Functional Skills Mark Scheme



English – Writing

Entry Level 2

Sample Assessment

General Marking Guidance

- Markers should apply the mark scheme consistently across all papers marked.
 Standardisation will take place at the beginning, middle and end of the marking window to ensure this takes place.
- Marks should be applied on the learners' assessment paper along with all associated feedback. It is recommended that marking is carried out using a different coloured pen to that of the learner.
- If a learner has crossed out a response to a question, the work should still be marked unless the learner has replaced it with an alternative answer.
- Markers should mark according to the mark scheme and should apply it positively awarding full marks where the answer meets the mark scheme.
- Where the answers do not meet the mark scheme, markers should be prepared to award zero marks.
- The mark scheme gives guidance as to how to allocate marks where an answer is graded according to learner performance. Where the response does not meet the requirements of the minimum mark, zero marks should be awarded.
- Where the mark scheme allows a mark for 'any (other) valid response', the marker should judge the response's merits based on the information provided in the assessment materials.
- Where the marker is unsure of how to apply the mark scheme, guidance from the team leader must be sought.
- Assessment papers and mark schemes must be kept secure at all times.
- Should any issues or irregular practice arise that may put at risk the security of assessment papers of mark schemes these will be reported to Open Awards <u>immediately</u>.

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Entry 2 – Writing Task 1 (total marks available 10)						
Question Number	Question	Accepted Responses	Mark Allocated	Scope of Study Reference		
1	Write the word with the correct spelling to fit in each sentence.	Disappear	1	SoS16		
2	Write the word with the correct spelling to fit in each sentence.	Young	1	SoS16		
3	Write the word with the correct spelling to fit in each sentence.	Pressure	1	SoS16		
4	Write the word with the correct spelling to fit in each sentence.	Breathe	1	SoS16		
5	Write the word with the correct spelling to fit in each sentence.	Important	1	SoS16		
6	Write the word with the correct spelling to fit in each sentence.	Grammar	1	SoS16		
7	Write the word with the correct spelling to fit in each sentence.	Truly	1	SoS16		
8	Write the word with the correct spelling to fit in each sentence.	Extreme	1	SoS16		
9	Write the word with the correct spelling to fit in each sentence.	Naughty	1	SoS16		
10	Write the word with the correct spelling to fit in each sentence.	Height	1	SoS16		

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Question Number	Question	Accepted Responses	Mark Allocated	Scope of Study Reference
1	Re-order the lists of words below in alphabetical order.	Cake Gauge	1 mark	SoS15
		Guide		
		Read		
		Tart		
		Tree		
2	Re-order the lists of words below in alphabetical order.	Age	1 mark	SoS15
		Arrive		
		Chart		
		Creak		
		Group		
		Page		

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Entry 2 –	Entry 2 – Writing Task 3 (total marks available 2)					
Question Number	Question	Accepted Responses		Scope of Study Reference		
	Give the plural of table & picture	Tables Pictures	2 marks	SoS14		

Question Number	Accepted Responses	Mark Allocated	Scope of Study Reference	
Task 4	 All information completed correctly in the form, i.e. First name and surname Address and postcode Age and date of birth Contact number and/or email address 	4 marks	SoS18	
	One error or omission.	3 marks		
	Two errors or omissions.	2 marks		
	Three errors or omissions.	1 mark		
	More than three errors or omissions.	0 marks		

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Entr	y 2 - Writing Task 5 (Writing task) (total marks available 16)				
SoS	13. Use basic punctuation correctly (e.g. full stops, capital letters, question and exclamation marks)	16. Spell correctly words designated for Entry Level 2	17. Communicate information using words and phrases appropriate to audience and purpose	19. Write in compound sentences, using common conjunctions (e.g. or, and, but) to connect clauses	20. Use adjectives and simple linking words in the appropriate way
Marks available					
4	NA	NA	Includes all relevant information; words and phrases are appropriate for audience and purpose all of the time.	NA	NA
3		All words spelt correctly (including those from designated spelling lists when used)	Includes mostly relevant information with just occasional inconsistencies; words and phrases are mostly appropriate for audience and purpose.	All sentences that require it, and at least two sentences, includes at least one compound sentence and at least one example of a common conjunction such as or, and, but.	Consistently uses adjectives and simple linking words appropriately.

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2	Accurate basic punctuation most of the time, including correct use of capital letters at the beginning of sentences, for proper nouns and for personal pronoun 'I', full stops or question marks/exclamation marks at the end of the sentence.	Most words spelt correctly (including those from designated spelling lists when used)	Includes some relevant information with just occasional inconsistencies; words and phrases are sometimes appropriate for audience and purpose.	Most sentences that require it, and at least one sentence, includes at least one compound sentence and at least one example of a common conjunction such as or, and, but.	Uses some adjectives and simple linking words appropriately.
1	Accurate basic punctuation some of the time. Some errors in using capital letters at the beginning of sentences, for proper nouns and for personal pronoun 'I', full stops or question marks/exclamation marks at the end of the sentence.	Some words spelt correctly (including those from designated spelling lists when used)	Includes limited information with some inconsistencies; words and phrases show a little awareness of audience and purpose.	All sentences show either a compound sentence or an example of a common conjunctions such as or, and, but.	Limited use of appropriate adjectives and simple linking words.
0	Limited or no use of basic punctuation including capital letters	Limited or no words spelt correctly (including those from	Information is irrelevant or does not make sense; words and phrases show	No evidence of compound sentences or common conjunctions.	Makes no use of appropriate adjectives or simple linking

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	designated spelling lists when used)	no awareness of audience and purpose.	words.
nouns and for personal pronoun 'I', full stops or	,		
question marks at the end of the			
sentence. Frequent inconsistent errors.			

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