

HIPPO 2019
7th International English Language Olympiad
IESOL Assessment Reading
RQF Level: Entry 3
(CEFR Level: B1)
Candidate Booklet – Reading

HIPPO 4
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: 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.

Hi Sandra,

How are you? I'm writing to tell you about last weekend, which I **0)**_____ with my family. I took them all for a day **1)**_____ in Blackpool, a town near my house.

As you might already **2)**_____, Blackpool is by the seaside, so the kids absolutely love it. The beach is fantastic and we spent 3 hours just **3)**_____ and building sandcastles. After that we had fish and chips for dinner and then walked along the pier to get a really good look at the sea.

Next, I wanted to **4)**_____ the famous tower so we could look down and see all the town, but Jack and Sarah really didn't want to as they were scared, **5)**_____ meant that it was just me and David, my eldest son, who went up. The views were fantastic, even if it was a bit scary. You have to stand on a glass floor and look down. It is **6)**_____ terrifying.

We also went to the Pleasure Beach, which has some really scary roller coasters, such as the Big Dipper, **7)**_____ lots of family rides. The prices are not too bad, and you **8)**_____ get a pass to go on every ride for just £17 for kids.

At night all the lights go **9)** ___ and it's called the 'illuminations' because it is really bright. They look really unusual at night. It's a really great place to visit **10)**_____ I think you and your family should go soon.

Your friend Margaret.

- Example:** a) left **(b)** spent c) went d) started
- 1.** a) in b) out c) on d) with
- 2.** a) know b) need c) consider d) ask
- 3.** a) working b) travelling c) playing d) packing
- 4.** a) go on b) go up c) go down d) go through
- 5.** a) who b) that c) when d) which
- 6.** a) really b) lots c) much d) many
- 7.** a) despite b) as well as c) although d) while
- 8.** a) mustn't b) may c) can't d) can
- 9.** a) on b) off c) away d) up
- 10.** a) but b) because c) however d) and

Reading Task 2

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

Hi Mike!

How are you? My family and I have finally arrived in Spain, but it was a nightmare journey! Everything went wrong from the moment we left the house.

As you might remember, our flight to Madrid was at 10 o'clock in the evening. We were going to drive to the airport with plenty of time to spare, but as we were leaving the house my dad realised that the car key was not in its usual place. He started looking for it all over the house. Everyone was starting to get stressed about missing the plane. My mum suggested that we order a taxi, but my dad disagreed, because he really wanted to find the key.

When he finally found it, about half past seven, we spent at least half an hour trying to get all the luggage into the boot of the car, but it just would not fit. My mum had to leave one of her suitcases at home. In the end, all the remaining suitcases and the whole family were in the car, but the engine would not start! My dad finally agreed to order a taxi, but it was so late that we were worried we'd miss the plane! Thankfully, a neighbour was walking by and he must have felt sorry to see us all running around and shouting – he agreed to take us to the airport in his car.

PAR. 4 We gratefully accepted his offer, but it turned out to be a big mistake. Our neighbour must be the slowest driver in the world! The drive from our house to the airport is only about thirty minutes long, _____ it took him three quarters of an hour, and there was literally no traffic on the roads!

PAR. 5 Our only chance was for the plane to be delayed. Of course, it was on time. And we missed it. The airport staff tried their best to help us, but the next plane to Madrid, quarter past midnight, had already sold out. They suggested that we wait at the airport, _____ some of the passengers did not arrive. And they were right – three of the passengers did not show up. The problem was, there were four of us who needed to get on that plane! My dad felt responsible as he lost the car key in the first place, so he offered that we get on that plane and he would join us the following day.

PAR. 6 When my mum, sister and I finally arrived in Madrid at three o'clock in the morning, we realised that we could not get the car we had rented – my mother had not brought her driving licence! So there we were, stuck at the Spanish airport in the middle of the night. To cut a long story short, there was no point getting on a bus or a train to get to where we were staying in Spain – our holiday was in a small village that was impossible to get to without a car. So we decided to wait for our dad to arrive on the next plane anyway. _____ he did – at three o'clock in the afternoon!

Anyway, we are here now, ready to start our holiday! The weather is looking good, and once we've had a couple of nights' good sleep we should all feel better! I'll write to you again soon!

Your friend,

Example: This text is:

- a) an email to a friend.
- b) a newspaper article.
- c) a letter of complaint.
- d) a short story.

11. Right now, Tom:

- a) is about to go on holiday.
- b) is on holiday.
- c) has just returned from holiday.
- d) is planning his next holiday.

12. How did the family initially plan to get to the airport?

- a) By car.
- b) By taxi.
- c) By bus.
- d) With a neighbour.

