

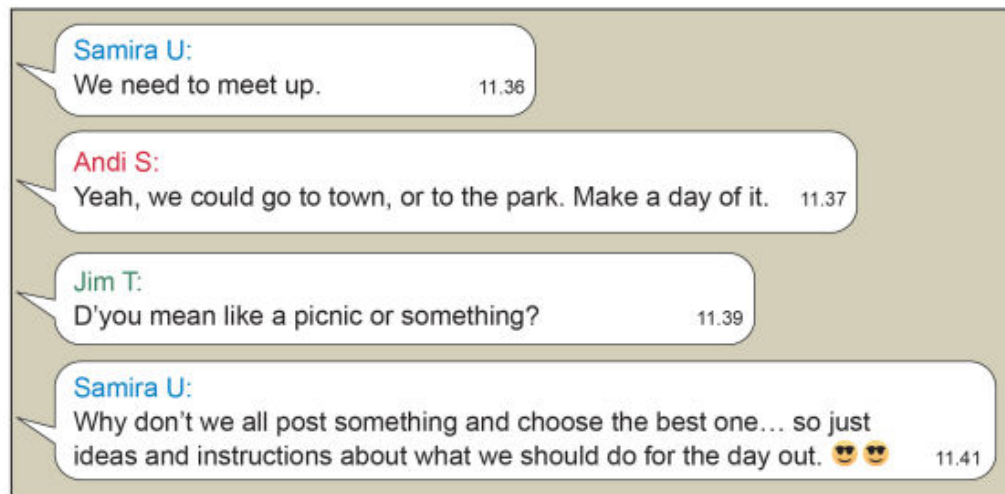
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**AQA Functional Skills English Level 1 Writing January 2022****Sample Answers**

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**0 1**

You read the following chat in one of your social media groups:

A screenshot of a social media chat with four messages. The first message is from Samira U. at 11.36: 'We need to meet up.' The second is from Andi S. at 11.37: 'Yeah, we could go to town, or to the park. Make a day of it.' The third is from Jim T. at 11.39: 'D'you mean like a picnic or something?' The fourth is from Samira U. at 11.41: 'Why don't we all post something and choose the best one... so just ideas and instructions about what we should do for the day out. 😊😊'

Write some ideas for the day out to post in the chat.

Your post should:

- say where you should all go and why
- give some instructions on what arrangements to make
- give some instructions on what to bring along
- be approximately **80** to **120** words.

Remember to:

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

**[6 marks]**  
**[+ 3 marks for SPaG]****Green highlighting** - key points from the mark scheme

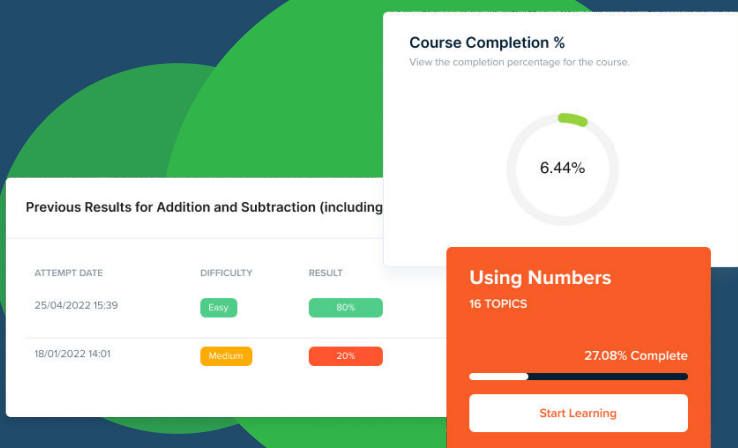
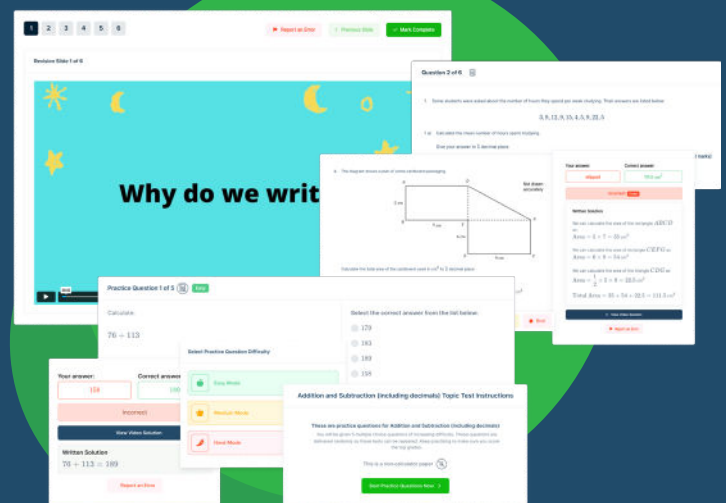


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- ✓ Your answers are analysed to determine your Current Level
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- ✓ Written solutions for all questions



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- ✓ View all practice question, topic test and mock exam attempts over time
- ✓ View historical attempts to analyse your progress over time

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**Sample answer: Pass**

Hi everyone,

I think that we should go to the zoo! It would be cool to learn about all of the interesting animals.

