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School Examination Service for
English as a Foreign Language

Reading Comprehension

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Exam Section: **Reading Comprehension – Exam Sample**

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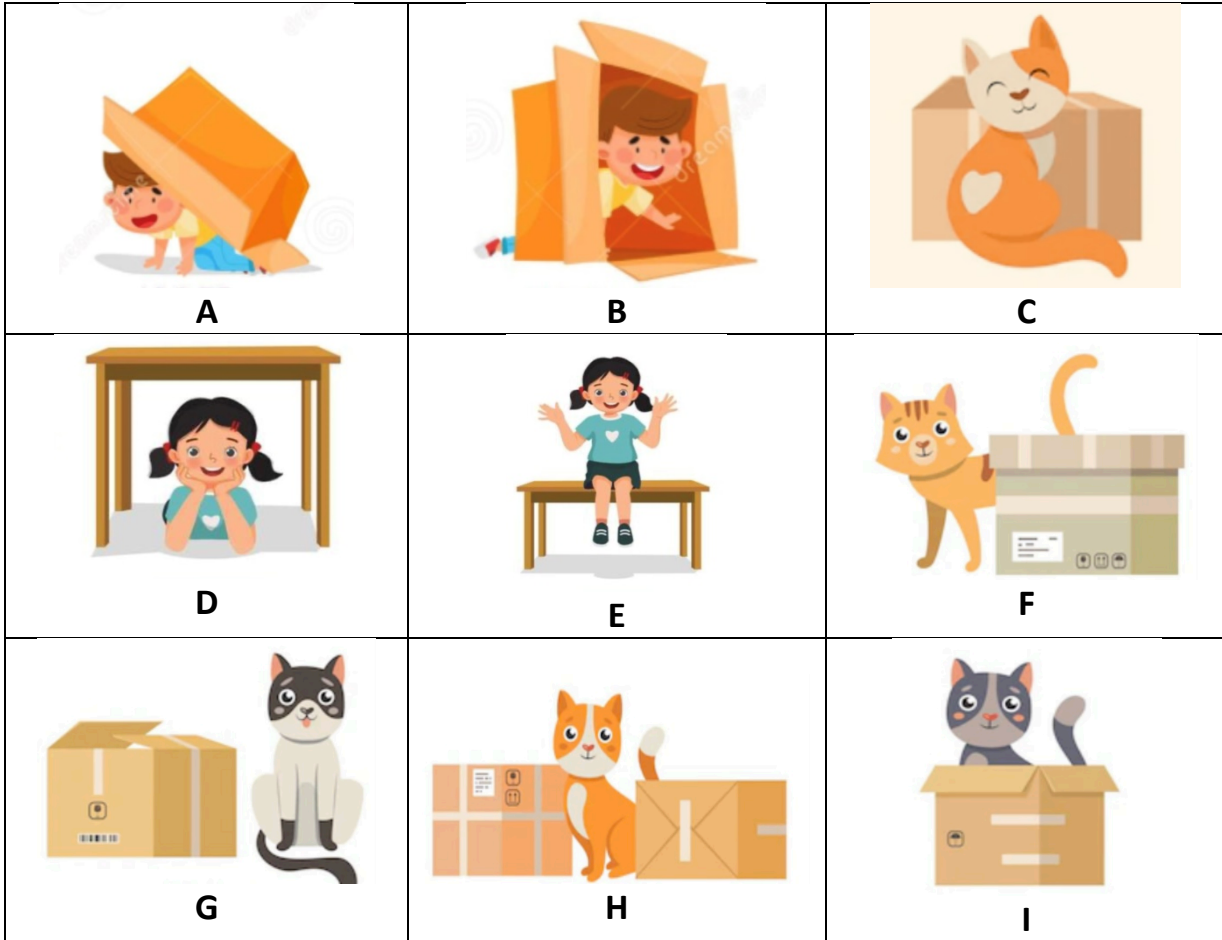
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- ✓ The Reading Comprehension Section has six parts.
- ✓ There are thirty-four questions in total.
- ✓ Time to complete the Reading section: **60 minutes**.

- ✓ You must use a highlighter and a black ink pen.
- ✓ Do not open the exam paper until you are told to do so.
- ✓ Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.
- ✓ You will be given 2 empty pages to write a draft of the texts requested.
- ✓ Write clearly in **block letters with black pen**, not pencil.
- ✓ Make sure your work is easy to read.
- ✓ If you make a mistake do not erase, cross out the mistaken word or answer and rewrite it.
- ✓ Once finished, revise your work and hand in your exam paper.