13. Why did they have to change their plans?

- a) The fly was cancelled.
- b) They lost the tickets.
- c) The vehicle would not start.
- d) They got the flight times mixed up.

14. In paragraph 4, the best word to complete the gap is:

- a) but
- b) as a result
- c) although
- d) therefore

15. Why was accepting the neighbour's offer not a good idea?

- a) He is a dangerous driver.
- b) His car broke down on the way.
- c) He took a long time to get to the airport.
- d) He got stuck in the traffic.

16. In the end, the family:

- a) arrived at the airport in plenty of time.
- b) arrived at the airport just in time.
- c) did not arrive at the airport in time.
- d) arrived at the wrong airport.

17. In paragraph 5, the best word to complete the gap is:

- a) unless
- b) while
- c) whether
- d) in case

18. The people who worked at the airport:

- a) were helpful.
- b) did not have the right information.
- c) sold the family the wrong tickets.
- d) got the whole family on the next plane.

19. In paragraph 5, the underlined word 'join' means the same as:

- a) become a member.
- b) connect.
- c) meet.
- d) happen.

20. Why could Mike's mum not drive the rented car?

- a) She does not drive.
- b) She forgot her licence.
- c) She is scared of driving abroad.
- d) She is afraid of driving in the dark.

21. How did the family get to their holiday house from the airport?

- a) By bus.
- b) By train.
- c) By car.
- d) They were offered a lift.

22. In paragraph 6, the best word to complete the gap is:

- a) When
- b) Which
- c) There
- d) Who

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 The Mall of America, Bloomington, USA

PAR. 1

This very large shopping centre is so big it includes a theme park and a wedding chapel, where more than 5,000 couples have made their vows since it opened. The *Mall of America* opened in 1992 and, in terms of _____, it is the third largest shopping centre in North America. The mall covers a huge area - enough to fit seven football stadiums inside of it! It's the most visited shopping mall in the world. It has more than 40 million visitors every year. Spending 10 minutes in every shop would take a shopper more than 86 hours. The centre also includes a cinema, an aquarium, and mini-golf course. In the mall is Nickelodeon Universe, the largest indoor theme park in America. Here children can meet the characters from some of their favourite television shows.

Text B Mall of the Emirates, Dubai. UAE

PAR. 2

The Mall of the Emirates is an entertainment and shopping resort located in Dubai. It is _____ to over 450 shops. It has a range of fun leisure activities including Ski Dubai, the first indoor skiing centre in the Middle East, a multi-screen Cinema, and a 500 seat-theatre. There is also the Dubai Community Theatre and Arts Centre, where young artists are given the opportunity to develop and show their skills. It opened in 2005. Since then it has built a 5-star hotel on site _____ offers over 900 rooms, lots of restaurants, a tennis court, swimming pools and spas. As with many other buildings in Dubai, the centre is still growing upwards and opening new floors. Recently, the famous footballer David Beckham visited the shopping centre to open a new sports shop in one of the new shopping areas.

TEXT C Tokyo Midtown, Tokyo, Japan

PAR. 3

Tokyo Midtown was completed in March 2007. It is a mixed-use development: it includes offices, apartments, shops, hotels, and leisure space, as well as the Suntory Museum of Art. When completed, the Midtown Tower was the tallest building in Tokyo. The main building complex is surrounded by Hinokicho Park, a large public park containing green areas along with works of art. It is set in the lively district of Roppongi. This is a _____ location for an expensive shopping centre because Roppongi contains some of the richest parts of the city. The main tower - the Midtown Tower - is the second tallest building in Tokyo with 54 floors. It houses some very important companies such as Yahoo, Fuji Xerox and the Ritz Carlton Hotel. The shopping and dining areas have many world-famous brands and chefs. They serve Japanese and international food. One of the restaurants in the centre was even awarded a Michelin star in 2016. Only a few of the very best restaurants receive such an award.

Which text does the following?

Example	Describes a shopping centre in America.	A
23.	Describes the oldest shopping centre.	-----
24.	Says that the centre offers winter sports.	-----
25.	Gives information about the city area the centre is located in.	-----
26.	Says that the shopping centre is growing in size.	-----
27.	Mentions a place where you can look at fish.	-----
28.	Names a well-known person who visited the centre.	-----
29.	Mentions an award-winning restaurant.	-----
30.	Describes a shopping centre where people can get married.	-----

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

31. In Text A, paragraph 1, the best word to complete the gap is:

- a) quality
- b) location
- c) size
- d) entertainment

33. In Text B, paragraph 2, the best word to complete the gap is:

- a) where
- b) which
- c) who
- d) when

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

- a) known
- b) home
- c) visited
- d) popular

34. In Text C, paragraph 1, the best word to complete the gap is:

- a) great
- b) poor
- c) bad
- d) well known