ____ on the back cover sounds interesting.

- a) title b) summary c) page

3. The park was so ____ we had to sit on the grass instead of a bench.

- a) empty b) crowded c) get back

4. My sister always ____ her homework right after school.

- a) finishes b) makes c) copies

5. We should ____ a map - I don't know this part of the city.

- a) hold b) draw c) follow

6. I can't hear the music - could you ____ the volume for me?

- a) increase b) arrange c) move

7. Do you know the ____ ingredients for making this cake?

- a) correct b) simple c) fresh

8. It's ____ to drink water during exercise to stay healthy.

- a) available b) important c) careful

9. Would you like to ____ our science project group next week?

- a) share b) join c) stand

10. I'm feeling really ____ after the long walk today.

- a) tiring b) tired c) tire (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.

To: tom@mymail.com

Subject: School Science Fair Success!

Hi Tom!

I wanted to tell you about the science competition yesterday. Remember I was worried about presenting our project? Well, my team won third place, and some of my other classmates came second! I couldn't believe it when they announced our names. My teacher was so proud - she even took photos for the school newsletter.

On the day, there were forty-two projects in total, from twelve different classes! We expected fifty, but some students couldn't make it. The exhibition hall was much bigger than our classroom, which made me a bit stressed at the beginning. Ms. Parker told us to arrive 30 minutes early to set up our displays and practise our presentations.

Our presentation took five minutes, and we answered all the judges' questions correctly. The team that won first place had an amazing experiment with plants - they'd been working on it for three months. But I was still happy with our result! And everyone said they really enjoyed the subject we chose.

Next month we start preparing for the regional science competition. Ms. Parker says we need to meet twice a week instead of once, because it's only six weeks away. That means I won't be able to go to my music practice on Wednesdays, but I can still go on Fridays, so I think it's worth it.

By the way, are you coming to David's game night on Saturday? He said we're playing board games first, then watching a movie at his house. I'm excited to try the new strategy game he bought - have you played it before?

Let me know if you're coming -- it would be great to see you there!

Alex

Example: The email is about

- a) a science competition.
- b) a science experiment.
- c) a science lesson.

11. In the competition, Alex's team came

- a) first
- b) second
- c) third

12. How many projects were presented?

- a) 12
- b) 42
- c) 50

13. What made Alex nervous at first?

- a) the number of projects
- b) the presentation time
- c) the size of the hall

14. Which is true about Alex's presentation?

- a) It was on an interesting topic.
- b) It was longer than anyone else's.
- c) It took three months to prepare.

15. When is the regional competition?

- a) Next month.
- b) In six weeks.
- c) The text doesn't say.

16. What change will Alex make to his schedule?

- a) see his teacher more often
- b) stop music practice
- c) join a new club

17. Has Alex played the strategy game before?

- a) Yes, once.
- b) Yes, many times.
- c) No, never.

18. What is Alex trying to do in the last sentence of the email?

- a) make a decision
- b) ask for information
- c) give directions

(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 Alex!

Thanks (Example) ____ your email about the science fair.

I'm so (1) ____ of you - third place is fantastic!

I know you were worried about it, but I was (2) ____ you would do well. You've been working really (3) ____ on this project. Ms. Parker must be very impressed with your work.

Regarding the regional competition, I think you're making the right (4) ____ about music practice. It's good to (5) ____ on what's important right now. And you can always go back to twice-weekly practice (6) ____ the competition ends.

About David's game night - yes, I'm definitely coming! Don't worry about the new game, it's not (7) ____ complicated. I can teach you the rules. The only problem is that I don't know (8) ____ time I should arrive. Could you ask David?

See you soon!

Tom

- Example: a) for b) to c) about
19. a) happy b) proud c) aware
20. a) alright b) pleased c) certain
21. a) long b) hard c) much
22. a) choice b) option c) idea
23. a) try b) focus c) think
24. a) while b) until c) after
25. a) such b) very c) quite
26. a) which b) what c) when

(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

Youth Centre - Art Studio

- Open Monday to Friday 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Closed Sundays
- Adult classes: £6.00, Student classes: £4.50, Under 14s: 3.50
- Art lessons available (beginners to advanced)
- Special offer: Try it with a first class free
- Materials included in price of course
- Small café with cheap drinks and snacks

For more information visit: www.youtharts.com

Text B

Hi everyone!

