Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills

Centre Number   Candidate Number

Past Paper 4

Time: 75 minutes   Paper Reference **PENR2/S04**

English
Component 2: Reading
Level 2

Use the Text Booklet provided.
You may use a dictionary.

Total Marks

My signature confirms that I will not discuss the content of the exam with anyone.

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Sign the declaration.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  – *there may be more space than you need*.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is **35** marks.
- There is a total of 15 questions:
  – Questions 1 to 4 are based on Text A
  – Questions 5 to 8 are based on Text B
  – Questions 9 to 11 are based on Text C
  – Questions 12 to 15 are based on more than one text.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
- This paper assesses your reading skills, not your writing skills.
- You do not need to write in sentences.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Turn over ▶

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

SECTION A

Read Text A and answer Questions 1 to 4.

1 Your friend wants to know what people have been renting for many years.

Using Text A, identify **two** things people have been renting for many years.

1 ......Houses..

.... **(1)**

2 ......Flats...

.... **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 = 2 marks)

Answer Question 2 with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

2 Which word best describes the style of Text A?

☒ **A** humorous

☒ **B** impartial

☒ **C** irritated

☒ **D** enthusiastic

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

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Answer Question 3 with a cross in two boxes ⊠. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ⊠ and then mark your new answer with a cross ⊠.

3 Which **two** of these quotations from Text A are examples of informal language?

☒ **A** 'been popular to rent'

☒ **B** 'used as a one-off'

☒ **C** 'a very sensible option'

☒ **D** 'just making dosh'

☒ **E** 'costs that are much lower'

(Total for Question 3 = 2 marks)

4 You have been asked to add subheadings to each paragraph in Text A.

Number each subheading from 1 to 5 to show which best matches each paragraph.

Two have been done for you.

Subheading	Paragraph number
Benefits of renting	5
Traditional renting	1
The Library of Things	4
Renting websites	3
The growth of renting	2

(Total for Question 4 = 2 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 7 MARKS

Read Text B and answer Questions 5 to 8.

5 What does each of these quotations from Text B suggest about the writer's attitude to young people?

'fashion conscious' ....The writer thinks that young people are aware of the latest trends....

....and want to be stylish.. **(1)**

'environmentally friendly lifestyle' ....Young people want to look after the planet and live....

....in a way that protects the environment.. **(1)**

(Total for Question 5 = 2 marks)

Answer Question 6 with a cross in a box ⊠. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ⊠ and then mark your new answer with a cross ⊠.

6 Text B includes both facts and opinions.

Which **one** of these statements is an opinion?

⊠ **A** Owning films and music is unnecessary.

☒ **B** The sharing economy is growing quickly.

☒ **C** Owners can make money from renting.

☒ **D** Items can be rented using websites.

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)

7 (a) According to the writer of Text B, what percentage of younger people prefer experiences to things?

....75%.. **(1)**

(b) Which organisational feature in Text B shows this?

....Bullet points.. **(1)**

(Total for Question 7 = 2 marks)

8 (a) Using Text B, identify **two** reasons why people like to rent clothes and accessories.

1 Renting clothes can help you to 'dodge a hefty price tag'.

....**(1)**

2 Renting allows people to access 'top-notch jewellery' and 'designer handbags'.

....**(1)**

(b) Using Text B, identify **two** benefits of the sharing economy to dog owners.

1 It 'can save them money' because the dogs don't need to go into kennels.

....**(1)**

2 Their dogs can 'enjoy more regular walks'.

....**(1)**

(Total for Question 8 = 4 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 9 MARKS

SECTION C

Read Text C and answer Questions 9 to 11.

9 Using Text C, give **two** quotations that suggest sports equipment can be hard to afford.

1 .... 'expensive sports equipment'

(1)

2 .... 'some of the necessary gear is particularly costly'

(1)

(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)

10 Using Text C, identify **two** language features used to advise the reader on renting.

Give an example to support each answer.

Language feature ..... Rhetorical question

(1)

Example ..... 'Why store mountains of unwanted items?'

(1)

Language feature ..... Commands

(1)

Example ..... 'Rent it, don't buy it'

(1)

(Total for Question 10 = 4 marks)

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Answer Question 11 with a cross in a box ⊠. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ⊠ and then mark your new answer with a cross ⊠.

11 Which **one** of these quotations from Text C shows that the writer has a positive view of renting toys?

☒ **A** 'paying a small fee'

☒ **B** 'easy to access online services'

☒ **C** 'to try new pursuits'

☒ **D** 'exciting new playthings'

(Total for Question 11 = 1 mark)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 7 MARKS

SECTION D

Questions 12 to 15 are based on more than one text.

12 You may use a dictionary to answer this question.

(a) 'precious space for permanent storage'

Give **one** word or phrase to replace 'precious' that keeps the meaning of this quotation from Text A the same.

treasured .... **(1)**

(b) 'can prove prohibitive'

Give **one** word or phrase to replace 'prohibitive' that keeps the meaning of this quotation from Text C the same.

too expensive .... **(1)**

(Total for Question 12 = 2 marks)

13 Compare similar ideas from Text A **and** Text C about the advantages of renting.

In your answer you should:

- give **two** similarities from these texts about the advantages of renting

  (2)

- give **one** quotation from Text A and **one** quotation from Text C to support **each** similarity.

