



SPECIMEN MATERIAL

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Functional Skills Level 2 ENGLISH (8725)

Component 2 Writing

Time allowed: 1 hour

Materials

- You will need no other materials.
- You **must not** have access to a dictionary or any other spelling or grammar aid.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **both** 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.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 30.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

Advice

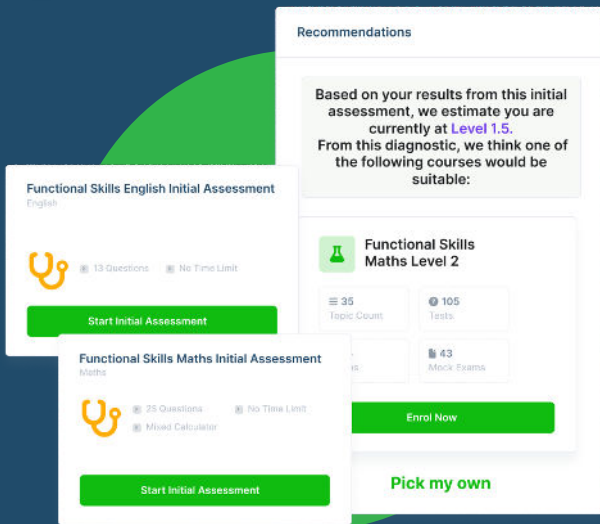
You are advised to spend 20 minutes on question 1 and 40 minutes on question 2.

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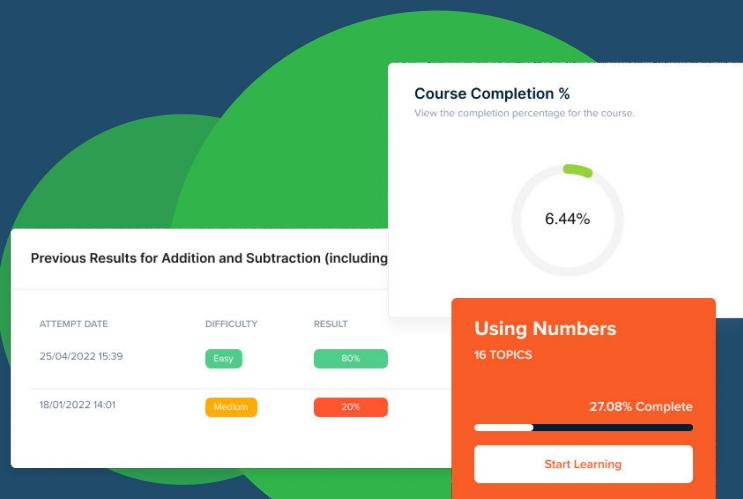
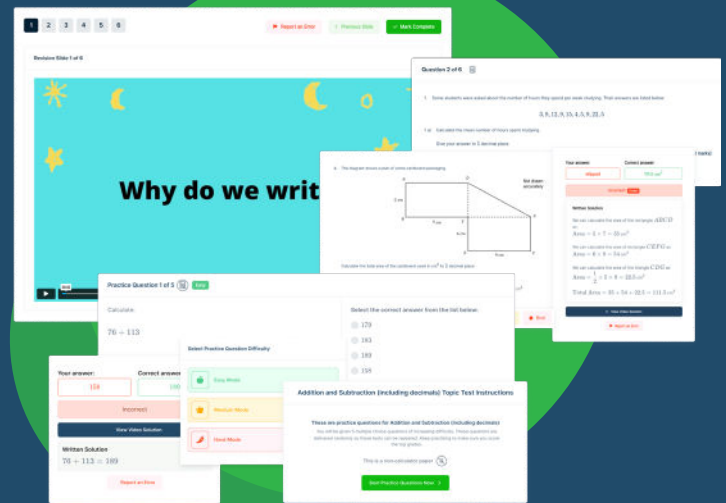


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Answer **both** questions.

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

1 You have received the following leaflet from your local council:

BRINGING PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

We've received funding from the National Lottery to support local events.

We are looking for ideas for local events which would help to bring the community together. So anything that would get people out of their houses, talking to each other and enjoying themselves together.

Send us ideas about what you think might work. Ideas could include food, music, dance, competitions, stalls – anything at all can be considered. Give us good reasons for your suggestions, to help us to decide!

To contribute, send an email to Ashraf at: livelylocal@email.com

Write an email to Ashraf responding to the council's request. Your email should be approximately 150 to 200 words.

Remember to:

- plan your answer
- use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar
- write clearly and effectively.

[6 marks]
[+ 3 marks for SPaG]

Plan your answer here:

Write the email here:

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To...

