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Educational Assessment Unit

End of Primary Benchmark
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English – Reading Comprehension – Marking Scheme

Reading Comprehension 1   **(6 marks)**

1. **Allot ½ mark for each correct answer.**   **(4 x ½ mark = 2 marks)**

3
2
4
1

2.   (a) **half**, (b) **plenty of**   **(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

1. **1078**   **(1 mark)**
2.   **(6 x ½ mark = 3 marks)**

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

3.   (a) **before**   (b) **after**

In 4 and 5 reward answers with the following content:

4.   **The last hangings took place on Tower Hill in 1780.**   **(1 mark)**

5.   **… the Crown Jewels were saved.**   **(1 mark)**

Questions on Section 2

6.   **The menagerie was closed in 1835. OR Animals were taken away from the menagerie.**
                              OR Animals were taken to London Zoo.   (1 mark)

7.   (a) **arrive** (**Do not accept:** came)   **(½ mark)**

      (b) **for centuries**   **(½ mark)**

8.   **Accept two of the following: crown, sceptre, sword, crown jewels (2 x ½ mark = 1 mark)**

9.   (a) **after**   (b) **several**   (c) **among the first**   (d) **was able**   **(4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)**

10.   **Do not deduct marks if the correct answer is written in one sentence.**
      (a) They guard the Tower.
      (b) They give guided tours of the fortress.   **(2 x ½ mark = 1 mark)**

11.   **(4 x ½ mark = 2 marks)**

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

12.   (a) **more than**   (b) **less than**   **(2 x 1 mark = 2 marks)**

Questions on the two sections

13.   **Reward answers with the following content:**
      Because a legend says that if the ravens leave the Tower, the kingdom will fall. (1 mark)
      (Allot ½ mark if the answer is correct, but does not refer to the legend.)

14.   (a) **a timeline**   (b) **an article**   **(2 x ½ mark = 1 mark)**

15.   **Allot ½ mark for each correct answer.**   **(4 x ½ mark = 2 marks)**

      (a) **5**   (b) **2**   (d) **3**   (e) **4**