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# HIPPO 2019

## 7<sup>th</sup> International English Language Olympiad

**IESOL Assessment Reading**

RQF Level: Entry 2

(CEFR Level: A2)

# Hippo 2

## Reading

### 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.
- Use only black or blue PEN.
- Remember to transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

**Time allowed:** 30 minutes

**Total marks available:** 34

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ – our dog is afraid of loud noises.

- a) shout                      b) speak                      c) run

1. They will know who the winner of the \_\_\_\_\_ is later today.  
a) entrance                      b) competition                      c) concert
2. The ambulance which brought the \_\_\_\_\_ is still parked outside the hospital.  
a) patient                      b) guest                      c) member
3. You should talk to your friends about your \_\_\_\_\_ – they will be able to help.  
a) problems                      b) exercise                      c) advice
4. Instead of saying that somebody is beautiful, you can use the word \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) excellent                      b) available                      c) attractive
5. It's very windy outside but it's not going to rain – you don't need your \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) gloves                      b) umbrella                      c) towel
6. The train from London \_\_\_\_\_ at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.  
a) arrives                      b) delays                      c) gets off
7. Excuse me, can I borrow a pen? I \_\_\_\_\_ to bring mine.  
a) remembered                      b) forgot                      c) decided
8. I'm really \_\_\_\_\_ - can I have a glass of water?  
a) hungry                      b) thirsty                      c) surprised

9. People usually go skiing in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) lakes                      b) mountains                      c) villages
10. It's a bit cold outside – you might want to put your \_\_\_\_\_ on.
- a) sunglasses                      b) sweater                      c) shorts

## 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,

I'm so excited! My parents told me that I'm going to have a little brother. I have always wanted to have a brother or a sister to play with. My mum says that he is going to arrive in early December. It's August now – it's over four months away! I'm not sure if I can wait for so long.

I'm going to start preparing. I think all my old toys are still in the garage, so I'm planning to bring them back into the house and clean them. Mum said that the baby will stay in her bedroom at first, but when he is a few months old he will have his own room. I don't really know much about babies! You have a little sister – can you tell me something about her? When do babies start to speak? Can they eat chocolate or sweets?

I know that it's your birthday next month. My mum said I can send you a little gift. She is going to take me shopping this weekend. I'm sorry that I can't be there for your party this year, but I'm sure you'll have a great time!

I had my first horse riding lesson last week. The teacher was really nice, but the horse tried to eat my jumper! Dad says that the horse was just trying to be friendly. I'm going to take some carrots for him next time. My next lesson is in two days – the teacher says that it takes about ten lessons to get to know the horse well, and that I should not be worried.

Your friend,

Sara

**Example: Sara is going to have a new:**

- a) brother.
- b) sister
- c) brother or a sister.

**11. Sara's brother is going to be born:**

- a) in August.
- b) in December.
- c) next year.

12. Sara feels very \_\_\_\_\_ about having a brother.

- a) pleased.
- b) surprised.
- c) healthy.

13. At first, the baby will sleep in:

- a) Sara's room.
- b) his own room.
- c) his parents' bedroom.

14. Sara is asking her friend for:

- a) advice.
- b) pictures of her sister.
- c) help cleaning the toys.

15. Whose birthday is it next month?

- a) Sara's.
- b) Lena's.
- c) Sara's mum's.

16. Will Sara go to the birthday party?

- a) Yes.
- b) No.
- c) Maybe.

17. What happened during Sara's first riding lesson?

- a) The horse ate some carrots.
- b) Sara fell of the horse.
- c) The horse tried to eat Sara's clothes.

18. How long does it take get to know a horse?

- a) Two days.
- b) A week.
- c) About ten lessons.

## 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're going to have a little brother – congratulations!

Of course I can tell you about my sister, but she is three years old, and I can't remember all the details **1)** \_\_\_\_\_. She started to speak when she was about one year old. I don't really know about chocolate though – my parents don't **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ us eat chocolate! I can tell you one thing: you are very **3)** \_\_\_\_\_ that you don't need to share your bedroom. Babies cry a lot during the night!

It's very **4)** \_\_\_\_\_ of you to want to send me a birthday gift, thank you. I'm going to have a small party for some of my closest friends from school. Maybe we could speak on the phone **5)** \_\_\_\_\_ the party? That way I can tell you all about the games and the gifts.