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Subject:

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Dear Ashraf,
Can you remember the last time you went out into nature and interacted with the community? Our community really lacks connections between people and nature. My idea is to a community picnic in Weatherby Park, which will certainly improve these connections.

People of any age will be able to participate in the community picnic. It will be an important way for different groups to come together and socialise. Due to the large number of elderly people in the community, the picnic will be essential in combatting loneliness and isolation. My idea will give them the fantastic opportunity to pass on their wise words to different generations!

Not only will the picnic be a great way to socialise, people will get the chance to try a range of dishes from different cultures. We could ask the picnic goers to bring their favourite food, or a dish that has particular significance to them. In this way, my idea will celebrate nature and bring people together, allowing them to experience different cuisines.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours Sincerely,
Aimee Leighton

Word count: 182

2 You are a reporter from the Wickby Post, a local newspaper.

You have visited Carroll's Fitness Centre and Gym and made the following notes:



Write an article for the local newspaper about the new Fitness Centre and Gym, including any strengths and weaknesses you found.

Remember to:

- plan your answer
- use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar
- write accurately in sentences and paragraphs.

[12 marks]
[+ 9 marks for SPaG]

Plan your answer here:

Write the article here:

Carroll's Fitness Centre and Gym - Above the Bar-bell?

The new gym, Carroll's Fitness Centre and Gym, opened last week and it has been a hit in the community. It offers multiple classes, a spa equipped with a steam room and a state-of-the-art swimming pool for only £20 per month. Don't worry if committing to a monthly membership is too much of a stretch - they also offer a day pass for just £5.

Why Carroll's?

Carroll's is a superb and safe environment. You can use any of the lockers to store your belongings and there is CCTV in the car park. There are lots of well-trained staff who are always available to assist with any fitness-related queries you might have. I took part in the dance aerobics class.

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Turn over ►

It was a great workout. The instructor was incredibly friendly and went through all of the exercises at a pace that allowed everyone to keep up. In addition to dance aerobics, they also offer spinning, circuits and yoga.

Any drawbacks?

Drawbacks of the gym include a lack of a full range of dumbbells, missing kettlebells, and outdated yoga mats. These issues are a disappointment, as the gym promises access to the 'latest equipment.' In addition to this, it would be advisable for the gym to invest in a new cleaning team, as dirty towels were left all around the changing room.

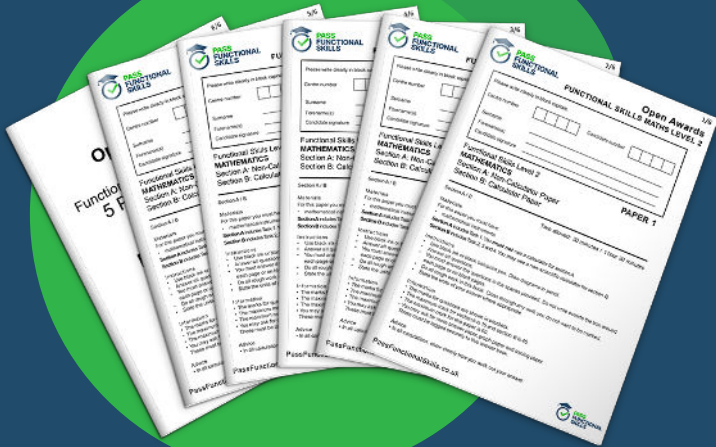
I would recommend Carroll's Fitness Centre and Gym to any beginner, due to the professionalism and warmth of the staff. However, if you are more into your fitness, perhaps consider somewhere with more equipment and an established set up.

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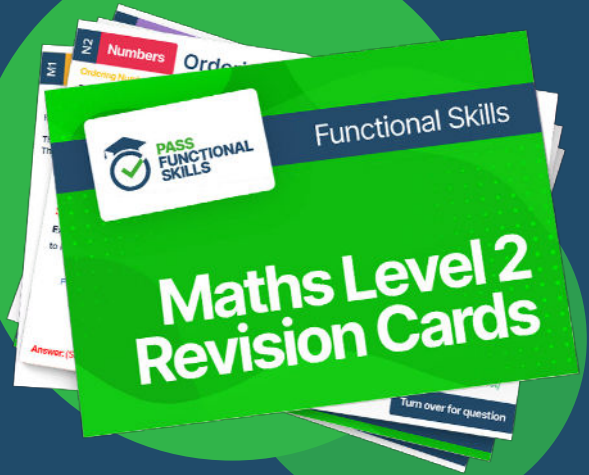
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