

**HIPPO 2019**  
**7<sup>th</sup> International English Language Olympiad**

**IESOL Assessment Reading**

RQF Level: Entry 3

(CEFR Level: B1)

**Hippo 3**  
**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:** 40 minutes

**Total marks available:** 34

## Reading Task 1

Read the text and circle the best option to complete each gap – a, b, c, or d.

### How to keep dogs safe in winter

You might love the snowball fights and sledging, **0)**\_\_\_\_\_ not everyone likes snow. When the weather gets cold, you need to make **1)**\_\_\_\_\_ that your pets are safe and sound.

If you aren't sure about how to best keep your animals warm and cosy in this snowy weather, here are some top **2)**\_\_\_\_\_. If your dog is spending more time indoors **3)**\_\_\_\_\_ the cold weather, make sure that it is getting lots of indoor exercise and attention! Play some fun **4)**\_\_\_\_\_ with them to tire them out a little, for example fetching a ball, and keep them from being bored.

While out walking, watch **5)**\_\_\_\_\_ they're walking. If they look like they're struggling, their paws might be too cold. When you get home, give the dog's paws a wash, because things like anti-freeze or salt that is **6)**\_\_\_\_\_ to melt the ice outside can be bad for their skin.

Keep dogs **7)**\_\_\_\_\_ water - cold weather can make ponds and lakes turn to ice, which could be very dangerous for your dog to run or walk on. If your dog does find its way onto some ice, do not **8)**\_\_\_\_\_ it: the ice could break under your weight.

Short haired or elderly dogs can get too cold when they're out in winter. Dogs like greyhounds or chihuahuas don't have a thick enough coat to **9)**\_\_\_\_\_ them from the harsh weather, so they might need a special dog coat.

Don't forget to wear warm clothes **10)**\_\_\_\_\_ you're out walking your dog. They get cold in the snow, but so do you!

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| <b>Example:</b> | a) and     | <b>b)</b> but | c) then       | d) because     |
| 1.              | a) friends | b) fun        | c) sure       | d) sense       |
| 2.              | a) tips    | b) promises   | c) orders     | d) facts       |
| 3.              | a) despite | b) besides    | c) because of | d) regarding   |
| 4.              | a) music   | b) games      | c) time       | d) information |
| 5.              | a) who     | b) how        | c) where      | d) those       |
| 6.              | a) used    | b) collected  | c) cleaned    | d) eaten       |
| 7.              | a) near to | b) behind     | c) around     | d) away from   |
| 8.              | a) shout   | b) follow     | c) call       | d) leave       |
| 9.              | a) stop    | b) prevent    | c) hurt       | d) protect     |
| 10.             | a) while   | b) after      | c) since      | d) before      |

## Reading Task 2

Read the text and answer the questions below. Circle the correct option, a, b, c, or d.

### The King of Pop Art?

#### Section 1 Where did Andy Warhol grow up?

Andy Warhol was a famous artist, painter and sculptor. Andy grew up in Pittsburgh – he was the son of a construction worker. His birth name was Andrew Warhola. When he was 8 years old he caught a very serious disease, and spent a long time getting better. When he was recovering, his mother, an embroiderer and artist, taught him to draw. He was a quiet and shy child, but loved drawing, photography, and movies.

When Andy was fourteen, his father died from liver disease. His father thought that Andy was the brightest of his children and had saved money for Andy to go to college. When he graduated from high school, he went to Carnegie Mellon University to study art.

#### Section 2 New York City

After graduating from college, Andy moved to New York in 1959. This is where he became well known for his work. Andy became a very successful commercial artist – he sold his work to companies who used it to advertise their products. On one of his first jobs, his name in the credits was spelled incorrectly: it said "Warhol" instead of "Warhola". Andy liked the name and decided to keep it.

Over the next ten years Andy did quite well working as a commercial artist. He won many prizes for his work and was known for his unique style. GAP 1 \_\_\_\_\_, Andy wanted to do more with his art. He wanted to do something new and different.

#### Section 3 Pop Art

In 1961 Andy came up with the idea of using commercial products and other elements of popular and mass culture in his art. He called it Pop Art. He would use commercial images and reproduce them over and over. One early GAP 2 \_\_\_\_\_ of this was a series on Campbell's Soup cans. In one painting he had two hundred Campbell's soup cans repeated over and over.

