

## Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills – Level 2

### \*\*\*Past Paper 6\*\*\*

Time: 75 minutes

Paper Reference **PENR2/S06**

## English

### Component 2: Reading Text Booklet

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### Instructions

- You should write your answers in the Question and Answer Booklet.
- You must **not** write any responses to questions in this Text Booklet.

### Information

- This Text Booklet contains the three texts required for the Level 2 Component 2: Reading exam.
- This Text Booklet must be securely destroyed by the centre immediately after the exam has been completed.

### Advice

- Read each text before you answer the questions.

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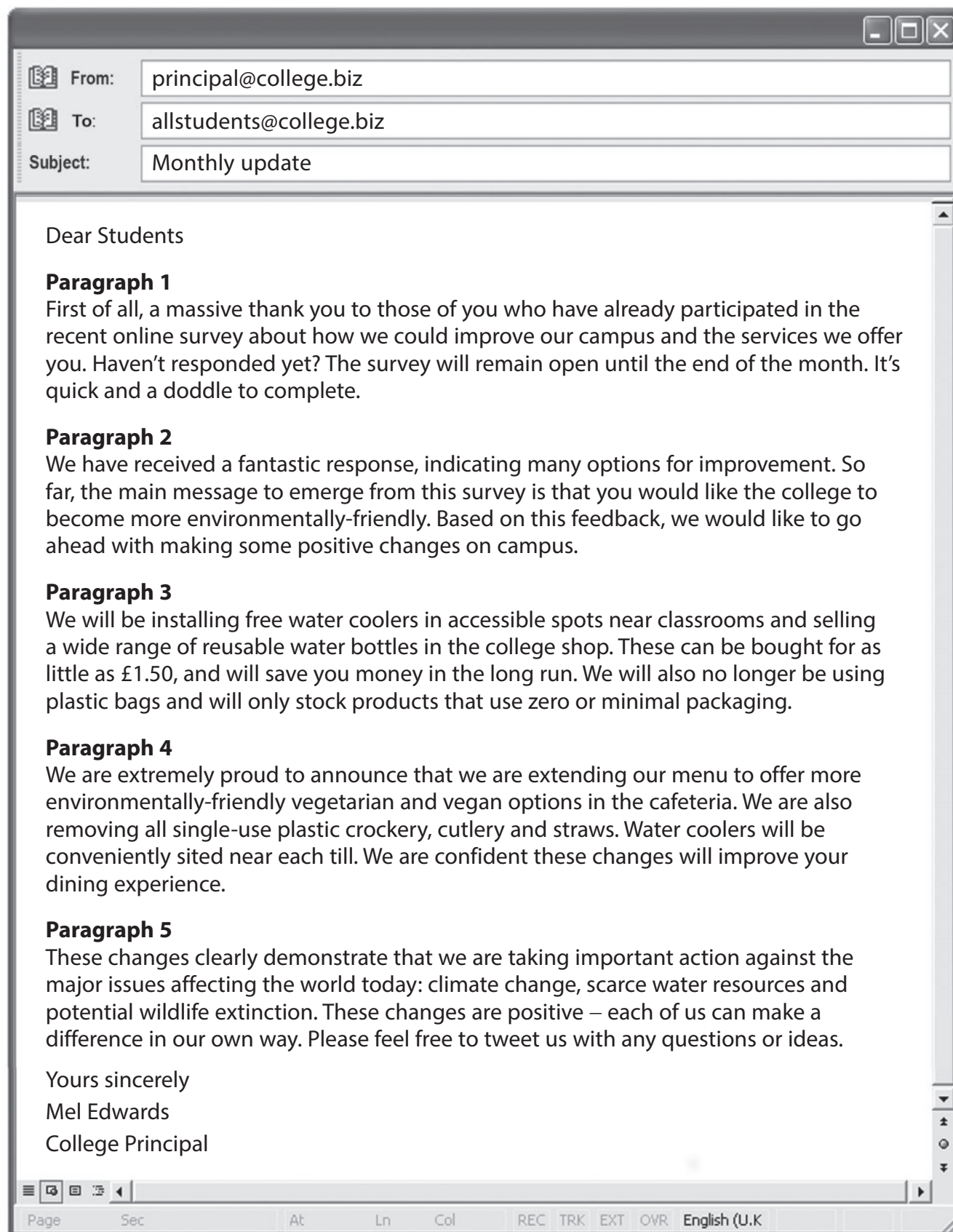
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## Pam's blog: time to clean up



