

DIRECTORATE FOR QUALITY AND STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

Department of Curriculum Management

Educational Assessment Unit

End of Primary Benchmark

Second session - 2019

English – Reading Comprehension – Marking Scheme

Reading Comprehension 1

(6 marks)

1. a) at the weekend b) Sunday afternoon
c) Gardening d) None
e) plaited f) persuade

6 x ½ mark = 3 marks

2.

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. for their simple but rich cakes and bakes
2. sweets
3. expensive
4. every week

1 mark
½ mark
½ mark
1 mark

5. If more than three facts are ticked, the first three count.

3 x 1 mark = 3 marks

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| Cover the top of the cake with a layer of cream. | |
| Add eggs to the dry ingredients. | ✓ |
| Dust the top with icing sugar. | ✓ |
| Bake in a very hot oven. | |
| Add another cup of sugar to the mixture. | |
| Sandwich the layers together with jam and cream. | ✓ |

6.

4 x ½ mark = 2 marks

| | T | F | NIG |
|-----|---|---|-----|
| (a) | | | ✓ |
| (b) | ✓ | | |
| (c) | | ✓ | |
| (d) | ✓ | | |

7.



1 mark



Questions on Section 2

(11 marks)

8. Accept any answers which suggest that:

2 x 1 mark = 2 marks

a) This was because she spent long hours without food.

b) She started drinking tea with some light snacks (in her bedroom).

9. friends

½ mark

10. flowers and fruit bowls

1 mark

11. Accept any answers which suggest that:

1 mark

It became popular when Queen Victoria started attending these tea parties.

12. a) bedroom b) dining room

2 x ½ mark = 1 mark

13. Deduct ½ mark if 'have' is included. 1 mark
(have) lent a hand

14. Accept answers which suggest the following: 1 mark
Because people enjoy tasting/savouring the last crumb of sponge cake in their mouth

15. 4 x ½ mark = 2 marks

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

16. **personally** ½ mark

17. Award ½ mark to any two of the following: 1 mark
hats/ gloves / jewellery

Questions on the two sections (4 marks)

18. (a) iii **A tourist visiting a British tea room**
(b) ii **The British Tea Tradition** 2 x 1 mark = 2 marks

19. If more than two facts are ticked, the first two count. 2 x 1 mark = 2 marks

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|---|---|
| a. Both Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth have a sponge cake named after them. | |
| b. Queen Victoria was the first British queen to attend tea parties. | ✓ |
| c. Guests at tea parties nibbled the sweets and cakes. | |
| d. The traditional sponge cake is a firm heavy cake cut into slices to serve as sandwiches. | |
| e. Anna Russell invited Queen Elizabeth to her tea parties. | |
| f. Tea parties are still held at Buckingham palace today. | ✓ |