To get there, I could drive all of us. They have cafes at the zoo, but they're quite expensive, so I think that we should bring a picnic. If everyone is available on Saturday, we could meet at my place. Please arrive at 10am.

Here are some things I think we should take:

- A camera
- A picnic blanket
- Money for entry into the zoo (£14 each), and a small contribution to petrol costs
- Food and drinks
- Comfortable clothing and footwear

Word count: 103

Examiner comments:

- Appropriate response, tailored to the informal audience and purpose.
- Complex sentence structures are included, and they convey meaning clearly.
- Appropriate formatting and length.
- Correct use of a range of punctuation, including commas, exclamation marks and colons.

0 2

The following advertisement appeared in your local newspaper.

### Do You Want To Work With Us?

We want volunteers for our community group. It's all about helping Bramby to grow and do well. Don't worry about skills and experience as we will provide training.

We have vacancies in childcare, woodwork, electrical work, computers, art, music, home decorating, dressmaking and loads of other activities. If it's not there, just tell us what you'd like to do.

If you want to apply, send us some information about yourself. Tell us what you would like to do and why you want to be involved.

Email your application to us at: [sally.jobs@brambycomm.co.uk](mailto:sally.jobs@brambycomm.co.uk)

### Bramby Community World

Helping the community to grow.



You want to apply to work with Bramby Community World.

Write your email application to [sally.jobs@brambycomm.co.uk](mailto:sally.jobs@brambycomm.co.uk).

Your email should:

- provide information about yourself
- explain what you would like to do at Bramby Community World
- explain why you want to work for Bramby Community World.

Remember to:

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

[9 marks]  
[+ 9 marks for SPaG]

### Sample Answer - Pass

To: [sally.jobs@brambycomm.co.uk](mailto:sally.jobs@brambycomm.co.uk)

Subject: Home decorating volunteer application

Dear Bramby Community World,

I am a 19-year old local resident who wants to gain meaningful work experience by helping out in the area. I think volunteering is the best way for me to improve my skills and give back to my community.

I am especially interested in decorating the homes of elderly people in the community, who may not be able to paint their walls or hang pictures by themselves. I know that the elderly people who live here would be incredibly happy if their homes were given a new look.

Bramby Community World does so many fantastic things for our community, and I'd love to join your mission to help make Bramby a better place to live.

Yours faithfully,  
Harry Tuller

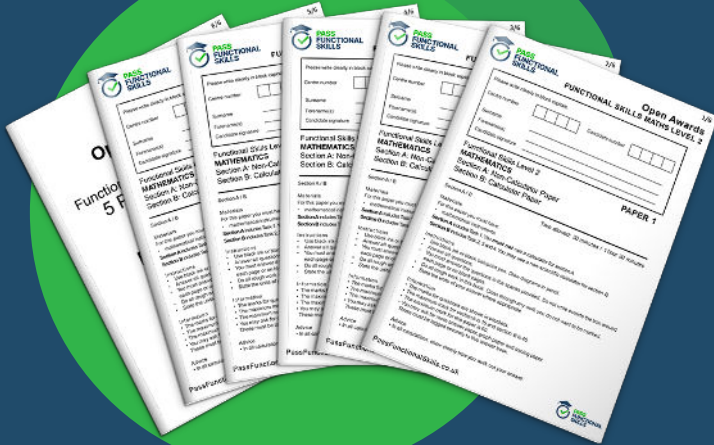
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Examiner comments:

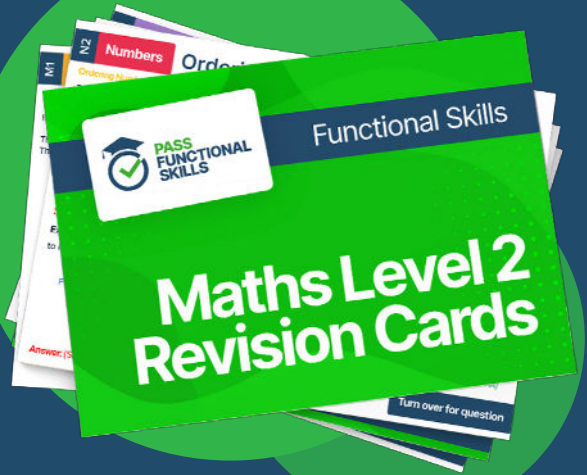
- Text is sufficiently logically sequenced to convey meaning.
- A range of punctuation is used correctly.
- Precisely uses a range of appropriate words and phrases.
- There are no grammatical errors or spelling mistakes, so meaning is clear throughout.



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