Part I

There are nine pictures and seven statements, including one example (0-F). You have to match the pictures (A-I) with the statements (1 to 6). Then, you must select the correct answer on the Answer Sheet.



	Statements	Picture
0	<i>The cat is behind the box</i>	F
1	The cat is between the boxes	
2	The girl is under the table	
3	The cat is in front of the box	
4	The boy is under the box	
5	The cat is in the box	
6	The cat is next to the box	

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Part II

Read the sentences. Then, choose the correct answer and fill in the correct options in the Answer Sheet.

Example:

0. It has pages and people use it to read.

It's a ...	A	pair of glasses
	B	book
	C	copybook

The correct answer is **B**.

7. Place at school in which students do physical exercise.

It's a ...	A	classroom
	B	playground
	C	gym

8. It hangs on walls for decoration.

It's a ...	A	plate
	B	window
	C	picture

9. Tom's father works putting out fires.

He is a ...	A	cook
	B	doctor
	C	fireman

10. We use them to tidy our hair

It's a ...	A	hat
	B	cap
	C	comb

Part III

Complete the sentences with the correct word options. Then, select the correct words in your Answer Sheet.

Example

0. The tricycle

make
was made
do
did
does

 in China.

The correct answer is "**was made**".

11) My father

took
will take
take
takes
has taken

 our dog for a walk every afternoon.

12) My sister

won
win
wins
is winning
has won

 her first tennis tournament in 2018.

13) A huge truck

will crash
has just crashed
crashes
is crashing
was crashing

 into our garage door now.

14) My family _____ at the *Holiday Inn* on our next trip to New York.

stay
will stay
stayed
are staying
was staying

15) My Granny _____ three languages very fluently since she was a child.

has spoken
spoke
is speaking
was speaking
speaks

16) Ann and Peter _____ married next summer.

get
gets
are getting
got
have got

17) Parents always _____ their children to be responsible.

taught
teaches
teach
has taught
is teaching

18) Some thieves _____ the toy shop window last night.

break
is breaking
will break
broke
has broken

Part IV

Read the message. Then, answer the questions. You have to choose the correct answers and highlight them in your Answer Sheet.

Hi Tommy,

I am looking forward to finally meeting you face-to-face. We have been Pen Friends for over a year now exchanging emails. I am sure you will enjoy staying at my home and meeting my family. My city is worth visiting; people are friendly, there are many interesting places to visit and some very nice malls. When you come we will walk my dog, play football and have fun.

Regards

Jimmy

Example

0. Who is the message for?

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| A | Tommy |
| B | Jimmy |
| C | My family |

The correct answer is **A**.

19) How long have Tommy and Jimmy been friends?

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| A | They are not friends yet. |
| B | For over a year. |
| C | It is not mentioned. |

20) What does Jimmy plan to do when Tommy visits him?

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| A | He plans to go out and visit places. |
| B | He plans to walk the dog. |
| C | It is not mentioned. |

21) Why is Tommy going to Jimmy's house?

- | | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| A | He will be a Pen Friend. |
| B | He wants to meet him personally. |
| C | He lives in a nice city. |

Part V

Read the letter. Then, answer the questions. You have to choose the correct answers and highlight them on your Answer Sheet.

Dear Mom and Dad,

Greetings from the beautiful city of Paris! I am writing to share my exciting experiences as I learn French and about the French culture. My flight arrived in Paris on time and I took a taxi to my hotel.

Paris is truly a wonderful city, and I've had the chance to explore some remarkable places. First I visited The Louvre Museum with its vast collection of art and history. Then the Eiffel Tower, a symbol of the city, has been an amazing sight, especially when it sparkles at night. I took photos of the whole city from the top.

Walking along the Seine River and discovering charming neighbourhoods like Montmartre known as the painter's neighbourhood and Basilica of the Sacré-Coeur has been delightful. I am staying at Canal Saint Martin neighbourhood because the Latin Quarter is too expensive for students. Cafes have a charm that's hard to describe. I've also tasted authentic French cuisine, from delicate cakes to exquisite cheeses.

I plan to go to the south on the Mediterranean to the Cote d'Azur; starting by Nice and from there to Antibes, next spend a couple of days in Cannes and end my trip visiting Monaco which will be fun.

Learning French has been challenging and interacting with locals has been a fantastic way to practice. I've made some friends from different parts of the world, who came to learn this elegant language too.

My time in Paris has been an incredible journey; I will be sharing more stories and experiences with you when I return. Thank you for supporting me in this exciting experience.

All my love,

Elizabeth

Example

0. Who was the letter addressed to?

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| A | To her grandparents. |
| B | To her parents. |
| C | To Elizabeth. |

*The correct answer is **B**.*

22) What city is Elizabeth staying at?

