
HIPPO 2019
7th International English Language Olympiad
IESOL Assessment Reading
RQF Level: Entry 2
(CEFR Level: A2)
Candidate Booklet – Reading

HIPPO 3
Preliminary Round

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

- Do NOT turn over the page until instructed.
- This examination is made up of 3 TASKS.
- Answer all the questions.
- Use only black or blue PEN.

Time allowed: 30 minutes

Total marks available: 34

Reading Task 1

PART A

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 _____ – our dog is afraid of loud noises.

- ☒ a) shout b) speak c) run

1. The word 'amazing' means the same as _____.
a) awesome b) available c) friendly
2. This _____ in the corner of the room looks really comfortable.
a) clock b) armchair c) painting
3. Let me give you some _____ - it is better to do your homework when you are not tired.
a) problems b) exercise c) advice
4. I think we should _____ the last piece of cake for your brother.
a) leave b) agree c) ask
5. Take your _____ out of your pocket and put it around your neck – it is cold outside!
a) gloves b) necklace c) scarf
6. _____, I can't meet you tonight – I have to help my father.
a) Certainly b) Instead c) Unfortunately
7. Have you seen my glasses? I can't find them _____.
a) somewhere b) anywhere c) there

8. My little brother is _____ because he has lost his new watch.
- a) upset b) unusual c) useful
9. I came to say sorry - I was _____ to call you 'stupid'.
- a) alright b) wrong c) pleased
10. We spent a really _____ afternoon in the park – the weather was lovely.
- a) pleasant b) popular c) polite

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.

Dear Lena,

Greetings from England! I'm here for a summer language course. I've started an English language course at a school in York, an amazing city in the north of England. I got here on Sunday. I had to fly to Manchester, as there is no airport in York. I then had to get a train to York. It took me over six hours to get here: the flight was just over two hours long, and the train journey took over an hour and a half. Plus of course the journey to the airport from my home town of Granada!

I was really tired and a bit nervous when I arrived in York, but that changed after my first class. My teacher and the other students are really friendly – I think I'm going to make some great friends here. I'm going to have classes every day between nine and half past one, and then afternoon classes as well on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the other afternoons, we are going to have activities with other students, or trips, and Saturdays and Sundays are my days off.

I'm staying with a really nice family. Their house is only a short walk away from the school. I could take a bus or ask them to take me in the car, but I'd rather enjoy the walk. The weather is not bad – it is warm, and we haven't had any rain so far. Not as good as in Spain though!

Hope you are OK and not missing me too much!

Your friend,

Sara

Example: Sara is writing to:

- a) her mum.
- ☒ b) her friend.
- c) teacher.

11. Sara is staying in:

- a) Manchester.
- b) York.
- c) Granada.

12. Sara arrived:

- a) on Sunday.
- b) on Monday.
- c) a few hours ago.

13. How long was Sarah's journey?

- a) More than six hours.
- b) Less than six hours.
- c) Approximately two hours.

14. Sara is there because she wants to:

- a) learn English.
- b) teach English.
- c) have a holiday.

15. Sarah is feeling OK now because:

- a) she met an old friend.
- b) she can speak good English.
- c) the other people in the class are nice.

16. Sarah has lessons:

- a) two days a week.
- b) five days a week.
- c) six days a week.

17. How does Sara get to the class?

- a) She walks.
- b) She takes a bus.
- c) The family takes her in the car.

18. What does Sara think about the weather?

- a) It is better than in Spain.
- b) It is as good as in Spain.
- c) It is worse than in Spain.

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 Sara!

I'm so (example) _____ to hear that you arrived safely! It sounds like you are having a lot of fun 1) _____.

You might be 2) _____ to hear it but the weather here is not very good at all. It has been raining since you left. I was going to spend last Sunday on the beach, but had to stay at home 3) _____ because of the weather.

My dad said that I can have a 4) _____ helping out at his cafe during the summer. I'm not sure about it – I've never 5) _____ customers before. Do you think I 6) _____ do it? I'd really like your opinion. A lot of people who come to the café are tourists from England, and I'm 7) _____ that my English is not good.

Anyway, I hope that you are enjoying your language course. I'm going to miss you this summer, 8) _____ I'm happy that you are having a great time!

Take care,

Lena

- Example: ☒ a) glad b) sad c) late
19. a) before b) already c) since
20. a) surprised b) afraid c) amazing
21. a) perhaps b) next c) instead
22. a) lesson b) job c) task
23. a) served b) ordered c) been
24. a) must b) may c) should
25. a) worried b) fine c) busy
26. a) or b) because c) but

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

Pancakes

1 cup of flour
2 tsp sugar
1 cup of milk
1 egg

Put the flour, salt and sugar into a large bowl. In a different bowl, mix together the milk and egg. Combine all the ingredients, and mix them with a spoon until everything is smooth. Fry in a pan with a little bit of butter or oil over a medium heat. Serve with fresh fruit, lemon and sugar, or jam.

