

End of Primary Benchmark 2017
English – Reading Comprehension – Marking Scheme

Reading Comprehension 1

(6 marks)

1. **4 x ½ mark = 2 marks**

shaping the chocolate	3
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grinding the beans	1
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wrapping the chocolates	4
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mixing the ingredients	2
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2. (a) **beans** (b) **bitter** **2 x ½ mark = 1 mark**

3. **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

	T	F	NIG
(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 for any irrelevant information.**

Questions on Section 1

(9 marks)

1. **One of the towers of the Great Wall** **1 mark**

2. (a) **huge** (b) **products** **2 x ½ mark = 1 mark**

3. (a) **top** (b) **eight** **2 x ½ mark = 1 mark**

4. (a) **part of his country's defences** (b) **became greater** **2 x ½ mark = 1 mark**

5. **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

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

6. Award answers with the following content: **2 x 1 mark = 2 marks**

- (a) **To make smoke signals / alert the emperor**
- (b) **So armies could come to defend China**

Questions on Section 2 (11 marks)

7. (a) spectacular (b) attracts **2 x ½ mark = 1 mark**

8. **rice** **1 mark**

9. Award answers with the following content: **1 mark**
(He compares it to) **a wet jigsaw of squares and terraces.**

10. **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

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

In questions 11, 13 and 14, award answers with the following content:

11. **He saw many people dying of hunger.** **1 mark**

12. water **1 mark**

13. **the god's teeth / teeth** **1 mark**

14. (a) **They felt happy / pleased / satisfied.** **1 mark**

(b) **They were sad that the holiday was coming to an end.** **1 mark**

OR ... because of all the amazing places they saw during their trip.

OR **They were amazed by the landscape / Great Wall / the rice fields / Chinese cooking.**

Questions on the two sections (4 marks)

15. (a) **Transport depended on the wall. / It was used as a road.**
(b) **To defend China** **2 x 1 mark = 2 marks**

16. Any two of the following attractions: **4 x ½ mark = 2 marks**

Main attraction in China	An important feature
the Great Wall	tower/s / thick / 6,000 kilometres long / used for transport / protected the new empire from attackers / a tourist attraction / one can admire the stunning landscape by standing on the fortifications
rice / rice fields	an important ingredient in Chinese cooking / the fields changed the face of China
the Great Canal	It is made up of a network of canals. / It is the longest canal in the world.