

DIRECTORATE FOR QUALITY AND STANDARDS IN EDUCATION
Department of Curriculum Management
Educational Assessment Unit

**End of Primary Benchmark
Second Session – 2017
English – Reading Comprehension – Marking Scheme**

Reading Comprehension 1

(6 marks)

1. **4 x ½ mark = 2 marks**

scraping the honey	4
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drying the liquid	3
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storing the mixture	2
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eating the pollen and nectar	1
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2. (a) hives (b) all **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. **Cairo** / the capital of Egypt **1 mark**

2. (a) gives (b) eating **2 x ½ mark = 1 mark**

3. (a) **trade / transport** (b) **6,600** **2 x ½ mark = 1 mark**

4. **6 x ½ mark = 3 marks**

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

5. (a) **putting down his enormous foot** (b) **poured over** 2 x ½ mark = 1 mark
6. (a) **rain (from the mountains)** 2 x 1 mark = 2 marks
 (b) **melting snow (from the mountains)**

Questions on Section 2 (11 marks)

7. Award answers with the following content: 1 mark
It was the place where the ancient Egyptians built cities (like Thebes and Memphis).
8. Award answers with the following content: 1 mark
It was the place that the ancient Egyptians used for tombs / where the ancient Egyptians buried their dead.
9. (a) **based on reality** (b) **mummy** 2 x ½ mark = 1 mark
10. Award answers with the following content: 1 mark
They thought the soul could live after death.
11. 6 x ½ mark = 3 marks

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

12. **fighting** 1 mark
13. **gold and ivory chairs / beds** 1 mark
14. Award answers with the following content for any two of these: 2 x 1 mark = 2 marks
Only priests gave lessons. (Do not accept: Priest gave lessons.)
The lessons took place in temples.
Only the sons of noblemen could attend.

Questions on the two sections (4 marks)

15. Accept any two of the following reasons: 2 x 1 mark = 2 marks
The Nile stops Egypt from being a desert. / The Nile provides the river banks with water so crops can grow. / The Nile helped Egypt become a civilization that lasted for thousands of years.

16. 4 x ½ mark = 2 marks

	Wonder of Egypt	An important feature
(a)	the pyramids	large, ancient buildings; where the tombs were found
(b)	Tutankhamen's tomb; rooms next to tomb	the greatest wonder of all; mummified body; three coffins (to preserve the dead); rooms which stored treasure

(Do not accept: Memphis OR Thebes)