



# HIPPO 2017

## 5<sup>th</sup> International English Language Competition

### Preliminary Round

### HIPPO 4

JETSET (JET Version)

Reading

Level 4

Time allowed: 40 minutes.

#### Instructions

- Do not open this paper until you are told to do so by the supervisor.
- You may not use a dictionary.
- Read each question carefully.
- Select the correct answer and then mark your selection on your answer sheet.
- Make sure you only mark one answer for each question.

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Answer ALL questions.

## PART ONE

Read this article about tulips and then answer the statements on the following page by choosing True (A), False (B) or Not in Text (C). Mark your answers on your answer sheet.



### Where Tulips Come From

Tulips grow naturally in mountainous areas with warm climates, such as parts of Asia, Europe and North Africa. Nobody knows who brought the first tulips to Western Europe, but it is thought that they were first seen flowering in a garden in Bavaria in 1559. Another story is that the tulip was brought to Portugal from Sri Lanka, but this probably isn't true because tulips do not grow naturally in Sri Lanka; they grow best in climates with long, cool springs and dry summers.

### How Tulips Are Cultivated

Tulip bulbs are usually planted between 10 cm and 20 cm deep; the colder the climate, the deeper the bulbs must be planted to protect them from the cold weather. Tulips can also be grown from seeds, but they need to grow for between five and eight years before the plants can produce flowers. Commercial growers harvest the tulip bulbs in late summer and grade them into sizes; bulbs large enough to produce flowers are sold, while smaller bulbs are replanted to be sold in the future. Tulip bulbs are usually taken from the ground in June and must be planted again no later than September so that they survive the winter.

### Tulip 'Mania'

Carolus Clusius, a Flemish gardener, was largely responsible for the spread of tulip bulbs in the final years of the sixteenth century. Between 1634 and 1637, tulips became so expensive that they were used as a form of currency! Gardeners became so crazy for tulips that they would pay enormous amounts of money for just one bulb. This hunger for tulips became known as 'tulip mania'. The most expensive tulip was a species called *Semper Augustus*, which was a rich red colour with white stripes.

### Tulips Today

Today, the Netherlands is the world's main producer of tulips, producing as many as 3 billion bulbs every year, most of them for export. Tulip festivals are held around the world, including many in the Netherlands and one in Spalding, England. There is also a very popular festival, in Morges, Switzerland. Every spring, there are quite a lot of tulip festivals in North America, including the Tulip Time Festival in Michigan. Tulips are now also popular in Australia and some festivals are held there in September and October.

- 1 Tulips grow only on flat land.  
**A** True  
**B** False  
**C** Not in Text
- 2 It isn't certain how tulips first came to Western Europe.  
**A** True  
**B** False  
**C** Not in Text
- 3 Tulips need at least 10 cm of annual rainfall.  
**A** True  
**B** False  
**C** Not in Text
- 4 Tulips can only be grown from bulbs.  
**A** True  
**B** False  
**C** Not in Text
- 5 Commercial growers leave tulip bulbs in the ground all year round.  
**A** True  
**B** False  
**C** Not in Text
- 6 'Tulip mania' only lasted for a few years.  
**A** True  
**B** False  
**C** Not in Text
- 7 One tulip bulb sold for more than twice the average wage in 1635.  
**A** True  
**B** False  
**C** Not in Text
- 8 Most of the Netherlands' tulips are sold abroad.  
**A** True  
**B** False  
**C** Not in Text
- 9 The tulip festival in Michigan is in the summer.  
**A** True  
**B** False  
**C** Not in Text
- 10 Tulips are still the most expensive flowers you can buy in Australia.  
**A** True  
**B** False  
**C** Not in Text

## PART TWO

Choose the word(s) (A, B, C or D) closest in meaning to these words underlined from the article on tulips. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

11 probably

- A properly
- B possibly
- C always
- D certainly

12 protect

- A predict
- B forecast
- C prepare
- D guard

13 survive

- A surround
- B spend
- C live through
- D irrigate

14 final

- A last
- B longest
- C first
- D difficult

15 expensive

- A costly
- B cheap
- C marvellous
- D rare

### PART THREE

Read the following sentences and choose the missing word (A, B, C or D) for each of the gaps. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

