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**End of Primary Benchmark  
 June 2015  
 English – Reading Comprehension – Marking Scheme**

**Reading Comprehension 1**

**(6 marks)**

1. **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>NIG</b>
(a)		✓	
(b)	✓		
(c)		✓	
(d)			✓
(e)		✓	
(f)	✓		

2. **Do not allot the mark if more than one answer is underlined.** **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

(a) Alex, (b) read, (c) Kim, (d) calm, (e) still, (f) admit it

**Reading Comprehension 2**

**(24 marks)**

- **Do not deduct marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar mistakes as long as the student gives sufficient evidence of understanding.**
- **Answers do not need to be in complete sentences.**
- **Deduct ½ mark for any irrelevant information.**

**Questions on Section 1**

1. **The nurse** (helped her / the vet). **1 mark**

2. (a) **began**, (b) **healthy** **2 x ½ mark = 1 mark**

3. **Accept any two of the following: cat, dog, parrot, snake, hamster** **2 x ½ mark = 1 mark**

4. **Do not allot the mark if more than one answer is underlined.** **2 x 1 mark = 2 marks**

(a) before, (b) calm

5. **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>NIG</b>
(a)		✓	
(b)	✓		
(c)	✓		
(d)			✓
(e)			✓
(f)	✓		

6. **Accept logically correct answers.** **1 mark**

Examples:

**The youngster might have been scared that his hamster would need an operation.**

**The youngster thought that his hamster was going to die.**

**(Do not accept: The youngster might have been scared of the vet.)**

### Questions on Section 2

7. **Reward answers with the following content:** **1 mark**

**She / The vet operated on the animals** (that had been prepared for surgery).

8. **Reward answers with the following content:** **1 mark**

**The nurse checked progress.**

9. (They started at) **4 / 4 o'clock p.m. / 16.00** **1 mark**

10. (The phrase is) **“gave them an update”** **1 mark**

11. **Reward answers with the following content:** **1 mark**

(There are days when she goes home an hour and a half later because)  
**she has to work on the accounts.**

12. (a) **hard** (**Do not accept:** stressful), (b) **ups and downs** **2 x 1 mark = 2 marks**

13. **Reward answers with the following content:** **1 mark**

**She has to do everything. / She is like the family doctor, the dentist, the surgeon, the eye doctor, the ear doctor all rolled into one. / The list of duties she has to do never ends.**

14. **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>NIG</b>
(a)		✓	
(b)	✓		
(c)			✓
(d)	✓		
(e)			✓
(f)	✓		

### Questions on the two sections

15. (a) **amused**, (b) **most** **2 x 1 mark = 2 marks**

16. **online** **2 x 1 mark = 2 marks**

**Reward answers with the following content:**

**Rebecca Reynolds / the vet described how she spent one of her days last week on the website.**

**OR The text was taken from a website / the URL (address of the website) / a blog.**