

Edexcel Functional Skills English Level 1 Writing Practice Paper 3

Sample Answer

Task 1 (21 marks)**Task 1****Information**

Many people have a favourite place where they buy takeaway food – sandwiches, pizza, fish and chips, curry, stir fry or something else.

Write a review of your favourite place to buy takeaway food.

Writing Task

Write a review for your community website of your favourite place to buy takeaway food.

In your review, you should:

- say where the place is and how often you use it
- describe the food, staff and service
- explain why you like this place.

You should aim to write about 200 to 250 words.

(21 marks)

The Best Pizza in the World!

The pizza from Michaelangelo Bistro is a work of art. They always come piping hot out and topped with fresh ingredients. The owner told me that his tomatoes are imported straight from Italy, and not just from the supermarket like most! The staff are always smiling, and I have become close with the owner because I visit at least three times a week.

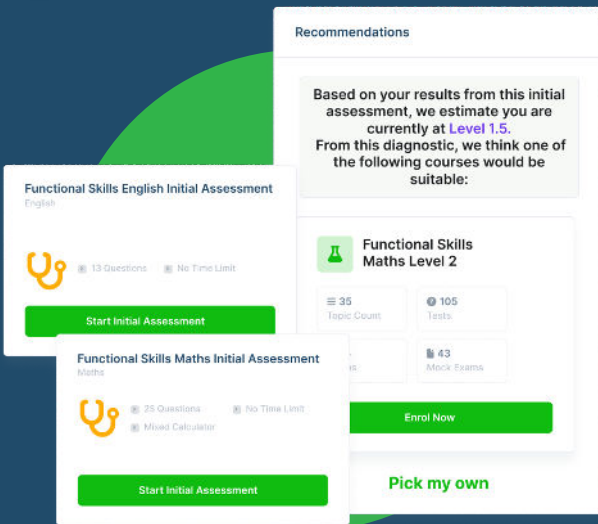
Michelangelo Bistro also offers a lunchtime special (from 12-1): £6 for an extra large pizza. The same pizza costs £14 if you order it normally! They don't have a usual menu, but provide a list of pizza toppings that you can choose. This means that every time you visit, you can eat something different. I usually choose ham and olives if I go for a light lunch, but make it spicier in the evenings. Even if you order only one ingredient, or if you order fifteen, the pizza will still be made extremely quickly in their pizza oven, and for the same price.

The restaurant is opposite the dentist on Matthew Street, so a perfect location if you live in the city. When you go inside the restaurant there are authentic pictures of beautiful Italian scenes on every wall and relaxing music playing at all times. I would recommend this place to anyone.

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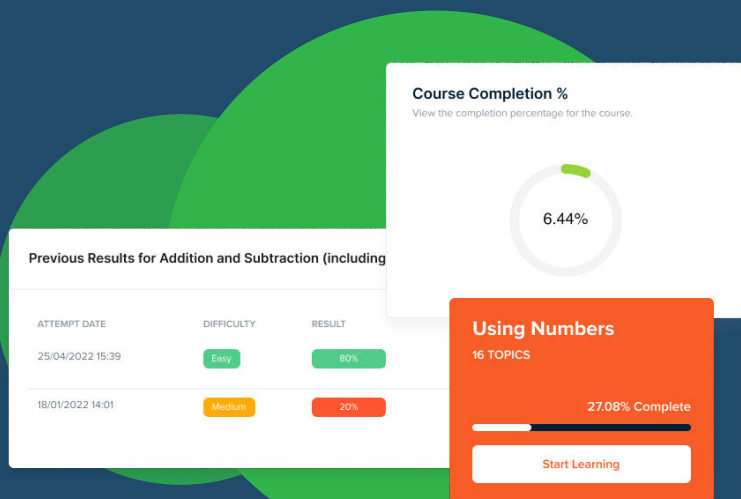
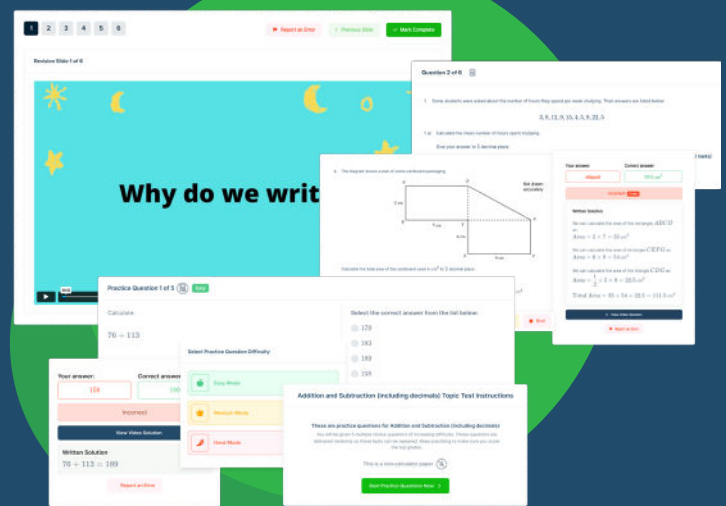


