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 Educational Assessment Unit

**End of Primary Benchmark
 June 2014 – Second Session
 English – Reading Comprehension – Marking Scheme**

Reading Comprehension 1

(6 marks)

1. Allot $\frac{1}{2}$ mark for every correct answer.

(4 x $\frac{1}{2}$ mark = 2 marks)

3
2
4
1

2. (a) cold, (b) before

(2 x $\frac{1}{2}$ mark = 1 mark)

3. If more than one box is ticked, the answer is to be marked as incorrect.

(6 x $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ mark for any irrelevant information.

Questions on Section 1

1. 1802

($\frac{1}{2}$ mark)

2. stopped

($\frac{1}{2}$ mark)

3.

(6 x $\frac{1}{2}$ mark = 3 marks)

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

4. **Reward answers with the following content:**
 ... the Channel Tunnel was (officially) opened and trains began to use it.
Award the full mark for: ... the Channel Tunnel was (officially) opened.
OR ... trains started crossing the channel. (1 mark)
5. (a) below, (b) after, (c) bought online (3 x 1 mark = 3 marks)

Questions on Section 2

6. **Reward answers with the following content:**
They were afraid the French wanted to invade Britain. (1 mark)
7. (a) Accept any 2 of the following: **large, immense, huge** (2 x 1/2 mark = 1 mark)
 (b) **winning** (1/2 mark)
8. Accept **8,000 years ago** OR **during the last Ice Age** (1 mark)
9. (a) **(Some thought that) animal diseases would spread (quickly).**
 (b) **(Some thought that) terrorists would enter the country.** (2 x 1/2 mark = 1 mark)
10. **It is one of the busiest railway lines in the world.**
OR Millions of passengers have used the trains. (1 mark)
11. (5 x 1/2 mark = 2 1/2 marks)
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|-----|----------|----------|------------|
| (a) | | ✓ | |
| (b) | ✓ | | |
| (c) | ✓ | | |
| (d) | ✓ | | |
| (e) | | | ✓ |
12. (a) **by ship or boat**, (b) **usually**, (c) **rare**, (d) **magazine** (4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)

Questions on the two sections

In 13 and 14 reward answers with the following content:

13. ... **13,000 workers had to be employed. AND/OR ... special machines had to be designed.** (1 mark)
14. **The French saw the Tunnel as a symbol of a united Europe.** (1 mark)
15. (b) **1996** (c) **£39, 999** (Do not accept: 39, 999) (d) **19th May, 1994** (Do not accept: 1994)
 (e) **800 metres / m** OR (about / the length of) **7 football pitches** (4 x 1/2 mark = 2 marks)