LEVEL 1 FUNCTIONAL SKILLS QUALIFICATION IN ENGLISH: READING

MARK SCHEME (RFSRL1SAM01)

Q	Response	Marks	Scope of Study Reference
T1	Is the idea of a cat café new? How do you know?		11a
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	Candidate has	1	
	 understood that the idea of a cat café is not new 	1	
	 indicated 'no' 	(max 1)	
	Candidate has given an explanation eg	· /	
	 they started in 1998 / a long time ago (in Taiwan) 	1	
	 they spread to Japan first then to the UK 	1	
	NB: Accept any other valid responses based on information from the text.	(max 1)	
2	Identify one layout feature that makes the text easier for the reader to		14
	understand. Use this feature to find two pieces of information about cat cafés.		
	Candidate has identified a valid feature eg		
	bullet points/bullet-pointed list		
	bold type	1	
	images/photos	1	
	heading	1	
	sub-headings	1	
	under lining	1	
	Candidate has used the feature they identified to find information about cat		
	cafes eg	(max 1)	
	rules to follow (bullet points)		
	 do not pick up the cats (bullet points) 	1	
	 do not pull on their tails or whiskers (bullet points) 	1	
	do not disturb a sleeping cat (bullet points)	1	
	do not scare or chase the cats (bullet points)	1	
	rules to follow (images)	1	
	do not feed the cats (images)	1	
	 do not take photographs (images) that it is achieved to back in a dramas (held type) 	1	
	 that it is advisable to book in advance (bold type) rules to follow (bold type) 	1	
	rules to follow (bold type)background to cat cafes (bold type)	1	
	 background to cat cafes (bold type) that cats like the Cat Café (images) 	1	
	 that the advert is about Fluffy (heading) 	1	
	 that fluffy is a cat café (heading) 	1	
	 that this is a really good café (heading) 	1	
	 what the mission of this cat café is (sub-headings) 	1	
	 what the opening times are (sub-headings) 	1	
	 what the rules are (sub-headings) 	1	
	 the background to cat cafés (sub-headings) 		
	 that the café emphasises that it is the best cat café in the UK (underlining) 	1	
	that it is best to book in advance (underlining)	1	
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	NB: Accept any other valid responses based on information from the text.	(max 2)	

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3	Identify two phrases used in Text 1 to persuade people to come to the café.		16
	Candidate has identified phrases associated with persuasion eg		
	the best cat café in the UK	1	
	 why not give Fluffy a try 	1	
	to make people feel better	1	
	cats are very soothing		
		(max 2)	
	NB Accept any other valid responses based on information from the text.	(,	
4	Why does the writer use the unusual spelling of 'purrfect' in the first paragraph?		13
	Candidate has used an appropriate strategy to explain the spelling of the word		
	eg		
	• It is the combination of the word purr, the noise made by a happy cat, and		
	the word perfect		
	• the writer wanted to make a pun on the sound cats make (purr) and the fact	1	
	that the café is really good (perfect).	1	
		(max 1)	
	NB Accept any other valid responses based on information from the text.	(max I)	
5	Identify two benefits of cat cafés for people who go there.		9
	Candidate has identified and understood details in the text eg		-
	 cat cafés make them feel better 		
	 they are very soothing for those who work in front of computer screens 	1	
	 they enable people who can't keep cats to spend time with them. 	1	
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	NB Accept any other valid responses based on information from the text.	(max 2)	
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	What do the two improve		
	What do the two images and mean, as used in Text	1	
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	Candidate has inferred meaning from images correctly ie	1	
	Do not feed (the cats)	(max 2)	
	Do not use (flash) photography / do not take photographs.		
T2	Identify one fact and one opinion from Text 2.		11b
7	Candidate has identified a fact eg		
	 around three million cats need re-homing 		
	 a number of cat cafés have been closed down 	1	
	 in cat cafés, cats find a permanent home. 		
	Candidate has identified an opinion eg	(max 1)	
	cat cafés are unsuitable for cats		
	 we should aim at making them [cat cafés] better 		
	 cats show off their personalities (in cat cafés). 		
		(max 1)	
	NB Accept any other valid responses based on information from the text.		
8	Why are some animal welfare societies against cat cafés?	+	11a
	Candidate has identified why some animal welfare societies are against cat		
	cafés eg		
		1	
	 cats are made to live in conditions which are not natural for them 	1	
	 they are stressful for cats/they are stroked and handled by different 	1	
	people/they can become aggressive		
	they are dangerous for cats/can lead to disease	1	
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	 cats can be treated badly/not looked after. 	(max 2)	
	NB Accept any other valid responses based on information from the text.		
9	Give two reasons why some cat cafés have been closed down.		9
	Candidate has identified that cat cafés have been closed down because of		
	poor hygiene	1	
	ill-treatment	1	
		(max 2)	
10	According to Text 2, what should the government do?		9
	Candidate has identified and understood that the government should		
	 introduce legislation 	1	
	 regulate the cat cafés 	1	
	 encourage pet owners to neuter their cats. 	1 (max 2)	
11	Explain the meaning of the following words, as used in Text 2:	(max 2)	17
	 're-homing' in paragraph 1 		
	 'unrelated' in paragraph 2 		
	'breeding' in paragraph 5.		
	The candidate has understood a range of specialist words in context ie that		
	 re-homing means finding another/a new home 	1	
	 unrelated means not from the same family 	1	
	 breeding means having kittens/reproducing. 	1	
	ND Accept any other valid responses here all as information from the tast	(max 3)	
Т3	NB Accept any other valid responses based on information from the text. Compare what Farhat and Martin thought of the food at the cat cafés they		10
12	visited.		10
	Candidate has briefly described what Farhat and / or Martin thought of the food		
	but has not compared them.	1	
	Candidate has described and compared what Farhat and Martin thought of the	2	
	food.		
	Indicative content		
	Candidate has compared information and opinions. Candidate might include		
	consideration of Farhat thought the food at Fluffy café was tasty and fresh		
	whereas Martin thought the food at Little Kitty Café was awful.		
10	What punctuation do the contributors to the forum use to emphasize how they	(max 2)	18
13	What punctuation do the contributors to the forum use to emphasise how they feel about cat cafés?		10
	Candidate has used knowledge of how punctuation is used to aid		
	understanding by identifying that exclamation marks were used for emphasis.		
		(max 1)	
14	Identify three ways Helen uses language to show her dissatisfaction with the		12
	café she went to.		
	Candidate has identified ways Helen uses language to suit purpose of		
	expressing dissatisfaction eg	1	
	 negative statements/words ("is a waste of time and money"/ "miserable" / 		
	unwelcoming")		

	 repetition ("was disappointed, really, really disappointed") addresses reader directly / uses direct address / uses imperative ("Go elsewhere" / "Don't go there") exaggeration / emphatic words ("terribly" / "really" / "considerably") 	1 1 1	
	NB Accept description of language used or examples of it. Accept any other valid ways identified.	(max 3)	
15	What does Helen mean when she says that the children were 'undisciplined'? Candidate has used an appropriate strategy to explain the meaning of the word ie they had no self-control / they did not obey the rules / they behaved badly / they were naughty / they were not disciplined / they were not well behaved. NB Accept any other valid meanings based on information from the text.	1	13
		(max 1)	