  (4)

Both texts argue that renting is cost-effective and helps people to save money. Text A says that renters have 'costs that are much lower' and Text C similarly says 'renting saves me money'.

Both texts also argue that renting is good for the environment. Text A says that renting 'can be more environmentally friendly than buying, and Text C says that renting 'helps the planet'.

(Total for Question 13 = 6 marks)

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Answer Question 14 with a cross in a box ⊠. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ⊠ and then mark your new answer with a cross ⊠.

14 Which **one** of these statements about the language used in Text A and Text B is correct?

☒ **A** Both use questions to help you decide.

☒ **B** Both use first person to offer opinions.

☒ **C** Both use rule of three to convey detail.

☒ **D** Both use numbers to provide evidence.

(Total for Question 14 = 1 mark)

15 You are doing a project on renting.

Identify **one** piece of evidence from **each** of the three texts which shows that renting is popular with young people.

Text A   'very popular, particularly with the younger generation'
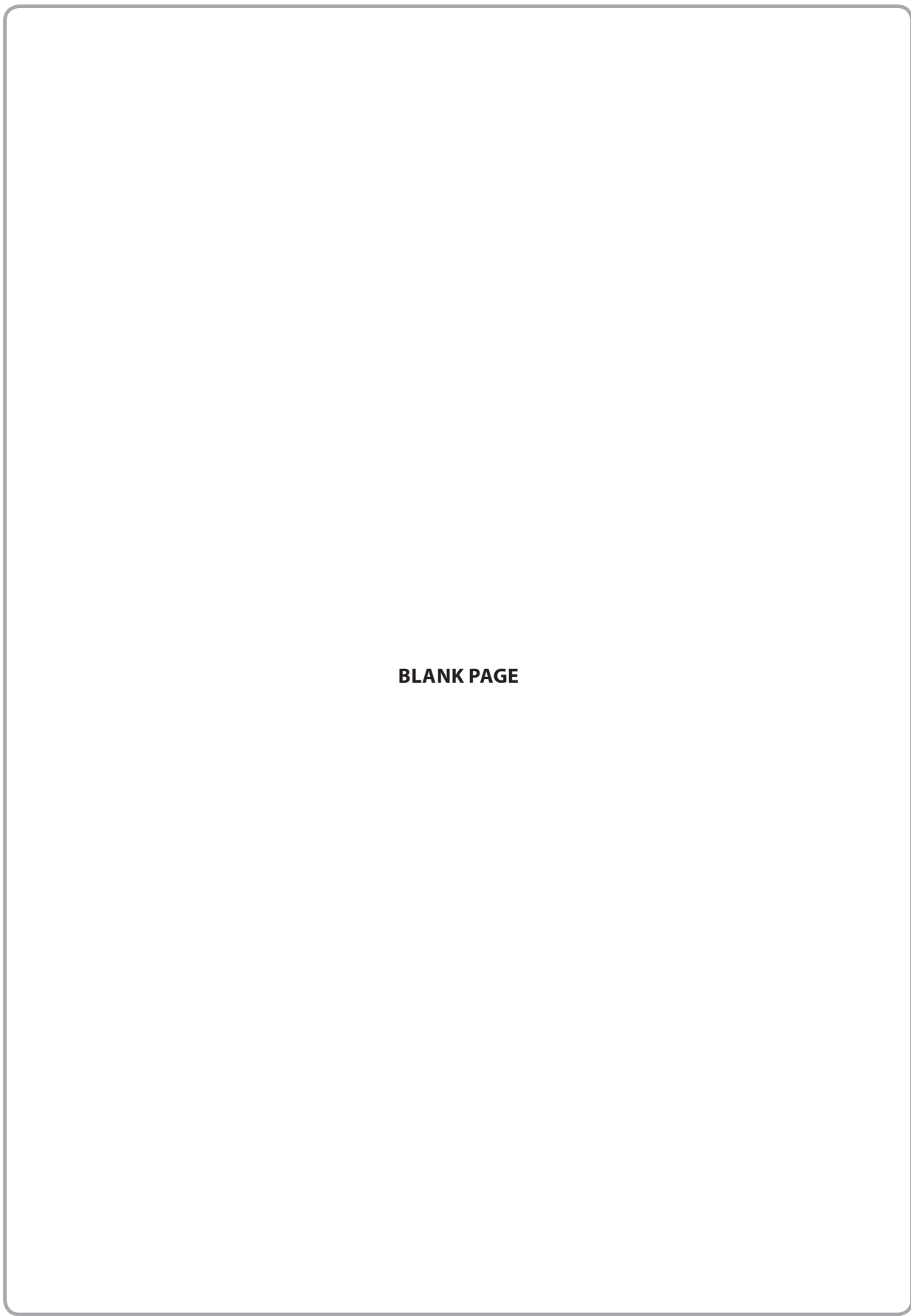
Text B   'Many young people think that having access to items is much more

important than owning them'

Text C   'loads of 16 to 25-year-olds are discovering the benefits of renting'

(Total for Question 15 = 3 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION D = 12 MARKS

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 35 MARKS

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