- | | |
|---|--------|
| A | Monaco |
| B | Nice |
| C | Paris |

23) How did Elizabeth get to Paris?

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|---|----------|
| A | By bus |
| B | By plane |
| C | By car |

24) What neighbourhood is she staying at?

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| A | Montmartre |
| B | Latin Quarter |
| C | Canal Saint Martin |

25) What place did she visit first?

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|---|---------------|
| A | Seine River |
| B | Eiffel Tower |
| C | Louvre Museum |

26) How much does Elizabeth enjoy French cakes and cheese?

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|---|---------------|
| A | Not much |
| B | A lot |
| C | Not mentioned |

27) What city does Elizabeth plan to visit last?

- | | |
|---|---------|
| A | Nice |
| B | Monaco |
| C | Antibes |

28) How did Elizabeth practice her French?

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|---|-------------------------|
| A | Only in class |
| B | Interacting with locals |
| C | She made friends |

Part VI

Read the article then, answer the questions. You have to choose the correct answers and highlight them on your Answer Sheet.

King Henry VIII was King of England from 1509 to 1547. Henry was well-educated, spoke many languages and had a great interest in the arts and music. Henry had a strong personality; he was ambitious and wanted power and also wanted to continue the Tudor family.

Henry's married his first wife, Catherine of Aragon in 1509. They were married for 24 years, but as Henry wanted a son, he divorced her in 1533.

He was a Catholic, but his desire for a son led him to break with the Roman Catholic Church in the 1530's. He then created the Church of England, with the King as the head of the Church.

Henry married his second wife Anne Boleyn in 1533, who was the mother of Queen Elizabeth I. Henry had Anne killed in 1536 when he discovered that she was not honest and faithful.

In 1536 Henry married a third wife, Jane Seymour. She was the mother to his only son, Edward VI, but she died shortly after in 1537.

Henry's fourth wife was Anne of Cleves in 1540. Their marriage ended after a short time that year, and they remained friends.

In 1540 Catherine Howard became Henry's fifth wife, and in 1542 he also had her killed.

Henry's sixth and final wife was Catherine Parr. They married in 1543 but Henry died in 1547. So she later married Thomas Seymour.

Henry's marriages were influenced by political problems and his wish for a son to become the future King of England. He is mostly remembered for his 6 wives.

Example

0. What did King Henry VIII want most of all?

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|---|--------------------------|
| A | To speak many languages. |
| B | To have a son. |
| C | To have many wives. |

*The correct answer is **B**.*

29) When did Henry VIII become King of England?

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|---|------|
| A | 1547 |
| B | 1509 |
| C | 1533 |

30) Which wife did Henry VIII divorce after 24 years of marriage?

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|---|---------------------|
| A | Anne Boleyn |
| B | Anne of Cleves |
| C | Catherine of Aragon |

31) Which wife gave Henry VIII a daughter?

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|---|------------------|
| A | Jane Seymour |
| B | Catherine Howard |
| C | Anne Boleyn |

32) In what year was Catherine Howard killed?

- | | |
|---|------|
| A | 1540 |
| B | 1542 |
| C | 1543 |

33) How long was Catherine Parr married to Henry VIII?

- | | |
|---|---------|
| A | 1 year |
| B | 2 years |
| C | 4 years |

34) What did Henry VIII want most of all?

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| A | To be Head of the Church of England |
| B | To get married many times |
| C | To have a son |

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Total: /25

- End of the Reading Comprehension Section -

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PART I

- 1)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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- 2)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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- 3)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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- 4)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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- 5)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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- 6)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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PART II

- 7)

A	B	C
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- 8)

A	B	C
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- 9)

A	B	C
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- 10)

A	B	C
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PART III

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|-----|------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 11) | took | will take | take | takes | has taken |
| 12) | won | win | wins | is winning | has won |
| 13) | will crash | has just crashed | crashes | is crashing | was crashing |
| 14) | stay | will stay | stayed | are staying | was staying |
| 15) | has spoken | spoke | is speaking | was speaking | speaks |
| 16) | get | gets | are getting | got | have got |
| 17) | taught | teaches | teach | has taught | is teaching |
| 18) | break | is breaking | will break | broke | has broken |

PART IV

- 19) A B C
20) A B C
21) A B C

PART V

- 22) A B C
23) A B C
24) A B C
25) A B C
26) A B C
27) A B C
28) A B C

PART VI

- 29) A B C
30) A B C
31) A B C
32) A B C
33) A B C
34) A B C