16 Don't tell anybody ..... happened yesterday!

- A who
- B whose
- C which
- D what

17 What's the name of the boy ..... bike you borrowed?

- A what
- B who's
- C whose
- D that

18 My uncle works for a company ..... makes nuclear reactors.

- A where
- B who
- C whom
- D that

19 The costumes, ..... were incredible, were the best part of the film.

- A which
- B whose
- C who
- D what

20 The language school, ..... I have French lessons, has a good reputation.

- A whose
- B what
- C where
- D which

## PART FOUR

Fill the gaps in the following sentences selecting the correct missing word (A, B, C or D).  
Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

21 Although he was only eight years old, he ..... run really fast.

- A should
- B could
- C won't
- D will

22 If I were you, I ..... sit on that chair, it's rather dirty.

- A can't
- B won't
- C mustn't
- D wouldn't

23 My grandmother ..... walk very far these days because her leg hurts.

- A would
- B will
- C can't
- D must

24 Dad ..... help you with your homework if you don't want him to.

- A must
- B can
- C would
- D won't

25 She ..... print the document because there wasn't enough ink.

- A couldn't
- B could
- C wouldn't
- D can't

## PART FIVE

Read about Brad Pitt and select the missing word (A, B, C or D) for each of the numbered gaps. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

Brad Pitt



Brad Pitt is one of Hollywood's most famous actors. He is best known

**26** ..... his parts in action movies and as the husband of the beautiful Angelina Jolie. They met **27** ..... 2005 when they were filming *Mr and Mrs Smith* and they have been together ever since. They have six children who go **28** ..... their parents whenever they have to work abroad. As well as being popular movie stars, Brad and Angelina are also very generous people; they like to share their good luck **29** ..... giving money **30** ..... help poor people in developing countries.

- 26**    **A** at  
      **B** about  
      **C** for  
      **D** in

- 27**    **A** on  
      **B** at  
      **C** from  
      **D** in

- 28**    **A** by  
      **B** for  
      **C** at  
      **D** with

- 29**    **A** of  
      **B** by  
      **C** with  
      **D** for

- 30**    **A** to  
      **B** in  
      **C** from  
      **D** with

## PART SIX

Select the correct word(s) (A, B, C or D) to fill the gaps in the following article. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

### Australia's Largest Pink Diamond



An Australian mining company says it <sup>31</sup> ..... an enormous pink diamond, the largest rough pink diamond ever found in the country. The rare diamond <sup>32</sup> ..... at the Argyle diamond mine in Western Australia. Diamond experts, who <sup>33</sup> ..... that the diamond is worth millions of pounds, <sup>34</sup> ..... it *The Argyle Pink Jubilee*. At the moment, the diamond is in Perth, where jewellers <sup>35</sup> ..... it to make it even more beautiful. Next year, the owners <sup>36</sup> ..... the diamond after it is shown in exhibitions around the world. More than 90% of the pink diamonds in the world <sup>37</sup> ..... from the Argyle mine. *The Argyle Pink Jubilee* is a light pink diamond, similar in colour to *The Williamson Pink*, the diamond found in Tanzania which, in 1950, <sup>38</sup> ..... to Queen Elizabeth II as a wedding gift. In 2010, a rare pink diamond <sup>39</sup> ..... for £29 million, the highest price ever <sup>40</sup> ..... for a jewel, at a sale in Switzerland.

- 31 A** finds  
**B** have found  
**C** will find  
**D** has found

- 35 A** cutting  
**B** has cut  
**C** cuts  
**D** are cutting

- 38 A** is given  
**B** was given  
**C** gave  
**D** have given

- 32 A** is discovered  
**B** was discovered  
**C** has discovered  
**D** will discover

- 36 A** sell  
**B** will sell  
**C** sold  
**D** have sold

- 39 A** will sell  
**B** sells  
**C** was sold  
**D** has sold

- 33 A** estimate  
**B** estimates  
**C** has estimated  
**D** can estimate

- 37 A** come  
**B** had come  
**C** will come  
**D** comes

- 40 A** paying  
**B** to be paying  
**C** paid  
**D** pays

- 34 A** name  
**B** has named  
**C** have named  
**D** is naming