



**HIPPO 2019**  
**7<sup>th</sup> International English Language Olympiad**  
**IESOL Assessment Reading**  
RQF Level: Entry 1  
(CEFR Level: A1)  
**Candidate Booklet – Reading**  
**HIPPO 2**  
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.
- If you change your mind about an answer, initial your corrections.
- Use only black or blue PEN.

**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: I usually have \_\_\_\_\_ at 7 o'clock in the morning.

- a) breakfast                      b) lunch                      c) dinner

- My favourite day of the week is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Sunday                      b) winter                      c) January
- Mary got a new toy for her birthday: a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) dress                      b) door                      c) doll
- I can't meet you today \_\_\_\_\_ I have a lot of homework.  
a) and                      b) but                      c) because
- The train to London leaves \_\_\_\_\_ four o'clock.  
a) on                      b) at                      c) in
- My aunt and uncle \_\_\_\_\_ in a small town.  
a) write                      b) learn                      c) live
- Jack is a good student – he \_\_\_\_\_ does his homework.  
a) never                      b) sometimes                      c) always
- I'm in the \_\_\_\_\_ - I'm cleaning my teeth.  
a) bathroom                      b) kitchen                      c) bedroom
- My brother is \_\_\_\_\_ than me at painting.  
a) good                      b) better                      c) the best
- I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ my grandmother this weekend.  
a) wait                      b) visit                      c) write
- How much does the room \_\_\_\_\_ ? It's £60 per night.  
a) cost                      b) is                      c) pay

## Reading Task 2 - A

Read the text and answer the questions below. Circle the correct option, a, b, or c. An example has been done for you.

### My House

My name is Sam. I live with my family in a very old house in a small village. The house is quite big: it has a big kitchen, a dining room and a living room downstairs, and there are four bedrooms and a small bathroom on the first floor. There is a table in the kitchen with ten chairs around it. It is my favourite room in the house! We always eat breakfast in the kitchen, and other meals in the dining room.

My bedroom is big and light – I can see the back garden from the window. When my friends come to visit, we always play in my bedroom.

The road in front of the house is not very busy. There are only twenty houses in the village, so there are not many cars. We don't have a shop in the village. If you want to go shopping, you need to go to a town. It only takes ten minutes on the bus.

**Example: Sam lives:**

- a) in a village
- b) in a town
- c) in a city

**11. Sam's house is:**

- a) small and old.
- b) big and old.
- c) big and new.

**12. Sam's favourite room is:**

- a) his bedroom.
- b) the kitchen.
- c) the living room.

**13. Where does the family eat dinner?**

- a) In the kitchen.
- b) In the dining room.
- c) In the living room.

**14. What can Sam see from his bedroom?**

- a) The back garden.
- b) Other houses.
- c) The road.

**15. When friends visit, they play:**

- a) in the living room.
- b) in the garden.
- c) in his bedroom.

**16. Where is the shop?**

- a) Next to the house.
- b) In the village.
- c) In a town.

## Reading Task 2 - B

Read the text and fill in the gaps below. Circle the correct option, a, b, or c. An example has been done for you.

(Example) \_\_\_\_\_ Ella!

I am writing to invite 17) \_\_\_\_\_ to my birthday party. I'm going to be eleven! It is on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, and it will start at 10 o'clock 18) \_\_\_\_\_ the morning. The party will be in my garden, 19) \_\_\_\_\_ I hope the weather is going to be sunny!

We are going to play games and have pizza and ice-cream. I really 20) \_\_\_\_\_ to have a lot of colourful balloons in the garden. I'm also inviting other friends from school to the party. My grandparents are going to be there too - 21) \_\_\_\_\_ are really lovely. I really hope that you 22) \_\_\_\_\_ come.

Are you going to do anything for your birthday?

Your friend,

Sam

- Example:      a) Hi                                     b) Welcome                                     c) Happy
17.             a) me     b) her     c) you
18.             a) in    b) on     c) at
19.             a) and    b) but     c) or
20.             a) make    b) want     c) be
21.             a) we    b) they     c) he
22.             a) should     b) must     c) can

## Reading Task 3 - A

Read the three texts and answer the questions below. An example has been done for you.

### Holiday A

#### BEACH HOLIDAY

A perfect family holiday to remember.  
Enjoy the clean sea and soft sands of the  
Spanish coast.

How long: 14 nights

Price: £1150 per person or £3500 for a  
family of four (flights and hotel).

June and July dates only.  
Telephone number: 0866 545 363

### Holiday B

#### A WEEK IN THE MOUNTAINS

This is a great holiday for people who like  
long walks in the mountains.

Camping trips available.

No children under 5 years of age.

How long: 7 nights  
Price: only £480 per person

Dates from April to October.  
Call us on: 05684 454 454

### Holiday C

#### VISIT LONDON FOR A LONG WEEKEND

Attractions: Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, St. Paul's  
Cathedral and many more!

Friday to Sunday - only £299  
2 nights in a 3 star hotel, breakfast and evening meal

Contact LONDON HOLIDAYS on [info@londonholidays.co.uk](mailto:info@londonholidays.co.uk).

Which holiday...

Party

Example: is in the United Kingdom?

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23. is the shortest?

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24. is the most expensive?

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25. is not for small children?

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26. is only in the summer?

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27. can you email about?

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28. is good for people who like swimming?

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## Reading Task 3 - B

Choose the correct question to match the given answer. Circle the correct option, a, b, or c. An example has been done for you.

Example:

a) When's your birthday?

b) How old are you?

c) Where do you live?

I'm twelve years old.

29.

a) Can you swim?

b) Do you like swimming?

c) How often do you swim?

Once a week.

30.

a) Excuse me, where is the bus station?

b) Excuse me, is this the bus station?

c) Are you looking for the bus station?

Yes, it is.

31.

a) Did you watch the film last night?

b) What time is the film?

c) What film are you watching?

No, it was too late.

32.

a) Can you help me with this please?

b) Do you need some help?

c) Is this difficult for you?

Yes, please.

33.

a) Do you prefer some fruit or biscuits?

b) Are there any biscuits in the house?

c) Would you like something to eat?

Yes, I 'm very hungry.

34.

a) What time is it now?

b) What time is the party?

c) Are you going to Katy's party?

It's at half past seven tonight.