



Assessment sheet: Questions for specimen Paper 1 (HL)

This resource provides you with a copy of the questions to complete for the specimen exam Paper 1, for higher level, on pages 128–33 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 – Underwater Wonder

Answer the following questions.

1. Why is the word ‘totally’ in single quotations?
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2. Why, according to Pet-Soede, are people less concerned about the coral reef than deforestation?
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3. How will Pet-Soede’s underwater rap help save the Coral Triangle?
.....
4. What do you think that Pet-Soede means when she says that people have to ‘make the right choices’?
.....

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 | |
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| 5. Many people depend on the welfare of the coral reef.
<i>Justification</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 6. The Coral Triangle Initiative aims to turn the reef into a Marine Protected Area.
<i>Justification</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 7. Pet-Soede’s children will be proud of their mother’s underwater rap.
<i>Justification</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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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| Example: Rare (line 2) | <input type="checkbox"/> | c | |
| 8. Disown (line 5) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | a be grateful for |
| 9. Appreciate (line 9) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | b renounce |
| 10. Iridescent (line 10) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | c unique |
| 11. Deplete (line 19) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | d belittle |
| 12. Slog (line 33) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | e wonderful |
| | | | f shimmering |
| | | | g journey |
| | | | h struggle |
| | | | i diminish |



Text B – Electric Car Buying Guide

The sentences below are either true, false or they cannot be known from Text C. Tick the correct box.

	TRUE	FALSE	UNKNOWN
13. The UK government helps people finance the purchase of electric vehicles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Most UK households own a car and have a parking facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. In the near future, the price of electric cars will decrease.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Research shows that electric cars tend to replace the family car.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Electric cars have existed for over 20 years already.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Stations are being built all around the UK, where cars can plug in.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Answer the following questions.

19. Why should you have a parking facility if you want to own an electric car?

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.....

20. Why are electric cars good for short commuting trips?

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Text C

Match the headings with the paragraphs in the text. Write the appropriate letter in the boxes provided.

- Example: (X)** _____ c
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| <p>21. (1) _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>22. (2) _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>23. (3) _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>24. (4) _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>25. (5) _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>26. (6) _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>a Others Feel Unimportant When Interrupted by a Cell Call</p> <p>b Others Often Think Cell Phones are Being Used as Ego-Builders</p> <p>c Friends, Observers and Bystanders are Affected in Negative Ways</p> <p>d Others are Confused by Cell Phone Conversations in Public</p> <p>e Others Become Insecure</p> <p>f Private Conversations in Public Places Irritate Others</p> <p>g Four Tips on Using Your Cell Phone in Public</p> <p>h How Cell Phone Behavior Affects Other People</p> <p>i What to Do About Pesky Cell Phones</p> <p>j Others Feel Trapped and Controlled by Cell Phone Conversations</p> |
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Complete the following sentence based on information as it appears in the text.

- 27.** There used to be telephone booths in public spaces in order to
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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c, d. Write the letter in the box provided.

- 28.** According to Lisa Kleinman, 'absence presence' refers to ...
- a** a feeling of being trapped in an unwanted social situation.
 - b** an unclear situation where cell phone callers are distanced from a social group.
 - c** a feeling of rejection, when a social group excludes a person for calling on the phone.
 - d** a behavioural problem caused by a virtual world.
- 29.** Dr. Robbie Blinkoff believes that mobile phones ...
- a** must be used by people who have important calls.
 - b** are for people who like to hear themselves talk.
 - c** create a nuisance for everyone.
 - d** are used by people who want to let everyone know how important they are.



30. When people talk on their cell phone, they make others ...
- a** feel insignificant. **b** feel insecure.
c feel rejected. **d** all of the above.
31. Answering the phone while with others creates a problem because ...
- a** one's brain cannot do two things properly at the same time.
b both the telephone conversation and the social interaction are equally disturbed.
c everyone becomes distressed.
d none of the above.
32. Most people who call in social situations ...
- a** don't realise they are being rude.
b feel they have the right to be rude.
c are unaware of other people.
d don't care about handicapped people.



Text D – The Challenge of Modern Parenting

Which words go in the gaps in Text D? Choose the words from the list and write them in the spaces below. Note: there are more words than needed.

OPPORTUNITY	TERRITORY	NOTIONS	PROGRESS
COMPASSION	INPUT	LEEWAY	SITUATIONS
ERROR	CONCEPTS	GUILT	PROCESS

Example: X guardians

- 33.
- 34.
- 35.
- 36.
- 37.
- 38.
- 39.
- 40.
- 41.
- 42.



Text E – *The Gift of Rain*

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

43. Name two reasons why the narrator was taunted at school? [2 marks]

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44. How did his father respond to the narrator’s complaint of being taunted?

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45. Why did the narrator’s father warn him not to go to the island?

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46. Where in the world does the narrator live?

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Are the following statements true or false? Give evidence from the text extract to support your answers.

47. The narrator was eager to read all of his father’s books.

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48. When the narrator’s father was away, the narrator would sleep on the island.

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49. The narrator was once stranded on the island.

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50. The narrator’s boat was used to take supplies to the island.

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51. The narrator was caught sneaking onto the island.

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