I would love to have horse riding lessons too, **6)** \_\_\_\_\_ my parents said no. We would have to travel for an hour to the classes, and they say that we haven't got the **7)** \_\_\_\_\_. You **8)** \_\_\_\_\_ to tell me all about your second lesson – I hope the horse likes the carrots, and you become good friends!

Take care,

Lena

- Example:  a) glad      b) sad      c) late
19.            a) anyone      b) anywhere      c) anymore
20.            a) make          b) need          c) let
21.            a) lazy          b) lucky          c) lovely
22.            a) kind          b) busy          c) happy
23.            a) before        b) after         c) when
24.            a) as            b) that          c) but
25.            a) time          b) game         c) week
26.            a) should        b) need          c) want

## 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

#### About Edinburgh

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland, on the east coast. The city has many hills and on the highest hill stands Edinburgh Castle. The city has a big festival every year, in August. There are two very famous football clubs and many famous people – J K Rowling wrote her Harry Potter books in an Edinburgh café! Hollywoodhouse is a very popular place to visit. It's the Queen's Scottish home.



### Text B

I love Edinburgh! I visited last year and getting there on the train from London was very easy. In Edinburgh, it's best to walk everywhere. It's very different to my home city, where everyone drives their car or takes a taxi. We walked down the Royal Mile and I bought a traditional Scottish skirt. They're called kilts and they come in lots of different colours. We went in October and it did rain a lot so we spent a lot of time in the galleries and museums. It was great to learn about Scotland's history!

David, USA.

### Text C

I moved to Glasgow this year and it's not too different to Edinburgh. I go to Glasgow Art School and I'm studying modern art. The people are really friendly here and I've made a lot of new friends. We often go out to restaurants and cafés here, which are a lot cheaper than in Edinburgh. The parks are amazing too – there are so many green spaces here, perfect for exercising in the fresh air. We don't have a castle, but we have the best designer shops. I was surprised how many people from Edinburgh travel over to Glasgow to do their Christmas shopping!

Which text ...

Example: was written by David?

Text

B

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| 27. | tells you about an event in the summer?            | ----- |
| 28. | says that travelling to Edinburgh is easy?         | ----- |
| 29. | was written by a student?                          | ----- |
| 30. | includes information about the weather?            | ----- |
| 31. | says that eating out in Edinburgh is expensive?    | ----- |
| 32. | suggests that shops in Edinburgh could be better?  | ----- |
| 33. | gives a list of facts about the city of Edinburgh? | ----- |
| 34. | tells you about Scottish clothes?                  | ----- |





## 2. Complete the text with a suitable word in each gap.

Are you looking for a perfect place for a holiday? Then Greece is a place for you. There (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of towns with beautiful beaches. I like walking (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the beach early in the morning because I want to breathe (3) \_\_\_\_\_ fresh air. I usually dive (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the sea right after breakfast. You can also take a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on a boat. There are also different water (6) \_\_\_\_\_ you can choose from. It's best if you go with friends and spend some quality (7) \_\_\_\_\_ with them. You can go (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a walk in the evening or (9) \_\_\_\_\_ some food in a restaurant and listen to some live music. And one last thing, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of photos while you are there.

## 3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

It was a beautiful winter morning and everything was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (cover) in snow. We (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) slowly through the forest when we (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (reach) a pond in the middle of the forest, we (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (put) on our skates and walked onto the ice. We (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (skate) for an hour when we (16) \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) some strange sound. We quickly took off our skates and put on our shoes and ran. I (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (not think) we will ever go there again. I (18) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) my friend tonight and I (19) \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) him that we should pick a different place for skating. If we want to skate peacefully, we (20) \_\_\_\_\_ (have to) find a place that is less spooky.

## 4. Decide if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I)

21. She has been to New York last year. \_\_\_\_\_
22. She is a very careful driver. \_\_\_\_\_
23. If you need help, all you need to do is asked for it. \_\_\_\_\_
24. She sings wonderful. \_\_\_\_\_
25. Tell him I'll show him the photos when he come. \_\_\_\_\_
26. I don't think he will come tonight. \_\_\_\_\_
27. Did you do it already? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Did you tell him about the problem you had? \_\_\_\_\_
29. See you on monday at 6 pm. \_\_\_\_\_
30. He plays the drums very well. \_\_\_\_\_