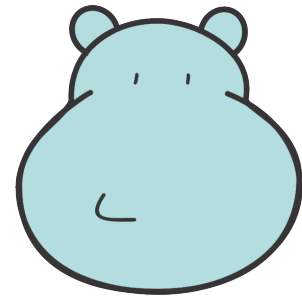


HIPPO 2020

Preliminary Round

HIPPO S2 Use of English Test

Time allowed: 30 minutes



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1. Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences.

63. _____ Sam's bravery, we would have been mugged.
a) If it weren't b) If it had not been c) But for
64. _____ House of Commons is _____ lower house of _____ Parliament.
a) The / the / - b) The / a / the c) The / the / the
65. Not until it got light _____ the full extent of the damage.
a) we saw b) did we see c) we didn't see
66. The brothers _____ enormous problems when trying to open their restaurant.
a) came up against b) came up with c) fought
67. This was mainly because they hadn't _____ the health and safety implications.
a) thought through b) thought up c) thought over
68. General _____ the hill and controlled the valley below him.
a) climbed b) mastered c) looked upon
69. The only problem in his career was that he was _____ to injuries.
a) prone b) inclined c) at risk
70. When he was in the army, he learned to _____ his clothes.
a) fix b) alter c) change
71. We have to _____ over this problem if we want to succeed.
a) ponder b) mull c) contemplate

50. _____ has become a widespread problem since so many children avoid school.
a) Truancy b) Missing out c) Cutting up
51. If I _____ more diligent, I would have graduated last year.
a) were b) have been c) would have been
52. In time she _____ a taste for classical music.
a) acquired b) attained c) achieved
53. _____ for John's courage, we would not be standing here today.
a) If it wasn't b) If it hadn't c) But
54. Clothes, bottles, inhalers, to name _____, are all made of plastic.
a) some b) but a few c) the due
55. Unimpressed, the teacher gave only a(n) _____ glance to each painting.
a) cursory b) exorbitant c) adamant
56. Only single people are _____ to join this club.
a) eligible b) plausible c) feasible
57. Some other prominent members were _____ in the scandal.
a) indicative b) implicit c) implicated
58. The _____ wind in this area is from the north.
a) most b) exorbitant c) prevailing
59. She is a _____ writer who averages five books a year.
a) prolific b) fertile c) incessant
60. She was found guilty of a most _____ crime.
a) inopportune b) heinous c) disgusted