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Functional Skills Level 1 ENGLISH (8720)

Component 1 Reading

Time allowed: 1 hour

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- **Sources A, B and C** which are provided as a loose insert inside this paper.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this answer book.
- Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must refer to the insert booklet provided.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 26.
- You may use a dictionary.
- There is one insert inside this question paper. **Sources A, B and C** are printed on the insert.

Advice

- You are advised to check your work carefully.

| For Examiner's Use | |
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| Question | Mark |
| 1 - 11 | |
| 12 - 17 | |
| TOTAL | |

Section ARead **Source A** and answer **Questions 1 to 6**

- 1** Using the information in **Source A**, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement about travel agents is **true** or **false**.

| | True | False |
|--|------|-------|
| They all work in call centres from 9am – 5pm | | |
| They may have to work on Saturdays | | |
| They can earn up to £30,000 | | |
| They have to be able to speak another language | | |

[2 marks]

- 2** You are advised to use a dictionary for this question

Source A states, 'You don't need any specific qualifications to become a travel agent'.

The word 'specific' means

- A** General
- B** High-level
- C** Particular
- D** Technical

Answer

[1 mark]

- 3** **Source A** contains text and a picture.

What **extra** information does the picture suggest?

- A** Travel agents can only be women
- B** Travel agents have a friendly manner
- C** Travel agents might need to use a computer
- D** Travel agents work regular hours

Answer

[1 mark]

- 4 Using the information in **Source A**, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement about the duties of a travel agent is **true** or **false**.

| | True | False |
|---|------|-------|
| Travel agents arrange flights | | |
| Travel agents advise on visas | | |
| Travel agents send out passports to clients | | |
| Travel agents deal with complaints | | |

[2 marks]

- 5 You are advised to use a dictionary for this question

Source A states, 'Some of these qualifications will boost your CV'.

The word 'boost' means

- A Be included in
- B Complicate
- C Enhance
- D Simplify

Answer

[1 mark]

- 6 The writing in **Source A**

- A explains
- B instructs
- C persuades

Answer

[1 mark]

Read **Source B** and answer **Questions 7 to 9**

- 7** In **Source B**, identify one positive thing and one negative thing about being a travel agent.

Positive thing _____

Negative thing _____

[2 marks]

- 8** Gemma Antrobus is the senior travel agent.

What does the word 'senior' tell us about Gemma?

- A** She enjoys being a travel agent
- B** She has the most experience in the team
- C** She is ten years older than her colleagues
- D** She works longer hours than her colleagues

Answer

[1 mark]

- 9** In **Source B**, Gemma Antrobus says, "But even the bad days can be good fun!"

What is the purpose of the exclamation mark in this sentence?

- A** To show that it is the end of the interview
- B** To show that she is answering a question
- C** To show that she is telling the truth
- D** To show that what she says is surprising

Answer

[1 mark]

Questions 10 and 11 refer to Source A and Source B

10 Identify two similarities between **Source A** and **Source B**.

You might want to look at:

- the format of the texts
- the language used
- the kind of information, ideas and opinions given in the texts.

Similarity 1 _____

Similarity 2 _____

[2 marks]

11 Identify two differences between **Source A** and **Source B**.

You might want to look at:

- the format of the texts
- the language used
- the kind of information, ideas and opinions given in the texts.

Difference 1 _____

Difference 2 _____

[2 marks]

Section BRead **Source C** and answer **Questions 12 to 17**

12 Look at the language and structure used in **Source C**.

The main purpose of **Source C** is to:

- A** advise schools about the costs of trips to Blackgang Chine
- B** inform children about the number of visitors to Blackgang Chine
- C** persuade people to visit Blackgang Chine.

Answer

[1 mark]

13 You are advised to use a dictionary for this question

Source C states, 'Overlooking the stunning south coast of the Isle of Wight'.

The word 'stunning' means

- A** Beautiful
- B** Exciting
- C** Shocking
- D** Warm

Answer

[1 mark]

14 What does 'Last admission to the park is one hour before stated closing time' mean?

- A** You cannot come into the park earlier than one hour before it closes.
- B** You cannot come into the park later than one hour before it closes.
- C** You have to come to the park one hour before it closes.
- D** You have to leave the park one hour before it closes.

Answer

[1 mark]

- 15** Using the information in **Source C**, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

| | True | False |
|--|------|-------|
| Blackgang Chine is an imaginary place | | |
| Café facilities never change | | |
| Only local schools visit Blackgang Chine | | |
| You may be able to return on the same ticket | | |

[2 marks]

- 16** Using the information in **Source C**, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is **fact** or **opinion**.

| | Fact | Opinion |
|---|------|---------|
| Blackgang Chine has life-sized moving dinosaurs | | |
| Blackgang Chine offers a wonderful experience | | |
| Disabled toilets are available | | |
| Each year, school parties visit Blackgang Chine | | |

[2 marks]

Turn over for the next question

17 Your local school is planning a day-trip to Blackgang Chine.

Write a note for the Headteacher, giving her the most important information she needs to help her to organise and plan the day-trip.

[3 marks]

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