

**NCFE Functional Skills English Level 1 Writing December 2019****Sample Answers****Activity 1: Write a review**

This activity has a possible **20 marks** available.

Answer the question in the space provided.

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You decide to enter a competition to win free cinema tickets for a year. To have a chance of winning, you must write a review describing your favourite film and explaining why you should win the tickets.

You could:

- give the details of your favourite film
- explain why it is your favourite film
- say why you should win the tickets.

Your review should be between 150–250 words.

[20 marks]

**A Review of *The Lion King***

My favourite film is *The Lion King*. I do not remember how old I was when I first watched this film because I was so young. Since then, I have watched it hundreds of times. This can only happen with films that are very interesting.

**The Story**

The film begins with a lion, who is the king of a large area in Africa. He tells his son, Simba, that one day he will be king and have the same job as his father. Before this happens, the king's evil brother tries to kill them so that he will become the king. He kills the father, but Simba escapes. Later, Simba returns as an adult to become king himself.

**What makes *The Lion King* so good?**

This film is a classic story that is interesting for children and adults. Usually the best films are ones that are not too violent and can be understood and enjoyed by a whole family and this is exactly what *The Lion King* is.

**Why I should win the tickets**

- I am passionate about films.
- I have seen *The Lion King* many times now and would like to find my new favourite

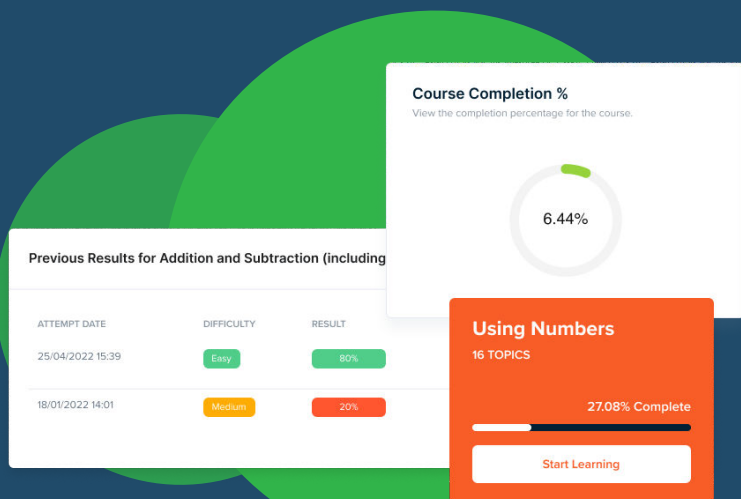
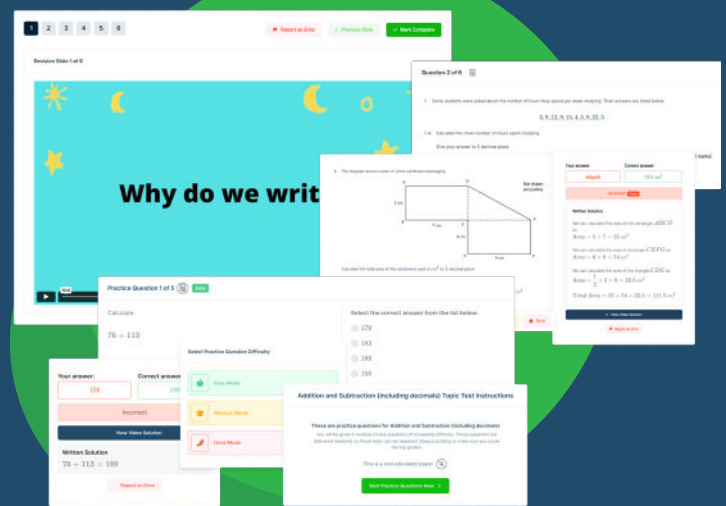


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film.

- Now that I am older, I want to find a new film that me and my children can both fall in love with.

**\*Highlighted text** is for important information from the mark scheme

**Examiner comments:**

- The writer uses emotion effectively to explain why this film is their favourite
- The writer uses adverbs of time to tell the plot of the film concisely without giving too much information
- Use of subheadings and bullet points give effective structure to the review

## Activity 2: Write an email

This activity has a possible **20 marks** available.

Answer the question in the space provided.

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There are some empty fields that your council would like to improve for the community. They are thinking about creating a wildlife area with paths for walkers and bikes.

Email the council at [yourcouncil@biz.net](mailto:yourcouncil@biz.net) with your ideas.

You could:

- give the advantages and disadvantages of this idea
- explain if you think it is a good idea and why
- suggest any ideas of your own.

[20 marks]

To: [yourcouncil@biz.net](mailto:yourcouncil@biz.net)

From: [william.mcgovern@biz.net](mailto:william.mcgovern@biz.net)

Subject: Changes to the empty fields

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you today about the empty fields and the plan to make these into a place for wildlife and walkers. I think that it is a great idea, but there are some problems with this.

First of all, the wildlife area sounds beautiful. There are not many places to walk around our village. I think that there could be some problems with the wildlife and people walking their dogs, though. Even if the animals were protected, there is always the chance that they could be scared by dogs during the day or eaten by foxes at night-time.

A few years ago, some new apartments were built on the old cricket pitch. I would like these fields to be made into a new pitch. When there are no games being played, people will be able to walk across the pitch and those on bikes can use the paths. This would be a great opportunity to organise some cricket teams for children and adults. If the empty field was only made into a wildlife area, this wouldn't bring the community together like a good game of cricket.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,  
William

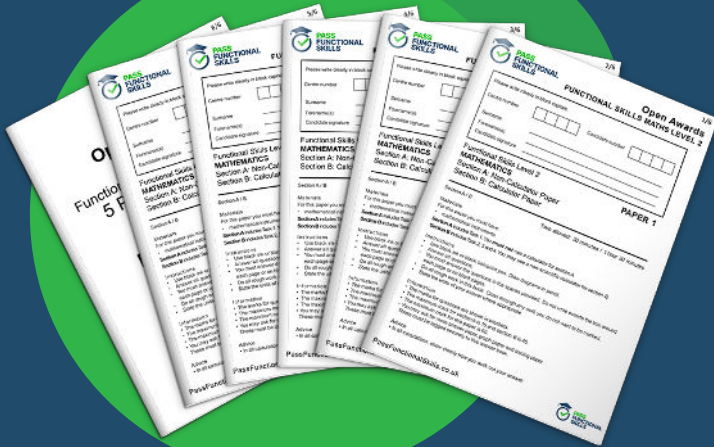
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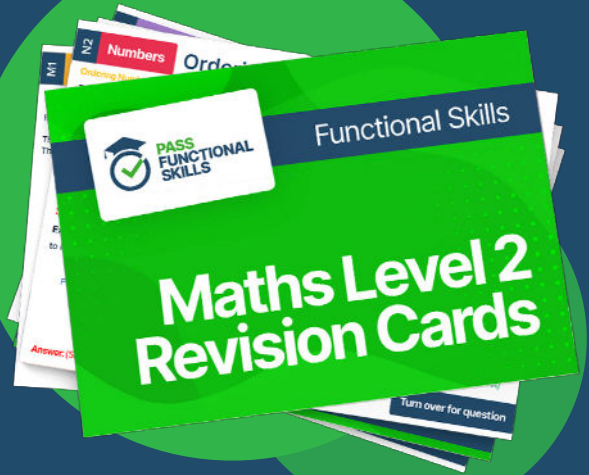
- The email has a formal tone and good structure
- An opinion is given and effectively justified without saying that the proposal was a bad idea
- Correct formatting for an email, including sender and recipient address



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