



NCFE Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English (603/5054/4)

Reading

Paper number: Practice paper 01

Mark Scheme v1.0

Section 1

1	Which word best describes the tone of writing in Text 1? A Critical B Enthusiastic C Serious D Supportive	[1 mark]	
	Maximum one mark for:		
	Answer: A Critical (1)	1	2.19

2	Identify two things the writer has done to have a more sustainable lifestyle.	[2 marks]	
	Maximum two marks from: • followed some influencers on social media (1) • bought a reusable coffee cup (1) • went to an eco-event (1) • did his own research. (1) Accept similar wording.	2	2.11

3	The writer of Text 1 implies that Kendrick is self-important. Give one quotation to show this.	[1 mark]	
	Maximum one marks from: • '(though) slightly preachy' (1) • 'She pontificated'. (1) Accept any other valid quotation.	1	2.13

4	State what each of the following metaphors mean, as used in Text 1.		
	(a) 'squirreled away'		
	[1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark for: hidden / out of sight. (1)	1	2.14
	(b) 'minefield'		
	[1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark for: unexpected difficulty / difficulties. (1) Accept any other valid meaning from these metaphors.	1	2.14

5	Use Text 1.		
	Give one quotation for each of the following:		
	(a) Fact		
	[1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark from: '...so I followed a few influencers on social media.' (1) '...the local television news channel filmed Kendrick...' (1) '...I've done my own research...' (1)	1	2.18
	(b) Opinion		
	[1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark from: 'Most of her posts are informative, though slightly preachy.' (1) 'In fairness, some of her tips are pretty useful.' (1) 'It's outrageous!' (1) Accept any other valid fact or opinion identified.	1	2.18

6	In Text 1, the writer implies that some eco-products are not sustainable. Give one quotation to support this.		[1 mark]
	Maximum one mark for: ‘... ‘eco-friendly’ companies...’ (1) ‘...the packaging and delivery of all these eco-products she receives (for free).’ (1) ‘Multiple van deliveries / trips to the recycling centre to dispose of the packaging...’ (1) Accept any other valid quotation.	1	2.13

Section 2

7	According to Text 2, approximately what percentage of people make home-made cleaning products?		[1 mark]
	Maximum one mark for: 20% / 20 per cent. (1)	1	2.11

8	Which section tells the reader how to make a spray for most surfaces?		[1 mark]
	Maximum one mark for: All-purpose spray. (1)	1	2.16

9	Which one of these quotations from Text 2 best describes the cleaning products?		[1 mark]
	A All-purpose B Great-smelling C Off-the-shelf D Safe and simple		
	Maximum one mark for:		
	Answer: D Safe and simple (1)	1	2.17

10	What does the word 'buff' mean, as used in the 'Glass cleaner' section? You may use a dictionary to help you answer this question. [1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark from: - polish (1) - shine. (1) Accept any other valid definition.	1	2.15

11	The writer of Text 2 thinks home-made cleaning products are a good idea. Give two reasons why the writer thinks this. [2 marks]		
	Maximum two marks from: - they are easy to make (1) - they avoid using harmful chemicals (1) - they are a natural alternative to shop-bought spray (1) - they are cheaper than ones you can buy. (1) Accept similar wording. Accept any other valid answer.	2	2.18

12	Use Text 2. Identify whether each of the following quotations is an example of an instructional or an informative style. [2 marks]																
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13	Which one of these statements about the language used in Text 1 and Text 2 is correct? A Both use exaggeration B Both use humour C Both use rhetorical questions D Both use statistics	[1 mark]	
	Maximum one mark for:		
	Answer: C Both use rhetorical questions (1)	1	2.12

Section 3

14	Text 3 states that customers can get their money back. What must the customer do to receive a full refund? [1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark for: you must return the products within 30 days / pay the return postage yourself. (1) Accept similar wording.	1	2.15

15	Text 3 includes technical words such as 'aluminium' and 'parabens'. Identify one other technical word. [1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark from: - carbon (1) - formulas / formulated (1) - sulphates (1) - synthetic (1) - biodegradable. (1) Accept any other appropriate technical vocabulary.	1	2.17

16	What does the writer imply about the cleaning products in each of these quotations? (a) ‘...harness the power of nature...’ [1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark from: - that natural products can be very effective / extremely powerful / just as powerful as chemical products (1) - they are natural. (1)	1	2.13
	(b) ‘This is a game changer.’ [1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark for: they will change the way people clean / will make an eco-friendly difference to cleaning habits. (1) Accept any valid inference.	1	2.13

17	(a) Which organisational feature presents the instructions? [1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark for: numbered list. (1)	1	2.16
	(b) Which organisational feature advises customers that they can cancel subscriptions at any time? [1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark for: footnote. (1) Accept similar wording.	1	2.16

18	The writer uses language features to present the different products on offer. Give one example of each of the following features: (a) Exaggeration [1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark from: - You can have it all! (1) - They do a mind-blowing job of cleaning around my home. (1)	1	2.14
	(b) Imperative [1 mark]		
	Maximum one mark from: - Up your cleaning game! (1) - Just add water. (1) Accept any other valid examples.	1	2.14

19	Which two of the following quotations from Text 3 show bias about Ocean Kleen products? [2 marks] A 91% of plastic is never recycled B Our formulas are super-concentrated C There is no commitment D We've got everything you need to clean E What's not to love?		
	Maximum two marks from:		
	Answers: D We've got everything you need to clean (1) E What's not to love? (1)	2	2.17

20	Identify whether each of these statements about Text 2 and Text 3 is true or false .								
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