



# FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH

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Level 2

## Reading: Point of View and Line of Argument


### Instructions

- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer questions on separate paper if required.

### Information and Advice

- The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide on how long to spend on each question.
- Read each question carefully before you answer it.
- Check your answers.

Source A:



## Forum on tech issues

### ELECTRIC VS PETROL CARS

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**PETROLHEAD86**

I disagree with this horribly negative portrayal of petrol cars. First of all, electric cars take a ridiculously long time to charge. Not everyone has a few hours spare to be able to charge their cars, some of us have to work! Speaking of time, I would have to take on a massive amount of overtime to even afford one of these cars. With this combination of the time taken out of my day to charge one, and the money taken out of my pocket to pay for one, I simply don't see the point! Especially when petrol cars take a few minutes to fill up!

**EARTHLOVER42**

The environment is clearly suffering, and human beings are completely to blame. Many activists blame the rise on consumption of meat, but it's undeniable that humanity's reliance on fossil fuels is the true driver behind the global temperature increase. I think that anything we can do to reduce our emissions on a personal level, no matter the cost, should be considered as a serious option. I understand that people have an emotional connection to petrol cars, they are what we all learned in and they often hold sentimental value in lives. However, a drastic situation requires drastic action.

**RACHEL PINK**

This is a tricky one for me. On the one hand, the arguments on the environmentalist side are accurate. It cannot be denied that global emissions have risen by 56% in the last 5 years alone, and more should be done. However, it is true that electric cars simply are not attainable for a large proportion of UK car users. The average worker in the UK would have to save for 20 years to get an electric car, and for most people there are other things they need to prioritise spending their money on. The cost of living crisis means that everyone is feeling the pinch, and not everyone can loosen their purse strings as much as others.



Turn over ►

**Q1** Is PETROLHEAD86's point of view **implicit** or **explicit**? **[1 mark]**

**Q2** Identify **one** feature of EARTHLOVER42's contribution that indicates that it is written from an **implicit** point of view? **[1 mark]**

**Q3** Which are **two** key points from the PETROLHEAD86's line of argument?

- a) Electric cars take too long to charge
- b) Electric cars are too expensive
- c) Petrol cars take too long to fill up
- d) They see the value in spending money on a car

**[2 marks]**

**Q4** What is the **main** line of argument in EARTHLOVER42's contribution? **[1 mark]**

**Q5** Which user's contribution uses **statistics** to support their line of argument? **[1 mark]**

**Q6** Give **one** difference between an implicit and an explicit point of view. **[1 mark]**

**Q7** The **point of view** in RACHEL PINK's contribution could be best described as which of the following? **[1 mark]**

- a) Neutral
- b) Biased
- c) Angry