



## **NCFE Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English**

### **(603/5058/1): Reading**

Paper Number: **Sample Assessment Materials**

Mark Scheme v1.0 Pre-standardisation Draft

## 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

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

| 2                                                                                               | Using Text 1, identify whether <b>each</b> of the following statements is <b>true</b> or <b>false</b> .<br>[2 marks]                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |               |                                                                        |      |                                                                                                 |       |   |      |
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|                                                                                                 | <b>Maximum two marks from:</b> <table><tr><th>Statement</th><th>True or False</th></tr><tr><td>The council wants to move away from petrol and diesel cars completely.</td><td>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>False</td></tr></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 |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |           |               |                                                                        |      |                                                                                                 |       |   |      |

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| <b>3</b> | <p>What is the purpose of Text 1?</p> <p>Select <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <p><b>A</b> To advise readers on how to use charging stations safely</p> <p><b>B</b> To describe electric vehicle charging points</p> <p><b>C</b> To explain the issues around new charging spaces</p> <p><b>D</b> To persuade readers to continue to shop locally</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>[1 mark]</b></p> |   |      |
|          | <b>Maximum one mark for:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |   |      |
|          | <p><b>Answer:</b></p> <p><b>C</b> To explain the issues around the new charging spaces (1)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 | 2.16 |

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

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

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

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

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| <b>8</b> | <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> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>[1 mark]</b></p> |   |      |
|          | <p><b>Maximum one marks from:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>important (1)</li> <li>crucial (1)</li> <li>necessary (1)</li> <li>essential. (1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Accept</b> any other valid dictionary definition.</p>                               | 1 | 2.13 |

## Section 2

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| <b>9</b> | How many regular parking spaces will change to electric charging spaces?<br><b>[1 mark]</b> |
|          | <b>Maximum one mark for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>six. (1)</li> </ul>     |
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| <b>10</b>                                                   | Using Text 2, identify whether <b>each</b> of the following statements is a <b>fact</b> or an <b>opinion</b> .<br><b>[2 marks]</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |           |                 |                                                             |                |                                         |             |
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|                                                             | <b>Maximum two marks from:</b> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Statement</th><th>Fact or Opinion</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>To give prime parking spaces to electric vehicles is wrong.</td><td><b>Opinion</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>The meeting will be held on 25 January.</td><td><b>Fact</b></td></tr> </tbody> </table> | Statement | Fact or Opinion | To give prime parking spaces to electric vehicles is wrong. | <b>Opinion</b> | The meeting will be held on 25 January. | <b>Fact</b> |
| Statement                                                   | Fact or Opinion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |           |                 |                                                             |                |                                         |             |
| To give prime parking spaces to electric vehicles is wrong. | <b>Opinion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |           |                 |                                                             |                |                                         |             |
| The meeting will be held on 25 January.                     | <b>Fact</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |           |                 |                                                             |                |                                         |             |
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| <b>11</b> | According to the writer of Text 2, what percentage of local people own an electric vehicle?<br><b>[1 mark]</b> |
|           | <b>Maximum one mark for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17% (1)</li> </ul>                         |
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| <b>12</b> | Using Text 2, identify <b>two</b> positive effects of the new charging spaces.<br><b>[2 marks]</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|           | <b>Maximum two marks from:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>protect us from harmful fumes (1)</li> <li>protect the environment (1)</li> <li>they will help reduce the carbon emissions (1)</li> <li>they may bring out-of-town shoppers to the high street (1)</li> <li>they will create a quieter high street. (1)</li> </ul> |
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| <b>13</b> | <p>Why has the writer used brackets in Text 2?</p> <p>Select <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>[1 mark]</b></p> <p><b>A</b> To give an example</p> <p><b>B</b> To give extra information</p> <p><b>C</b> To show enthusiasm</p> <p><b>D</b> To show humour</p> |   |      |
|           | <b>Maximum one mark for:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |   |      |
|           | <p><b>Answer:</b></p> <p><b>B</b> To give extra information (1)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 | 2.18 |

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

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

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| <b>16</b> | Identify the language feature in this quotation from Text 2:<br><br>'Where will it end?' | <b>[1 mark]</b> |      |
|           | <b>Maximum one mark for:</b><br><br>• rhetorical question. (1)                           | 1               | 2.12 |

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| <b>17</b> | The writer uses the phrase, 'primary concern'.<br><br>What does the word 'concern' mean?<br><br>You may use a dictionary to help you answer this question | <b>[1 mark]</b> |      |
|           | <b>Maximum one mark for:</b><br><br>• issue (1)<br>• problem. (1)                                                                                         | 1               | 2.13 |

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

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| 19 | Look at this quotation from Text 2. State whether it is an example of <b>persuasive</b> or <b>descriptive</b> language. |                           |   | [1 mark] |
|    | Maximum one mark for:                                                                                                   |                           | 1 | 2.16     |
|    | Quotation                                                                                                               | Persuasive or Descriptive |   |          |
|    | I beg the council to change this plan.                                                                                  | Persuasive                |   |          |

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| 20 | Which <b>one</b> of these statements applies to <b>both</b> texts?        |              |   | [1 mark] |
|    | Maximum one mark for:                                                     |              | 1 | 2.10     |
|    | Statement                                                                 | Tick one (✓) |   |          |
|    | The electric vehicle charging spaces will replace regular parking spaces. | ✓            |   |          |
|    | Electric vehicle ownership is increasing.                                 |              |   |          |

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| <b>21</b> | Both texts mention how local people can give their opinions about the new charging spaces.<br><br>Give <b>one</b> example from <b>each</b> text.<br><br>Example from Text 1:<br><br>Example from Text 2:                                                                                      | <b>[2 marks]</b> |      |
|           | <b>Maximum two marks from:</b><br><br>Text 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>write an email to the local councillor. (1)</li> </ul> Text 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sign the petition created by the writer (1)</li> <li>attend the residents' meeting. (1)</li> </ul> | 2                | 2.10 |

**[Total: 30 marks]**