
Edexcel Functional Skills English Level 2 Writing Practice Paper 3**Sample Answers**

Task 1**Information**

You have been asked to write a report for the council about a shopping area near you.

The council wants to know about the positives and negatives of the shopping area.

Positives could include the range of shops and good transport links and negatives could include the number of shoppers declining and shops closing down.

Your report should include sections on:

1. the shopping area
2. its positives and negatives
3. changes you would recommend.

Writing Task

Write a report for the council about the shopping area.

In your report, you should:

- describe the shopping area
- outline its positives and negatives
- explain the changes you would recommend.

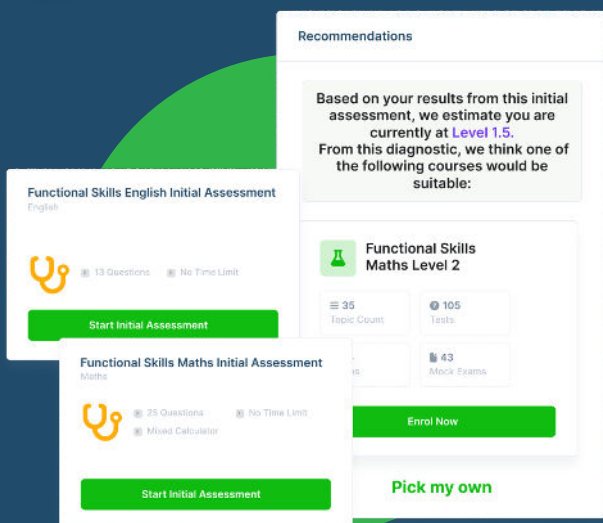
You should aim to write about 250 to 300 words.

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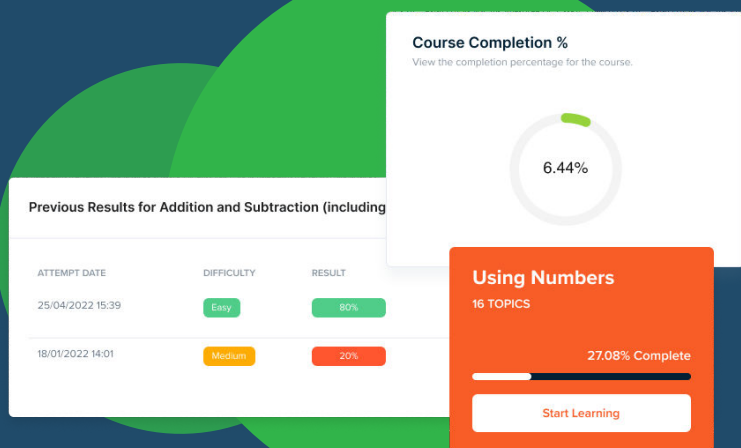
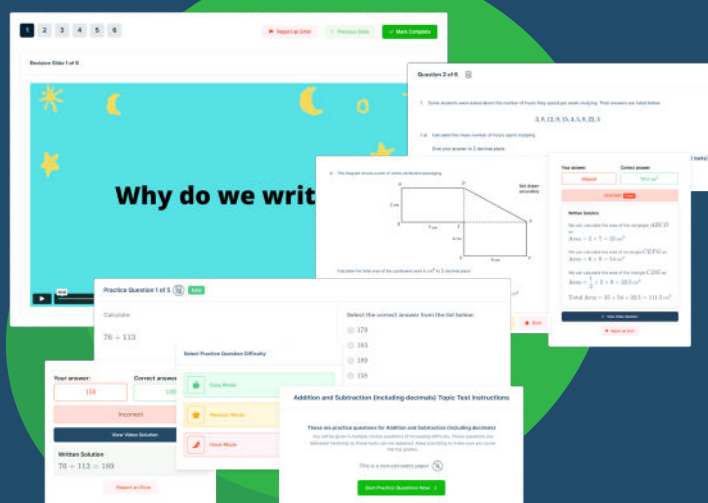


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Sample answer: Pass**Highfield Park Shopping Centre:**

This report will examine the positive and negative aspects of Highfield Park Shopping Centre, and will suggest some changes that could be made to improve the shopping experience of visitors.

