

End of Primary Benchmark

2019

English Reading Comprehension

30 marks

50 minutes

Read this poster carefully and answer the questions on the opposite page.



Annual School Book Fair

Come along and stock up on books for summer!

Saturday 29th June
Sunday 30th June
2:30pm - 6:00pm

Bus number 16 stops at the side entrance
on Park Avenue

Tickets at the door
Entrance Fee €5
Children under 12 €1

Raffle at 5:30pm
Prizes
eReader
€150 book voucher
Harry Potter box set
Proceeds go to the library

Attractions
Young writers' and illustrators' workshop
Meet the author at a storytelling session
Face-painting: choose your favourite character
Join a book club

Go to any of these attractions and get a free treat bag.

Buy
Signed copies of your favourite books
Second-hand bestsellers

1. Underline the correct word or phrase.

(3 marks)

- a) The book fair is held over two (days, weekends, terms).
- b) You can learn to write and (sing, act, draw) at the fair.
- c) You can win a Harry Potter book (poster, voucher, collection) at the fair.
- d) (All, A few, None) of the attractions include a free gift.
- e) The book fair opens on Saturday (morning, afternoon, evening).
- f) You can buy tickets (online, at the fair, at the school library).

2. True (T), False (F), or No Information Given (NIG).

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.

(3 marks)

	T	F	NIG
a) There is one entrance to the school.			
b) Parking is available at no extra cost.			
c) At the fair you can only buy new books.			
d) The book fair will start with a raffle.			
e) The money raised at the fair will help the library.			
f) Signed copies of books will be given away for free.			

Questions on Section 1

(9 marks)

Read Section 1 of the text printed on a separate sheet. Then answer the following questions.

1. What are the British famous for? 1 mark

2. Underline the correct answer. ½ mark

In olden times, sweet treats were bought only by (poor, rich, important) people.

3. Underline the correct answer. ½ mark

“...baking has become **all the rage**...”

The phrase **all the rage** means (angry, interesting, fashionable).

4. Why was Scone an important place in Scotland? 1 mark

5. Tick (✓) the THREE correct facts about the recipe for scones as you have read them in the text.

Do not tick more than THREE.

3 marks

Add baking powder to make them fluffier.	
Fill with a chocolate spread.	
Fry the mixture.	
Mix the dry ingredients together.	
Split the scone in two.	
Stir the clotted cream in the mixture a little at a time.	

6. True (T), False (F), No Information Given (NIG).

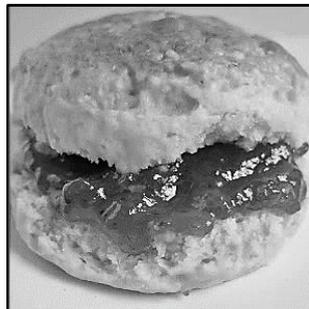
Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.

2 marks

	T	F	NIG
a) <i>The Great British Baking Show</i> is the most popular television programme in Britain.			
b) It is a fact that in 1513, the word 'scone' referred to the sweet bake.			
c) Scones are best eaten hot.			
d) Bakers believe that the order in which the jam and cream are spread is not important.			

7. Tick (✓) the picture that best describes how scones are eaten in Devon.

1 mark



Read Section 2 of the text printed on a separate sheet. Then answer the following questions.

8. a) Why did it become easier for people to travel in the 1850s? 1 mark

b) Why did Londoners find Devon and Cornwall attractive? 1 mark

9. Underline the correct answer. ½ mark

The word **rapid** in “... **rapid** increase” (paragraph 5) means (slow, fast, huge).

10. Tick (✓) the correct answer. 1 mark

In the original cream teas, bakers chose:

a) prime quality ingredients produced in the area	
b) good quality ingredients not produced in the area	
c) cheap ingredients produced in the area	

11. What does clotted cream look like? 1 mark

12. Mention **TWO** food items that tea rooms serve to people who do not like sweets. 1 mark

a) _____

b) _____

13. From **paragraph 7** find a phrase of **FOUR words** which shows that people have their Royal Tea close to the statue of Queen Elizabeth at *Madame Tussauds*.

1 mark

14. How can you tell that people really enjoy finishing off their scones with jam?

1 mark

15. True (T), False (F), No Information Given (NIG).

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.

2 marks

	T	F	NIG
a) Bakers in Devon and Cornwall copied recipes for cream teas.			
b) Devon and Cornwall are found in the same part of Britain.			
c) The jam served with the scones has whole strawberries in it.			
d) In West Country tea rooms scones are usually served with bottles of iced tea.			

16. Find a word in **paragraph 6** that means the opposite of 'different'. **½ mark**

17. Mention **TWO** sounds from **paragraph 8** that are typically heard at a cream tea.

1 mark

a) _____

b) _____

Questions on the two sections

(4 marks)

18. Underline the correct answer.

1 mark

Who would be most interested in reading this text?

- a) dairy farmers
- b) tourists
- c) hotel owners

19. Choose the best title for the text.

1 mark

- a) Amazing Royal Traditions
- b) Healthy Eating in Britain
- c) A Traditional British Treat

20. Tick (✓) the TWO correct facts based on what you have read.

Do not tick more than TWO.

2 marks

a) People from Devon and Cornwall often fight fiercely against each other.	
b) People from Devon and Cornwall are immensely proud of their long baking tradition.	
c) Scones are usually large, round and served with chocolate.	
d) Sometimes bakers sweeten scones by adding raisins or chocolate chips.	
e) Queen Elizabeth holds garden tea parties for tourists.	
f) At a cream tea people enjoy sipping their tea from glass mugs.	

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