Text B

Pancakes are my favourite food! In England, people usually have them for breakfast or for dessert, but for example in Poland you can have them as your main meal. The American pancakes are completely different – they are small and thick. I learnt how to make pancakes when I was 7 years old – my grandma showed me how to do it. It's really easy, and only takes about ten minutes. Oh, and one more thing – they cost very little to make!
Steve, UK

Text C

It is important to have a healthy breakfast at the start of your day. There are so many choices - choosing the right one can be difficult. Many people choose to have pancakes for breakfast, and they want to know if this is a good choice. Pancakes have a range of vitamins and minerals, but they are also quite high in fat and calories. In my opinion, you should have them once or twice a month, but remember to choose healthy toppings, for example fresh fruit or honey.



Which text ...?

Text

Example: was written by Steve?

B

27. tells you how to make pancakes?

28. says that making pancakes is easy?

29. says that pancakes are eaten at different meals?

30. includes good and bad things about pancakes?

31. says that pancakes are cheap?

32. says you should not have pancakes every day?

33. lists all the things you need to make pancakes?

34. was written by someone who likes pancakes?



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

- Do NOT turn over the page until instructed.
- This examination is made up of 4 TASKS.
- Answer all the questions.
- If you change your mind about an answer, initial your corrections.
- Use only black or blue PEN.

Guide time: Approx. 20 minutes **Total marks available:** 22

Listening Task 1

Listen to six people speaking. Circle the best response – a, b, or c.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played.
There is an example.

Example Speaker.

- ☒ a) Yes, I'd like that.
- b) No, I didn't like it.
- c) I liked it a lot.

35. Speaker 1.

- a) And what did she do next?
- b) I'm sure she won't.
- c) The exam is in Maths.

38. Speaker 4.

- a) At ten o'clock.
- b) You're going to be late.
- c) Just tell the teacher.

36. Speaker 2.

- a) OK, let's run!
- b) OK, I'll ask him.
- c) Yes, I might.

39. Speaker 5.

- a) Sorry to hear that.
- b) That sounds good.
- c) Are you sure about it?

37. Speaker 3.

- a) Thanks for the advice.
- b) It's not a good idea.
- c) I'd like that, thanks.

40. Speaker 6.

- a) A few pounds, I think.
- b) I like the music.
- c) About five minutes, let's go.

Listening Task 2

Listen to four short conversations and circle the correct answer – a, b, or c.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played.

Example: Tom is going to:

- a) buy a book.
- ☒ b) borrow a book.
- c) borrow some money.

41. Where did the girl get the envelopes?

- a) At the supermarket.
- b) At the post office.
- c) From her neighbour.

43. What is Jack going to do this evening?

- a) Play football.
- b) Study.
- c) Watch TV.

42. What is Sam going to do next?

- a) Go shopping.
- b) Do homework.
- c) Go to school.

44. Ben is going to buy:

- a) a jumper.
- b) a jumper and a pair of shoes.
- c) a pair of shoes.

Listening Task 3

Listen to the conversation and answer the questions. Circle the correct answer – a, b, or c.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played.

Example: Mary has returned from:

- a) a work trip.
- b) a family visit.
- ☒ c) a holiday.

45. When did Mary get back?

- a) Today.
- b) Yesterday afternoon.
- c) Yesterday evening.

46. Why did Mary stay in a hotel?

- a) She doesn't like camping.
- b) She didn't have a tent.
- c) Because of the weather.

47. The hotel was:

- a) excellent.
- b) OK.
- c) horrible.

49. Mary's husband Mark:

- a) likes pizza.
- b) likes art.
- c) doesn't like rain.

48. What was the weather like?

- a) It rained all the time.
- b) Mostly rainy with some sun.
- c) Sunny and warm.

50. 'Stefano' is the name of a:

- a) chef.
- b) restaurant.
- c) pizza.

Listening Task 4

Listen and answer the questions. Circle 'true' or 'false'.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played.

There is an example.

Example:

The trip is to a zoo.

True ☒ False

51. The trip is on the 3rd of December. True False

52. Students need to come to school at 8 am. True False

53. Students are going to meet in the car park. True False

54. They need to bring money for lunch. True False

55. It's going to be a warm day. True False

56. Students will return at three o'clock. True False