



NCFE Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English (603/5058/1): Reading

Paper Number: Sample Assessment Materials

Mark Scheme v1.0

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Sample Assessment Materials Level 1 Reading pass mark: 18

Section 1

L1.2.9 – Identify and understand the main points, ideas and details in texts
L1.2.10 – Compare information, ideas and opinions in different texts
L1.2.11 – Identify meanings in texts and distinguish between facts and opinions
L1.2.12 – Recognise that language and other textual features can be varied to suit different audiences and purposes
L1.2.13 – Use reference materials and appropriate strategies (for example, using knowledge of different word types) for a range of purposes, including finding the meanings of words
L1.2.14 – Understand organisational and structural features and use them to locate relevant information (for example, index, menus, subheadings and paragraphs)
L1.2.15 – Infer from images meanings not explicit in the accompanying text
L1.2.16 – Recognise vocabulary typically associated with specific types and purposes of texts (for example, formal, informal, instructions, descriptive, explanatory and persuasive)
L1.2.17 – Read and understand a range of specialist words in context
L1.2.18 – Use knowledge of punctuation to aid understanding of straightforward texts

1	Where will the EV charging stations get their power from? [1 mark]		
	<p>Maximum one mark from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • solar power (ed) (1) • from the sun (1) • solar panels (1) • green energy (1) • energy from the sun. (1) 	1	2.09

2	Using Text 1, identify whether each of the following statements is true or false . [2 marks]								
	<p>Maximum two marks from:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Statement</th> <th style="text-align: center;">True or False</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>The council wants to move away from petrol and diesel cars completely.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">True</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The council does not have any plans to increase the number of EV charging spaces in the future.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">False</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Statement	True or False	The council wants to move away from petrol and diesel cars completely.	True	The council does not have any plans to increase the number of EV charging spaces in the future.	False	2	2.11
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3	<p>What is the purpose of Text 1?</p> <p>Select one of the following:</p> <p>A To advise readers on how to use charging stations safely</p> <p>B To describe electric vehicle charging points</p> <p>C To explain the issues around new charging spaces</p> <p>D To persuade readers to continue to shop locally</p>		[1 mark]
	Maximum one mark for:		
	Answer:	1	2.16
	C To explain the issues around the new charging spaces (1)		

4	<p>The article in Text 1 talks about plans for new spaces for EVs.</p> <p>Identify two impacts of the plans on local people.</p>		[2 marks]
	Maximum two marks from:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there will be a reduced number of spaces for non-EV drivers (1) • it's harder to find a parent and child space (1) • people will have to walk further to the shops (1) • people will have to park further away. (1) 	2	2.09
	Accept similar wording		

5	<p>The writer of Text 1 uses language features to explain the reasons for the council's plan.</p> <p>Give one quotation for each of the following features:</p> <p>(a) Statistics</p>		[1 mark]
	Maximum one mark from:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (This is part of a long-term plan to) reduce harmful fumes by 50% • (At the beginning of 2025, there were) almost 1.5 million EVs (on the road.) 	1	2.12
	(b) Rule of three		
	Maximum one mark from:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (will lead to) cleaner air, quieter roads, and happier shoppers. 	1	2.12

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it's unfair, unreasonable, and inconvenient! 		
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6	<p>What two things does the image in Text 1 tell readers about EV charging spaces?</p> <p>Select two of the following:</p> <p>A They accept mobile phone payments</p> <p>B They are cheap to use</p> <p>C They are dangerous to use</p> <p>D They show drivers when the car is charged</p> <p>E They take a long time to charge</p>		[2 marks]
	<p>Answers:</p> <p>A They accept mobile phone payments (1)</p> <p>D They show drivers when the car is charged (1)</p>	2	2.15

7	<p>(a) Where did the writer get their information about the number of EVs in the UK?</p>		[1 mark]
	<p>Maximum one mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.EVcharging.biz (1) 	1	2.14
	<p>(b) Which section presents the council's comments?</p>		[1 mark]
	<p>Maximum one mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting ready for the future (1) 	1	2.14

8	<p>The writer uses the word 'vital' in the section, 'Getting ready for the future'.</p> <p>What does the word 'vital' mean in this context?</p> <p>You may use a dictionary to help you answer this question.</p>		[1 mark]
	<p>Maximum one marks from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> important (1) crucial (1) necessary (1) essential. (1) <p>Accept any other valid dictionary definition.</p>	1	2.13

Section 2

9	How many regular parking spaces will change to electric charging spaces? [1 mark]
	<p>Maximum one mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> six. (1)
1	2.09

10	Using Text 2, identify whether each of the following statements is a fact or an opinion . [2 marks]						
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11	According to the writer of Text 2, what percentage of local people own an electric vehicle? [1 mark]
	<p>Maximum one mark for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17% (1)
1	2.09

12	Using Text 2, identify two positive effects of the new charging spaces. [2 marks]
	<p>Maximum two marks from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> protect us from harmful fumes (1) protect the environment (1) they will help reduce the carbon emissions (1) they may bring out-of-town shoppers to the high street (1) they will create a quieter high street. (1)
2	2.09

13	<p>Why has the writer used brackets in Text 2?</p> <p>Select one of the following:</p> <p>A To give an example</p> <p>B To give extra information</p> <p>C To show enthusiasm</p> <p>D To show humour</p>		[1 mark]
	Maximum one mark for:		
	Answer:		
	B To give extra information (1)	1	2.18

14	<p>(a) What does 'impact' mean in the context of Text 2?</p>		[1 mark]
	Maximum one mark from:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effect (1) • influence (1) • change (1) • consequence. (1) 	1	2.17
	(b) The text says that the funding should be 'ring-fenced'. What does 'ring-fenced' mean in the context of Text 2?		[1 mark]
	Maximum one mark from:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kept aside (1) • guaranteed to be spent on (1) • ear-marked (1) • not to be used for anything else. (1) <p>Accept any other valid answer</p>	1	2.17

15	<p>Which one of the following words from Text 2 is descriptive?</p> <p>A Drivers</p> <p>B Fumes</p> <p>C Harmful</p> <p>D Meeting</p>		[1 mark]
	Maximum one mark for:		
	<p>Answer:</p> <p>C Harmful</p>	1	2.16

16	<p>Identify the language feature in this quotation from Text 2:</p> <p>‘Where will it end?’</p>		[1 mark]
	Maximum one mark for:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rhetorical question. (1) 	1	2.12

17	<p>The writer uses the phrase, ‘primary concern’.</p> <p>What does the word ‘concern’ mean?</p> <p>You may use a dictionary to help you answer this question</p>		[1 mark]
	Maximum one mark for:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issue (1) • problem. (1) 	1	2.13

18	Give one suggestion the writer makes for spending council money.	[1 mark]	
	Maximum one mark from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fixing potholes (1) • easing traffic jams (1) • improving public transport. (1) 	1	2.14

19	Look at this quotation from Text 2. State whether it is an example of persuasive or descriptive language.	[1 mark]					
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20	Which one of these statements applies to both texts?	[1 mark]							
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21	Both texts mention how local people can give their opinions about the new charging spaces. Give one example from each text. Example from Text 1: Example from Text 2:	[2 marks]	
	Maximum two marks from: Text 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write an email to the local councillor. (1) Text 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sign the petition created by the writer (1) • attend the residents' meeting. (1) 	2	2.10

[Total: 30 marks]