



**NCFE Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in
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Mark Scheme
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PAST PAPER

Pass Mark 16

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1	What best describes the tone of Document 1?			[1 mark]
	A	Amusing.		
	B	Balanced.		
	C	Sarcastic.		
	D	Righteous.		
	Answer: B. Balanced (1)			1 02.19

2	State two meanings that Sara Reilly could be implying by using the term 'fast' fashion instead of 'throwaway' fashion?			[2 marks]
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 2 marks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That it can change quickly (1) • That it is a good thing (1) • That it is not wasteful or negative (1) • It has connotations of cheap and cheerful like fast food (1) • It belongs to young/modern people (1). Accept similar wording.			2 02.13

3	Give one reason why the writer has used each of the following organisational features.			
	a) Bullet points.			[1 mark]
	b) Footnote.			[1 mark]
	a) 1 mark each for any of the following up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To divide up examples of the EAC's findings (1) • To draw the reader to facts / statistics about the effects of throwaway fashion (1). b) 1 mark each for any of the following up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To show the meaning of the letters GDP (1) • To explain the meaning of 'GDP' (1) • To show how GDP is commonly used / that GDP is used to show relative economic performance of countries (1). 			2 02.16

4	<p>a) What is the main point made by Document 1? [1 mark]</p> <p>b) The writer believes that throwaway fashion is here to stay. Give two examples from the document that support this opinion. [2 marks]</p>
	<p>a)</p> <p>1 mark each for any of the following up to 1 mark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are concerns about the growth of throwaway fashion (1) • There are advantages and disadvantages to throwaway fashion (1) • To explain how fashion negatively impacts the environment (1). <p>Accept similar wording.</p> <p>b)</p> <p>1 mark each for any of the following up to 2 marks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would seem unlikely that throwaway fashion is going to disappear soon (1) • The days of people buying clothes and keeping them / wearing them for years have gone (1). <p>Accept similar wording.</p>

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5	<p>Give two words that identify the style of writing used in Document 2. [2 marks]</p>
	<p>1 mark each for any of the following, up to 2 marks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasive (1) • Colloquial (1) • Chatty (1) • Personal (1). <p>Accept any other valid style.</p>

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6	<p>In paragraphs 2 the writer repeats questions beginning with ‘what?’ and ‘why?’ several times. Give two reasons why she has done this.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[2 marks]</p>
	<p>1 mark each for any of the following, up to 2 marks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To show how strongly she feels about the waste (1) • To get the reader to think about the topic of throwaway fashion (1) • To emphasise her point of view (1) • To introduce new aspects of the problem with throwaway fashion (1). <p>Accept similar wording.</p> <p>Do not accept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ask readers what they think • Because they are rhetorical questions without further explanation. <p style="text-align: right;">2 02.14</p>
7	<p>Give one example of each of the following features being used to present a negative image of throwaway fashion.</p> <p>a) Emotive language. [1 mark]</p> <p>b) Personal experience. [1 mark]</p>
	<p>a)</p> <p>1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘shocked’ (1) • ‘ridiculous’ (1) <p>b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Still has clothes...’ (1) • ‘I have a knitting machine’ (1) <p>Accept similar wording.</p> <p>Accept any other valid example.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 02.14</p>
8	<p>What is the meaning of the word ‘spilling’ as used in Document 2?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[1 mark]</p>
	<p>1 mark each for any of the following, up to 2 marks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overflowing (1) • Unintentional escape of items (1) • Emphasises amount of waste there is (1). <p>Accept similar wording.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 02.15</p>

9	Identify one example of each of the following in Document 2. a) Fact. b) Opinion.	[2 marks]
	<p>a)</p> <p>1 mark each for any of the following up to 1 mark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'I was shocked' (1) • 'I still have clothes I bought when my son was a baby' (1) • 'My son is 35 now' (1). <p>Accept similar wording if response remains a fact. Accept any other fact identified.</p> <p>b)</p> <p>1 mark each for any of the following up to 1 mark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How utterly ridiculous (1) • The jumper will shrink in the wash (1) • Unethical practice (1). <p>Accept similar wording if response remains an opinion. Accept any other opinion identified.</p>	<p>a) (1)</p> <p>b) (1)</p> <p>02.18</p>

10	When was the discussion forum started?			[1 mark]
	Answer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2010 (1). 	1	02.15	

11	Why does Shefali feel hurt by some of the comments which have been made? [2 marks]		
	<p>1 mark each for any of the following, up to 2 marks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She feels people are trying to make her unemployed / out of a job (1) • She's been doing her job (in throwaway fashion) for a long time (1) • She doesn't agree that cheap necessarily means poor quality (1) • People are insulting the job she does / place she works (1) • She takes the comments made personally (1) <p>Accept any other valid reason.</p>	2	02.18

12	What can be inferred from 'FashionQueen' about how she feels from her contribution to the discussion forum?	[2 marks]	
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 2 marks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She feels pressurised into using throwaway fashion (1) • She is angry at social media for fuelling this (1) • She is upset by the comments people made about her (1) • She is sad that she has upset / lost friends (1). Accept similar wording.	2	02.13

13	Give one example of information that bold text helps the reader to find.	[1 mark]	
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name of the publication/website (1) • That the text is a discussion forum (1) • The names of contributors (1) • Where you can find the views of individual contributors(1) Accept similar wording.	1	02.16

14	Compare the views expressed in Document 3 with those of Document 1, and how these views are conveyed.	[3 marks]	
	(one of the following) The learner's response will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have some mention of at least one view expressed in Document 3 AND one of the views expressed in Document 1, but limited implicit comparison and no consideration of how these views are conveyed (1 mark) • compare at least one view expressed in Document 3 and one of the views expressed in Document 1, with some explicit comparison, with limited consideration of how these views are conveyed in at least one document (2 marks) • have a clear and explicit comparison of views expressed in Document 3 and Document 1 with examples from both sources. There is clear comparison of how views are conveyed in both documents (eg the use of colloquial language and personal experience in Doc 3 and statistics and quotations in Doc 1) (3 marks). Do not accept responses sourced from Document 2. 0 marks should be given for no awardable content.	3	02.12

15	Analyse all three documents and use examples to explain which document is the least biased.	[4 marks]	
	<p>(one of the following)</p> <p>The learner's response will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make a clear choice of either Doc 1 or Doc 3 but only considers the one document selected. Limited explanation given for choice (1 mark) • make a clear choice of either Doc 1 or Doc 3 considering only the document selected and one other. Reasonable explanation given for choice, although some reasoning may be implicit (2 marks) • make a clear choice of either Doc 1 or Doc 3 considering all three documents. Choice supported by reasonable explanation (3 marks) • make a clear choice of either Doc 1 or Doc 3 considering all three documents in detail. There is a comprehensive explanation, supported by examples (4 marks) <p>Do not award marks for responses that mention that Document 2 is the least biased.</p> <p>0 marks should be given for no awardable content.</p>	4	02.17

[Total: 30 marks]

Pass mark 16

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