Positives:

- The shopping centre is in a central location, and is next to Highfield Park, so shoppers can enjoy fresh air and greenery at their convenience.
- There are a range of shops selling gifts, clothing, toys, books, and video games, so the shopping centre appeals to a wide range of people with different interests.
- The shopping centre is easily accessible, as the 24 bus goes directly from the town centre to the Highfield area in just 10 minutes.

Negatives:

- The shopping centre is not particularly well-maintained, and littering has become a problem due to the lack of janitors and litter bins.
- Several of the restaurants in the shopping centre have closed recently, so it is difficult for people to spend the day there due to a lack of catering options.
- Some sections of the shopping centre have not been renovated for several years, and contain outdated decor.

Recommended changes:

- The shopping centre should apply for government funding in order to ensure that shoppers have a positive experience and keep high-street shops running.
- Investments should primarily be used to address the littering issues in the shopping centre, as this presents a health and safety problem as well as deterring shoppers.
- Any surplus funding should be used to invest in restaurants and renovate areas of the centre which are in need of updating. This will create an inviting area and provide food and drink options that will make shoppers feel relaxed, happy and comfortable.

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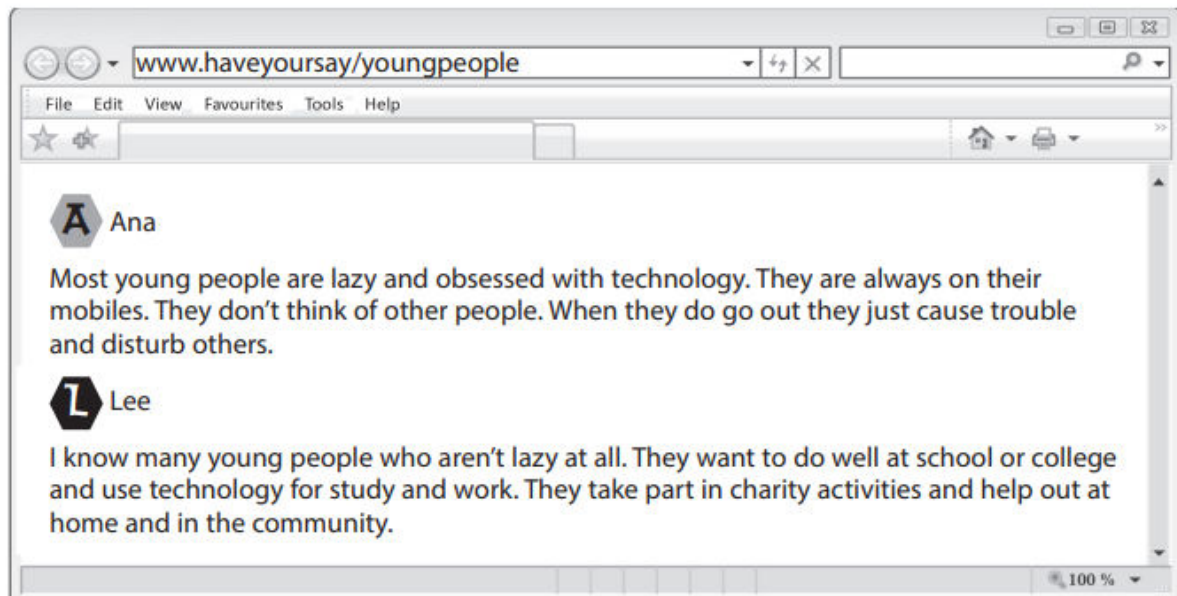
Examiner comments:

- Communicates information, ideas and opinions clearly, explaining ideas in appropriate detail to suit the audience and purpose.
- Uses appropriate format and structure for audience and purpose, with effective use of paragraphs, a heading, subheadings and bullet points.
- Uses a range of sentences, including complex sentences, accurately and effectively.
- Uses a wide range of ambitious vocabulary that is consistently spelt correctly and appropriate to the task.