Pam's Beach Clean Team at work

I've been participating in beach clean ups along with my local group for 10 years now. The most alarming problem we encounter is the amount of plastic being dropped or washed up on beaches every day, causing serious harm to seabirds. I can't believe how significantly this has increased over the last decade.

It infuriates me to see visitors to the beach leaving their litter behind. I have been known to get myself into trouble by challenging them about this. All they need to do is make use of the many nearby bins or to take their litter home with them. Another less common but troubling issue is graffiti sprayed on rocks and beach café exteriors as this is extremely difficult to remove and looks unsightly too. All we ask is for visitors to follow the beach rules which are clearly displayed on notice boards situated on most beaches.

I understand that some people feel that we are fighting a losing battle, but we remain convinced we are carrying out a necessary service. We recycle as much as possible – bottles, cans and plastic. We remain positive, knowing we are one of many similar groups. There is definitely a global push taking place. Technology makes it so much easier to see what other groups are doing to share ideas, information and motivational stories in ways that were not previously available.

What we also find heartening is the amount of interest shown by children when I and other group members are out litter picking. They are quite happy, equipped with the right tools, to assist us in collecting litter. If everybody who visited a beach conducted a two-minute beach clean, the results would be amazing. We are always looking for more people to join our group. I see no reason why we can't all pull together to improve our immediate environment. It doesn't even have to be a beach clean. We can all collect litter anywhere – walking to the shop or to school or exercising the dog...

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## Text C

### Article

# How to help save the planet by Sarah Young

Are you asking yourself what you could possibly do to help save the environment? This is a question that everybody should be asking themselves. The honest answer is simply to change your daily habits. It is much, much easier than you probably think and could make a huge difference.

When it comes to living an eco-friendly life, shopping for new clothes isn't exactly the best thing for the planet. Thanks to the popularity of swap shops there is now a way to get your fashion fix without contributing to landfill and without having to spend a penny. Otherwise known as 'swishing', the concept is simple: you bring clothes you no longer wear to an event and swap them for clothes other people no longer wear.

Grocery shopping from the comfort of your own home might feel lazy but it's actually better for the environment. It eliminates costly car trips and associated carbon emissions by using one delivery van. Additionally, major supermarkets offer customers the option of requesting no bags when ordering to be more eco-friendly and cut costs. Remember to buy only what you really need and avoid purchasing products with superfluous packaging.

Cutting meat and dairy products from your diet could reduce your carbon footprint by up to 73%. While eating a vegan diet isn't appropriate for everyone, you can help by going meatless one day a week. This would result in a significant drop in greenhouse gas emissions and you may even feel some health benefits. Farmland currently used for grazing animals could be returned to the wild, which would help to preserve endangered species.

It's been calculated that if one million people worked from home just one day a week the planet would feel the benefit. If that's not an option for you, consider organising a carpool with co-workers, friends or neighbours. Office workers often head out for lunch most days, but taking pre-prepared food with you and reusable bottles for water is a far more environmentally-friendly option.

Massive changes to your lifestyle are not necessary. You only need to be more aware of how your actions impact the environment and to make adjustments where you can. I did it, and I haven't looked back since, so I'm sure you can succeed too. Just try it.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/world-environment-day-2018-how-to-live-ecofriendly-green-life-a8384761.html>