

**End of Primary Benchmark
 Second Session – 2016
 English – Reading Comprehension – Marking Scheme**

Reading Comprehension 1

(6 marks)

1. Do not allot the mark if more than one option is underlined. **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**
 a) Friday, b) Thursday, c) Tuesday, d) Tuesday, e) Wednesday, f) Friday

2. **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

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| (a) | ✓ | | |
| (b) | | | ✓ |
| (c) | | ✓ | |
| (d) | | ✓ | |
| (e) | | | ✓ |
| (f) | ✓ | | |

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 per question for any irrelevant information.

Questions on Section 1

In questions 1, 2 and 4, reward answers with the following content:

1. **Dizzry / She / He was invited to her birthday party / tea.** **(1 mark)**
 2. **never** **(½ mark)**
 3. (a) **a necklace** (b) **a bird.** **(2 x ½ mark = 1 mark)**
 4. **Mrs Armitage / She wanted to take Harriet / her to the Closed Room.** **(1 mark)**
 5. **tell** **(½ mark)**
 6. (a) **as soon as** (b) **didn't know** **(2 x 1 mark = 2 marks)**

7. **(6 x ½ mark = 3 marks)**

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| (a) | | ✓ | |
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| (d) | | | ✓ |
| (e) | | ✓ | |
| (f) | | ✓ | |

Questions on Section 2

In questions 8 to 14, reward answers with the following content:

8. **It was used for weaving hair.** (Award only ½ if the answer is It was used for weaving.) (1 mark)
9. **Mrs Armitage / She suggest Harriet could make a mat.** (1 mark)
10. Mark as correct if the answer is written in one sentence.
 (a) **She never found anyone with long hair. / At the time no one had long hair.** (1 mark)
 (b) **Then she was busy with her children.** (1 mark)
11. **She had very long hair.** (1 mark)
OR Her hair had never been cut.
 (Award ½ mark if the answer is She wanted to weave a rug with it.)
12. **ask (about) / find out** (1 mark)
13. Mark as correct if the answer is written in one sentence.
 (a) **Harriet / She said the rug would look pretty.** (½ mark)
 (b) **Harriet / She would dye the rug / it pink and blue.** (½ mark)
14. **Harriet / She put up a sign in the shop window asking for human hair.** (1 mark)
 (Award ½ mark if the answer is She put up a sign. OR if the words on the sign are quoted.)
15. (6 x ½ mark = 3 marks)

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| (b) | | ✓ | |
| (c) | | ✓ | |
| (d) | | | ✓ |
| (e) | | ✓ | |
| (f) | ✓ | | |

Questions on the two sections

16. (a) **nervous** (b) **out of** (2 x 1 mark = 2 marks)
17. **story** (2 x 1 mark = 2 marks)

I can tell because **the writer makes use of direct speech / includes characters / it is a narrative / it is about a girl who ... / there are actions going on.**

(Do not award the marks if the answer to the first part of question 17 is **story** but the reason given is incorrect.)