Task 2

Information



Writing Task

Write a contribution to the web forum giving your views on young people.

In your contribution, you should:

- respond to Ana and Lee's views on young people
- explain in detail your own opinions about young people.

You should aim to write about 200 to 250 words.

(15 marks)

Sample Answer - Pass

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I think that technology (especially mobile phones) can **hinder** young people's **development** and make them more self-centred. Many teenagers stare at their phones for several hours a day rather than making real-life connections and learning how to interact with others effectively. **I know more than a few young people who struggle with social anxiety, and I think that the rapidly-increasing mental health epidemic is largely due to overuse of social media.**

On the other hand, I can see the benefits of technology for young people. The internet provides them with a window to the world like no other. They do not have to rely on dusty old books; they can **find immediate answers to questions and learn so much about the world around them with just a click.**

Furthermore, I certainly do not believe that most young people are lazy. In fact, young people might be working harder than ever before. Smoking and alcohol use among 18-25 year-olds is at an all-time low, and many young people now strive to enrich their minds by attending colleges and universities.

It cannot be denied that a large number of young people do not want to endure long hours of physical labour in hospitality jobs any more, but that is not due to laziness. They simply do not want to be exploited. Minimum wage can barely support anyone during the cost-of-living crisis, and I do not think that young people should be blamed for avoiding what is essentially slave labour.

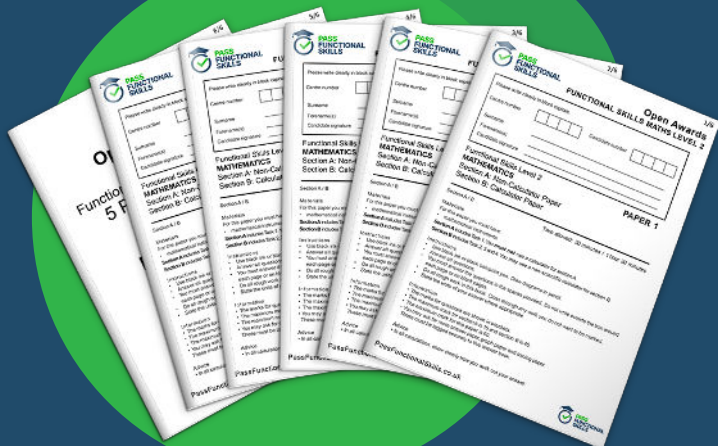
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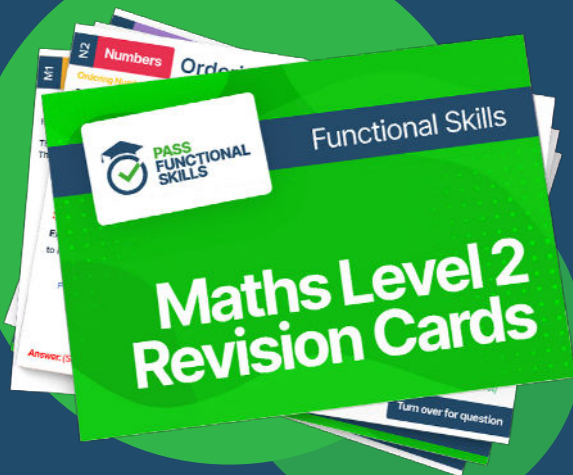
- Uses detail effectively for purpose and audience to an appropriate length.
- Uses an effective range of sentences and paragraphs accurately, including organisational markers such as 'furthermore' to add structure to the answer.
- Persuasive techniques used, including statistics.
- Spelling of words used most often in work, study and daily life, including specialist words, is accurate.



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