I wanted to tell you about my experience at the Youth Centre art classes. I started taking lessons there two weeks ago. My teacher, Sarah, is really patient and helpful. The studio is bright and with lots of space, and they provide all the materials we need. The only problem is that classes get full quickly, as they only allow eight students per class, so you sometimes have to join a waiting list. The café only serves drinks and cold snacks, but there's a nice restaurant next door. I go twice a week now and I've already finished my first painting! It's the best hobby I've ever started.

Jamie

Text C

Dear Students,

We are excited to tell you about new after-school art classes at the Youth Centre. Classes will run every Monday and Wednesday from 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm. Each student needs to bring:

- Notebook and pencil
- Old shirt or apron to protect clothes
- Folder for artwork

The cost is £4 per session. Students should attend the full term (12 sessions). Our qualified art teachers will help students develop drawing and painting skills. You will also learn about different art styles and techniques.

Please return the registration form by Monday if you are interested. Payment can be made at the school office or through the online system.

Best wishes,
Mr. Roberts

Which text ...

		Text
Example:	mentions a special offer?	A
27.	was written by an art student?	_____
28.	gives most detail about course content?	_____
29.	includes a list of requirements?	_____
30.	mentions some negative points?	_____
31.	gives information about opening times?	_____
32.	mentions something about the price of food?	_____
33.	talks about class sizes?	_____
34.	includes information about ways to pay?	_____

(8 marks)

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REMEMBER TO TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS
ONTO THE ANSWER SHEET!

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HIPPO 2-S1 Writing Test V1

Time allowed: 45 minutes



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1. Is it better to be the oldest or the youngest in the family? (Write about 60 words.)

2. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form (positive, interrogative, negative, active or passive) to complete the sentences.

- 1) Jimmy _____ (give) me his last bar of chocolate!
- 2) Can you believe it! My grandmother _____ (turn) 97 in July.
- 3) Oh no, it seems our house _____ (break) into.
- 4) Martha _____ (lay) the baby in the crib for an afternoon nap.
- 5) I am the tallest boy in my class, _____ (be/I)?
- 6) _____ (you/hear)? My uncle won the lottery!
- 7) 'Have you booked a hotel for your trip to Paris?' 'No, we _____ (stay) with friends.'
- 8) Lisa's aunt _____ (move) to London in exactly 5 days.
- 9) What is the farthest you _____ (travel) on your own?
- 10) When I met Micky and Suzy yesterday, they _____ (go) to the cinema.

3. Write the correct word to complete the sentences, for example, c h i c k e n or chicken.

- 11) We will never find my ring on this beach. It's like looking for a needle in a _____.
- 12) The mugs are in the _ u _ _ o _ _ d. Take whichever you want.
- 13) Some _ r _ _ e _ s _ _ _ at my university are really rude to students.
- 14) At its _ _ _ _ _ the Roman Empire spanned over 5 million square kilometres.
- 15) Do you have a(n) _ u _ _ r? I need to draw a pyramid for my geometry homework.
- 16) People who live near motorways often complain about noise _ _ l _ _ _ _ n.
- 17) My _ _ s _ a _ _ cousin is coming next week. I haven't seen her since 2000.
- 18) The _ _ _ _ for this terrible disease has still not been found.

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- 19) Many of the TV programmes are broadcast with _ u _ t _ _ _ e _ for the deaf.
20) In basketball, you score points by shooting the ball through the opponent's _ _ _ _ .

4. Decide if the sentences are correct or incorrect. Write C for the correct ones and correct the incorrect ones.

- 21) The cars become increasingly safer with all the improvements.

- 22) Jim had missed the bus, Sue had overslept and that is why they were both late for class.

- 23) I bought a Japanese, triangular, glass vase for my aunt.

- 24) Whenever I go shopping with my kids, they make me buy them toys and ice-cream.

- 25) My cat is black and it's tail is very long.

- 26) The exhibition was a failure, even less people than we thought came to see it.

- 27) The current raise in global temperatures is driven by human activities, especially fossil fuel burning.

- 28) The precise location of the equator is not truly fixed because it drifts about 9 metres yearly.

- 29) He laid by the campfire, watching the stars and thinking about his family.

- 30) There are several possible viewpoints on the subject which could...