Andy also used pictures of famous people. He would repeat the same portrait over and over, but use different colours and effects in each picture. Some of the celebrities he had as subjects include Marilyn Monroe, Che Guevara, and Elizabeth Taylor.

#### Section 4 Fame

Andy soon became a celebrity himself. He opened a new studio called "The Factory". He not only worked on his art there, but had large parties with wealthy and famous people. It became one of the cool places to be in New York City. Andy was also selling a lot of his art.

Andy was a different kind of artist. GAP 3 \_\_\_\_\_ many artists focused entirely on their art and had little interest in personal fame or fortune, Andy wanted to be rich and famous. Some artists accused him of making art in order to make money. However, many of the images he created have become iconic in American culture. His paintings have grown in value as well. One of his portraits called *Eight Elvises* sold for \$100 million in 2008.

Despite having made a lot of money off his art, Andy can also be credited with bringing art to the general public. He would produce lots of prints of his art GAP 4 \_\_\_\_\_ everyone who wanted it could buy it, even if they didn't have a lot of money.

Example: This text is about:

- a) an artist.
- b) a writer.
- c) an actor.
- d) a construction worker.

11. Andy's parents:

- a) were both artists.
- b) didn't like art.
- c) had different jobs.
- d) didn't want him to be an artist.

12. How did Andy first learn to draw?

- a) He taught himself.
- b) He was taught by his mother.
- c) He learnt at the college.
- d) His dad paid for private lessons.

**13. How did Andy afford the college fee?**

- a) He used money from his father.
- b) He sold his paintings.
- c) His mother took a loan.
- d) Andy didn't have to pay.

**14. Why did Andy change his name?**

- a) His surname was too difficult to spell.
- b) Another successful artist advised him to.
- c) Somebody made a mistake but Andy liked it.
- d) The original version was too long.

**15. In section 2, the best word to complete gap 1 is:**

- a) Until
- b) However
- c) Because
- d) Since

**16. Andy's career as a commercial artist:**

- a) took a very long time to start.
- b) started when he was at university,
- c) started after he moved to New York.
- d) only lasted a few years.

**17. In section 3, the best word to complete gap 2 is:**

- a) ambition
- b) advantage
- c) achievement
- d) example

**18. Which of the following is an example of Pop Art?**

- a) Decorating commercial products with art.
- b) Including elements of popular culture in art.
- c) Combining art with pop music.
- d) Taking photographs of famous people.

19. What was 'the Factory'?

- a) A place where Andy worked and had fun.
- b) A place Andy hired to organise parties.
- c) A place which Andy liked to visit in New York.
- d) A place where you can see Andy's work today.

20. In section 4, the best word to complete gap 3 is:

- a) while
- b) whether
- c) from
- d) yet

21. How was Andy different to many other artists?

- a) He was not interested in personal fame.
- b) He did not care about money.
- c) He only focused on the quality of his art.
- d) He wanted to achieve fame and fortune.

22. In section 4, the best word to complete gap 4 is:

- a) so that
- b) because
- c) if
- d) but

### Reading Task 3

A) Read the three texts and answer the questions below by indicating which text each question relates to: A, B, or C.

#### Text A – Horoscope for Leo (Jul 23-Aug 22)

Try to create some happiness around you today. It's been some time since you've let people know that you care about them and appreciate their efforts. Remember, people like to know that you care. Cards, phone calls, letters, flowers and hugs are all ways to say that you appreciate your family and friends. Consider surprising someone with taking them out for lunch or making something special for them.

Recently you have started working on being more organised. Today this effort will provide some real benefits to you. Maybe your client or boss will have something nice to say about your professional behaviour. You're making good progress now in your career, and you should soon start seeing some very positive effects. So keep doing what you're doing – you are on the right path!

#### Text B – Horoscope for Libra (Sep 23-Oct 22)

Consider talking with a good friend today. Don't let your pride stop you from getting the support and help you need. GAP 1 \_\_\_\_\_ you've made a mistake or fear you've done something wrong, don't walk around feeling guilty. Find the time to sit down with someone you like and trust over a cup of coffee and share what's happening. Try to remember that everyone finds themselves in positions like this at one time or another.

