



NCFE Entry Level 3 Functional Skills Qualification in English (603/5052/0)

Entry Level 3 Functional Skills Qualification in English: Reading

Paper number: 18R

Time allowed: 40 minutes

Assessor instructions:

- Read out the instructions and information below to learners.

Learner instructions:

- Use black or blue ink.
- Read **each** question carefully.
- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.
- All of the work you submit **must** be your own.

Learner information:

- The marks available for each question are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is **16**.
- You will need to use a dictionary.

To be completed by the assessor	Mark
Section 1	
Section 2	
TOTAL MARK	

Please complete the details below clearly and in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Learner name _____

Centre name _____

Learner number

Centre number

Do not turn over until the Assessor tells you to do so.

Section 1: Reading Composition

This section has a possible **8** marks.

You should spend **20** minutes on this section.

You read this blog

Annie

Hello, I moved a month ago. I love it here but miss my old friends as I'm 400 miles away. Help! How can I keep in touch with them? Any ideas? We also promised we'd meet up at least once a year. I don't want it all to fizzle out. I'd appreciate any advice.



Oz

Use a group chat app on your device. There are lots of excellent free apps you can use but make sure everybody uses the same one! My particular favourite is "Whistle". You get two hours of free chat and I find it's better than most of the competition.



Zac

I don't like "Whistle", it's full of ads. Best thing is to have a regular group call. But how frequently?



Oz

The trouble is, who'll remember to set up the "special occasion" calls? And once you miss one, it can be difficult to get back in the groove.



Ali

I'm certain it'll be tough to keep in touch. You'll probably drift away as you make new friends, especially if you find new interests. It's better to treasure what you had and cut your losses before people get hurt.



Annie

Ali, you're so full of doubt, doom and gloom! I suppose there's no guarantee but I hope the friendship is strong enough to keep things going.



Zac

An annual reunion can be a great way to keep friendships going. At least you'll all have plenty to talk about!



Annie

Thanks, everyone. Right now, my friends and I are all determined to keep in touch. I'll look at various group chat apps and perhaps arrange a get-together in the Autumn.



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1 (a) Who thinks Whistle is a good chat app?

[1 mark]

A Ali

B Annie

C Oz

D Zac

Answer _____

1 (b) Zac suggests **two** ways to keep in touch. What are they?

[2 marks]

1 (c) The phrase 'in the groove' is used. What does the word **groove** mean in this context?

[1 mark]

1 (d) Name **one** organisational feature that has been used in the forum.

[1 mark]

1 (e) Ali uses the word **treasure**. What does the word **treasure** mean?

You may use a dictionary.

[1 mark]

1 (f) Why has Annie posted to this forum?

[1 mark]

1 (g) How can another person post a comment on the forum?

[1 mark]

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Section 2: Reading Composition

This section has a possible **8** marks.

You should spend **20** minutes on this section.

You read this letter

16 Mallow Way
Cobton
CX1 1ZZ
Phone: 0400 670 4454
Email: jos@zmail.coz
4th March

Dear Su

I can't believe I've tracked you down! Is it really eight years since we spoke or saw one another? How is that possible? I was going through stuff in my attic and came across a box full of old school things. Amongst my old school reports, I found our old class photo from year 13. I'm still in touch with Sam on the odd occasion but lost contact with the others. I can still name everyone on that picture though!

How's life treating you? I heard you achieved some amazing qualifications. Did you land your dream job in medicine?

Three years ago, I set up and taught an exercise class in the local community. It was well received. It became so popular that I was able to develop it into an online business. I sell complete fitness and weight control courses via daily emails. It's early days but I may soon take a career break to build it up!

I can't even remember the last time we talked. Was it before you left to go to college in Wareford? I criticise myself so much for letting things slide, but I had quite a rough time after we left school. Do you fancy meeting up? How's your calendar looking? I'm busy until the 20th but after that I ought to be able to fit in with you.

Please get in touch! I can't wait to hear from you.

Love

Jos



2 (a) The **main** purpose of this letter is to: [1 mark]

- A persuade Su to contact Jos
- B describe how Jos found the photo
- C inform Su what Jos is doing
- D instruct Su to get fit

Answer _____

2 (b) The word **rough** is used in the fourth paragraph. What does the word **rough** mean?

You may use a dictionary.

[1 mark]

2 (c) Give **one** way to contact Jos.

[1 mark]

2 (d) What would Jos like to happen next?

[1 mark]

2 (e) Who went to college?

[1 mark]

2 (f) What does Jos offer online?

[1 mark]

2 (g) Name **two** things that Jos found in her attic.

[2 marks]

This is the end of the internal assessment.

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