



## Assessment sheet: Questions for specimen Paper 1 (SL)

**This resource provides you with a copy of the questions to complete for the specimen exam Paper 1, for standard level, on pages 118–21 of the *IB English B* coursebook.**

The best way to prepare for Paper 1 is to practise answering exam-style questions, or questions from past exam papers, to improve your reading comprehension.

Try answering these exam-style questions, for the specimen paper, both within the exam time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes, and without time pressure.



## Text A – Facebook Celebrates 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Complete the following phrases with information as it appears in the text.

**Example:** After 5 years, Mark Zuckerberg wants ...

..... to stay the Web's number one communication site .....

1. Compared with other websites, Facebook is unique because ...

.....  
.....

2. When Mark Zuckerberg created Facebook in college, his goal was to ...

.....  
.....

3. Many people log in to Facebook every day to ...

.....  
.....

4. People think differently about international correspondence because ...

.....  
.....

Answer the following questions.

5. What is meant by 'dorm' in line 6?

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6. What is meant by the word 'rival' in line 8?

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7. What is meant by the word 'escaped' in line 22?

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8. According to the author, why is Facebook so successful?

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## Text B – Compost Pile Quick Tips

The sentences below are either true or false. Tick the correct response then justify it with a relevant brief quotation from the text. Both a tick and a quotation are required for one mark.

- |   |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | TRUE                     | FALSE                    |
| 9. The author believes that composting is the most important thing a gardener can do to help plants grow. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Justification .....

- |  |                          |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10. Left over food, such as bones, makes for good compost. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|

Justification .....

- |   |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 11. You do not have to do anything to a compost pile, in order for it to decompose. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|

Justification .....

- |  |                          |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12. You should water your compost pile to prevent unwanted air from entering it. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Justification .....

Answer the following questions.

13. Why is it best to bury uneaten food?
- .....

In the phrase ...	the word ...	relates to ...
<b>Example:</b> the number one <u>thing</u> you can do (line 1)	'thing'	... gardening activity ...
<b>14</b> put <u>it</u> to good use (line 8)	'it'	.....
<b>15</b> the quicker <u>they</u> will break down (line 24)	'they'	.....
<b>16</b> so here are some <u>things</u> you can do (line 20)	'things'	.....
<b>17</b> to help speed <u>things</u> up. (line 21)	'things'	.....
<b>18</b> if <u>it</u> gets hot and dry (line 29)	'it'	.....



## Text C – Endangered Animals of New Zealand

The words in the left column are taken from the text. Find the word in the right column that is closest in meaning to one of the words on the left. Write the letter in the box. **Note:** there are more words on the right than needed.

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------|
| <b>Example:</b> thrive (line 3) | <input type="checkbox"/> | c |                      |
| <b>19.</b> expansion (line 3)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <b>a</b> production  |
| <b>20.</b> habitat (line 4)     | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <b>b</b> growth      |
| <b>21.</b> predator (line 10)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <b>c</b> prosper     |
| <b>22.</b> survival (line 14)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <b>d</b> life        |
| <b>23.</b> sparse (line 23)     | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <b>e</b> existence   |
| <b>24.</b> specific (line 25)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |   | <b>f</b> proper      |
|                                 |                          |   | <b>g</b> hunter      |
|                                 |                          |   | <b>h</b> tailor      |
|                                 |                          |   | <b>i</b> meagre      |
|                                 |                          |   | <b>j</b> reduced     |
|                                 |                          |   | <b>k</b> environment |
|                                 |                          |   | <b>l</b> exact       |

Answer the following questions.

**25.** Why is the Archy Frog endangered?

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**26.** What two factors have led to the decline of the Kakapo? [2 marks]

.....  
 .....

**27.** What is meant by ‘in the same way’ in line 39?

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**28.** What is being done to help the endangered animals of New Zealand?

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## Text D – ‘Anonymous’ Protests Across India Over Web Censorship

Answer the following questions.

29. What event caused activists to protest against censorship of the Internet?  
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30. Besides protesting, what has the ‘Anonymous’ movement done to express their concern?  
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31. What does the banner ‘raise your voice, save your voice’ mean?  
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32. Why does one protester disagree that there is a ‘low turnout’ (line 24)?  
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33. Why is CERT-in a target for the Anonymous group?  
.....

34. What is meant by ‘we will be hitting it’ in line 29?  
.....

From the list below, choose the phrase that best fits each of the gaps 35–37 in Text D. Each phrase must be used only once. Note: there are more phrases than you need.

SIMILARLY	ON THE CONTRARY	ON THE OTHER HAND
THOUGH	AGAIN	HOWEVER
AS WELL	AS PER	

Example: [ X ] however

35. ....

36. ....

37. ....

Choose the most appropriate response from the options below.

38. What is meant by the word ‘alleged’ (line 38)?

- a proved                      b claimed
- c declared                    d suggested

39. One protester argues that ...

- a too few people have access to the Internet in India.
- b people in rural areas will be censored more.
- c censorship will affect city-specific websites.
- d Anonymous is not responsible for hacking.

40. The Indian government is ...

- a working closely with Google to filter problematic web pages.
- b criticised by Internet users for discussing censorship with Google.
- c angry at Facebook and its users.
- d listening to social networks.