The next few days will be a great time to go out with friends and simply have a wonderful time. Forget about your worries and join other people for some light-hearted fun and happiness. Keep a smile on your face, and you will find that you can walk through any door you choose.

#### Text C – Horoscope for Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

Sometimes it can be very hard for you to express your feelings. You have a peaceful nature, so when things don't go right for you or someone upsets you, you become very quiet and walk away instead of speaking up. GAP 2 \_\_\_\_\_ this may usually be the case for you, today is not a usual day! The cosmic energies will help you with communication and you will be able to express yourself very well. People are more likely to understand you as well.

Do you have some relatives that you haven't heard from in a long time? You thought about getting in touch for a while, but never did? Now is the time. They need help with important life decisions, and you are likely to be the person to give them the right advice.

**Glossary:**

*Horoscope: a short report saying what is likely to happen to a person born at a particular time of the year*

**Which text does the following?**

<b>Example</b>	Gives a horoscope for people born in late July?	A
23.	Says that somebody might need your help.	-----
24.	Encourages you to buy or do something nice for others.	-----
25.	Says that today is a good day to share your feelings.	-----
26.	Says something good will happen at work.	-----
27.	Encourages you to go out and have some fun.	-----
28.	Advises you to share your problems with a friend.	-----
29.	Describes the most sensitive person.	-----
30.	Gives a horoscope for someone born early in the year?	-----

**B) Now answer the following questions by circling the correct option.**

31. In Text A, the underlined phrase 'you are on the right path' means:

- a) you are following the directions
- b) you are doing the right thing
- c) you are lost
- d) you need some advice

33. In Text B, the underlined word 'find' means the same as:

- a) realise
- b) remember
- c) believe
- d) follow

32. In Text B, the best word to complete gap 1 is:

- a) Then
- b) If
- c) However
- d) But

34. In Text C, the best word to complete gap 2 is:

- a) But
- b) Despite
- c) While
- d) Yet





## 2. Write one word to complete each sentence.

1. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ a word to anyone.
2. Fred is having second \_\_\_\_\_ about getting married.
3. He is not sure if now is the \_\_\_\_\_ time to get married.
4. He says he's \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of pressure from his girlfriend, Gina.
5. She wants him to \_\_\_\_\_ up his mind one way or the other.
6. If she leaves him, it will \_\_\_\_\_ him right.
7. They had a big \_\_\_\_\_ the other night.
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ so much noise that someone called the police.
9. He's looking \_\_\_\_\_ to spending some time on his own.
10. I don't know if Gina will be \_\_\_\_\_ for him when he gets back.

## 3. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

11. The plane landed a few moments ago.  
The plane has \_\_\_\_\_ .
12. I've been playing the guitar for three years.  
I started \_\_\_\_\_ .
13. After the start of the match, you'll hear a lot of noise.  
When the match \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. This is my first time in the United States.  
I've \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. Would you like me to get you a drink?  
Shall \_\_\_\_\_ .
16. I last saw Naomi in February.  
I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ .
17. I intend to email Paul this evening.  
I'm \_\_\_\_\_ .
18. I thought the film looked familiar.  
I thought I \_\_\_\_\_ .
19. The police questioned Oscar winner Scott Dawson last night.  
Oscar winner Scott Dawson \_\_\_\_\_ last night.
20. No one has seen Damon's fiancée Amy Wings for two weeks.  
Damon's fiancée Amy Wings \_\_\_\_\_ for two weeks.

## 4. Put the verb in brackets into the correct tense.

21. My family \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) some land in southern France recently.
22. My car broke down when I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) home from work.
23. Unless he \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) more, he won't get much money.
24. The car won't start. If you get in, Tom and I \_\_\_\_\_ you a push. ( give)
25. It has been raining for the last two hours so the game \_\_\_\_\_ (cancel)
26. I can't come. I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) piano lessons at that time.
27. John \_\_\_\_\_ (be) an idiot. He doesn't usually behave like that.
28. The train for Paris \_\_\_\_\_ (depart) at 7.50 every morning.
29. However, that train \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) at 8.15 because of the protest.
30. These questions \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) difficult? Or...?