



Level 2 Functional Skills English

Reading Question Paper

City & Guilds Practice Paper (Pass Functional Skills)

Question Paper

Hedgehogs

Instructions

- The duration of this paper is 1 hour.
- Answer all questions.
- The marks for each question are indicated.
- The maximum number of marks for the whole reading paper is 30.
- Read each question carefully.
- Writing in complete sentences is not necessary.
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling is not assessed but your answers must be clear.
- Dictionaries are **allowed**.

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Read Documents A and B and then answer the following questions.

1. According to Document A which of the following statements are true? (Tick 2) **2 marks**

- A) Hedgehogs are in decline in the UK ✓
- B) The general public can assist with the welfare of hedgehogs ✓
- C) Hedgehogs are not endangered in the UK
- D) Hedgehogs are viewed as pests
- E) Badgers have decreased in population by 250, 000 since the 1980s
- F) Badgers are the main reason for the decline in hedgehogs

2. How is the number of badgers in the UK relevant to the number of hedgehogs in the UK? **1 mark**

An increase in the population of badgers has contributed to the decrease in the population of hedgehogs.

3. From the text, identify 2 creatures which the hedgehog chiefly feeds upon. **2 marks**

Hedgehogs eat millipedes and slugs.

4. What is the main aim of the campaign *Hedgehog Street*? **1 mark**

The aim is to show how neighbourhoods can work together to help hedgehogs and champion the species.

5. What is a "hedgehog highway"? **1 mark**

A 'hedgehog highway' is a series of holes in fences and walls between gardens that allow hedgehogs to safely pass through.

6. The first page of Document A provides some information using statistics.

Find two examples of statistics and explain their effect. **4 marks**

Statistic 1

Hedgehog road deaths are estimated to exceed 100,000 a year in Britain.

Effect

This large number may cause the reader to sympathise with hedgehogs and see the severity of the problem.

Statistic 2

The estimated badger population in England and Wales has risen from 250,000 in the 1980s to 485,000 in 2017.

Effect

The reader can see that in contrast to the declining population of hedgehogs, the badger population is increasing rapidly. This suggests a link between the decrease in hedgehog numbers and the increase in badger numbers.

7. From Document A, find two examples of dangers hedgehogs can face in gardens. **2 marks**

1

Slug pellets

2

Pesticides

8. Using the text, how can a reader learn more about the person who made a summer garden at the 2014 RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show? **1 mark**

The reader can click on the 'Tracy Foster' link.

Questions 9 to 13 refer to Document B. Make sure you refer to Document B when answering these questions.

9. Document B states that "New Zealand has no native land-based mammals". If this is the case how did hedgehogs come to be in New Zealand? **1 mark**

Hedgehogs were introduced deliberately by British settlers.

10. According to Document B, how much does a hedgehog weigh? **1 mark**

600 grams

11. What is the "Beatrix Potter effect"? **1 mark**

A 'psychological barrier' that causes people to have an emotional connection to hedgehogs.

12. In Document B, the writer says that the hedgehog is a beloved creature. If this is the case why do many scientists want to "eradicate" the hedgehog from New Zealand? **1 mark**

The hedgehog population contributes to the destruction of native species of animals like lizards and insects.

13. How does the writer of Document B use language to convey information about hedgehogs? Refer to two techniques or examples, and comment on their effects. **4 marks**

Technique 1/Example

Contrast: Positive words like 'beloved' are strongly juxtaposed with negative words like 'killing machine'.

Effect

This surprising contrast introduces humour to attract the reader's attention, and it emphasises the distinction between the public view of hedgehogs and the reality of the impact hedgehogs have on local wildlife.

Technique 2/Example

Emotive language: 'a special place in the hearts'

Effect

This language conveys the strong positive feelings that the public have towards hedgehogs.

Question 14 and 15 refer to Source A and Source B. Make sure you refer to both documents when answering this question.

- 14.** The writers of Document A and Document B offer different views on hedgehogs. Use one piece of supporting evidence from each document to compare how these views differ. **4 marks**

Document A focuses on preventing the decline of hedgehogs in the UK, stating that 'It is our responsibility to save them'. In contrast, Document B focuses on preventing the increase in hedgehog populations in New Zealand, stating that 'the mission to try to drive hedgehogs from protected habitats is seen as critical in New Zealand'.

- 15.** In what ways do the writers of Document A and B agree? Use one piece of supporting evidence from each document to compare how their views are similar. **4 marks**

Document A suggests that hedgehogs are popular with the public, naming the hedgehog 'Britain's favourite mammal'. Document B similarly suggests that hedgehogs are popular as they hold a 'special place in the hearts' of New Zealanders.