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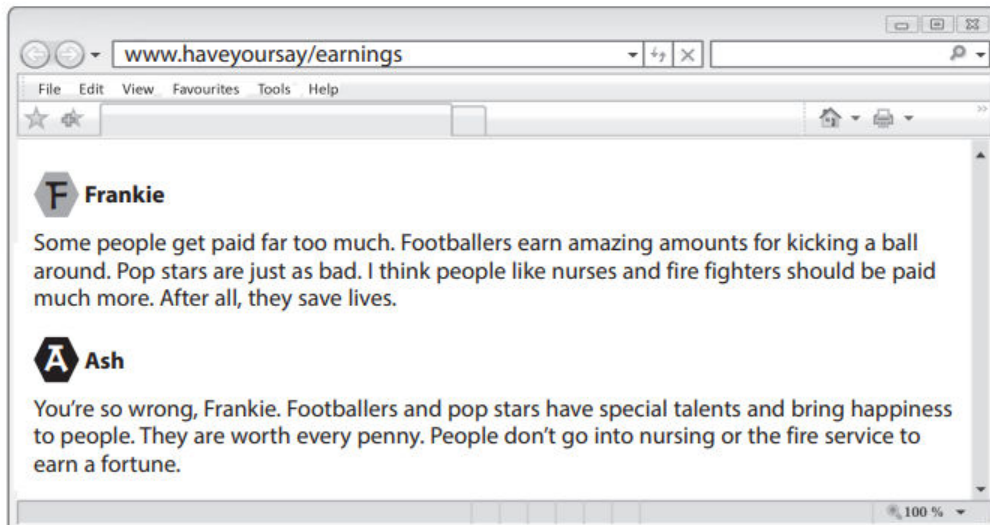


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Examiner comments:

- This answer tells the story of the writer's favourite takeaway and describes all three points in detail, so communicates information and opinions well
- The task requires an informal style, which the writer follows (contractions, only writing about opinions).
- Even though it is an informal style, the text is still written in full sentences with correct punctuation and grammar

Task 2 (15 marks)**Task 2****Information****Writing Task**

Write a contribution to the web forum explaining who deserves to earn a lot of money.

In your contribution, you should:

- say who you think deserves to earn a lot of money
- give detailed reasons for your views.

You should aim to write about 150 to 200 words.

(15 marks)

Even though footballers and nurses both have talents and one is better for the health of society, it is still much harder to become a professional athlete. It is also common for athletes to retire when they are in their thirties, which means that they have a much shorter career than a nurse or a doctor, who can do their job for their whole lives.

Money is also not the most important thing in life. Like Ash says, people who want to help others, such as doctors and firefighters, don't choose these jobs for the money, but because they want to keep people safe. I think that it would be better if footballers were paid a little less and nurses were paid a little more. Today, footballers get more money than they can spend. They would still be rewarded for their talents if we changed this, but it would also mean that selfless people would be rewarded for their contributions to society. This would mean that nurses and doctors wouldn't only be able to help people and give their families a better life.

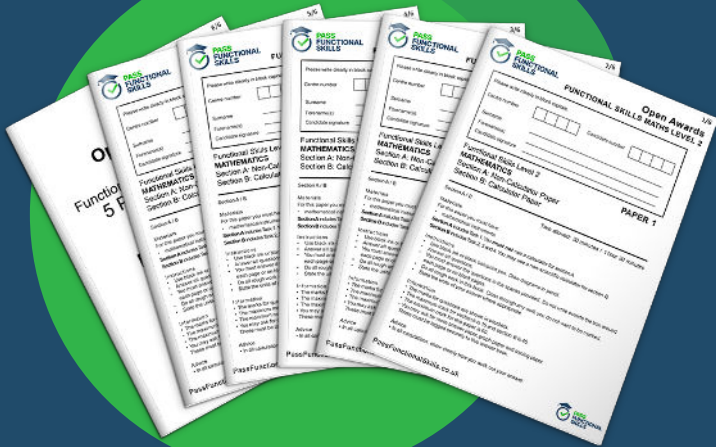
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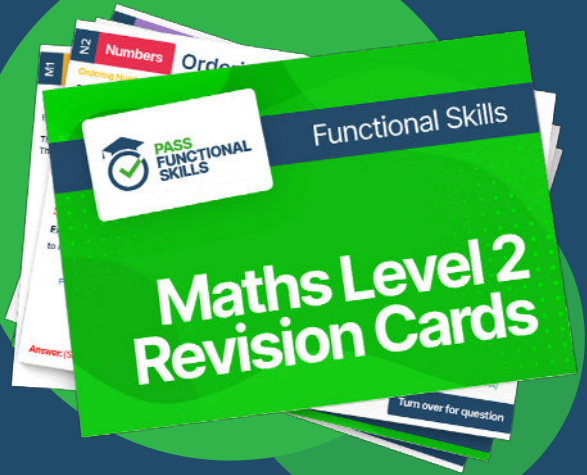
- The writer comments on both Frankie and Ash's opinions, but also offers their own perspective
- The explanation of their opinion also goes into detail and explains why they think this way
- A range of sentences are used including complex sentences with consistent accuracy.



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