



**NCFE Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in
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Mark Scheme v1.0

Pass Mark: 18

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1	What is the main purpose of Document 1?	[1 mark]	
	Answer: c To encourage people to make time for a hobby (1)	1	2.16

2	According to Document 1, why do people go to comic book conventions?	[1 mark]	
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meet their favourite superhero (1) • take selfies (with their favourite superhero) (1) • meet the writers and artists (1) <p>Accept similar wording.</p> <p>Accept any other valid response/example/reason etc.</p>	1	2.09

3	What does the phrase 'fast-paced world' mean as used in the first paragraph of the document?	[1 mark]	
	<p>You may use a dictionary to help you answer this question.</p>		
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no time / lack of time (1) • a busy life (1) • lots of things to do (1) <p>Accept similar wording.</p> <p>Accept any other valid response/example/reason etc.</p>	1	2.13

4	Using the document, give two examples of how hobbies can improve people's well-being. <div data-bbox="1310 241 1457 280" style="text-align: right;">[2 marks]</div>
	<div data-bbox="252 315 1042 353">1 mark each for any of the following, up to 2 marks:</div> <ul data-bbox="263 387 919 616" style="list-style-type: none"> • switch off and relax (1) • key part of social life (1) • make new friends (1) • discover new talents (1) • improve mental and / or physical health (1) • help children to learn (1) <div data-bbox="276 685 620 723">Accept similar wording.</div> <div data-bbox="276 752 1046 790">Accept any other valid response/example/reason etc.</div> <div data-bbox="1241 568 1262 600" style="text-align: center;">2</div> <div data-bbox="1337 568 1401 600" style="text-align: center;">2.09</div>

5	Document 1 contains two images. What does the image on the left-hand side suggest to the reader? <div data-bbox="1329 1070 1457 1108" style="text-align: right;">[1 mark]</div>
	<div data-bbox="252 1144 1023 1182">1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark:</div> <ul data-bbox="263 1216 786 1290" style="list-style-type: none"> • that cycling is sociable/fun (1) • that you can cycle at any age (1) <div data-bbox="233 1359 577 1397">Accept similar wording.</div> <div data-bbox="233 1426 711 1464">Accept any other valid response.</div> <div data-bbox="1241 1323 1262 1355" style="text-align: center;">1</div> <div data-bbox="1337 1323 1401 1355" style="text-align: center;">2.15</div>

6	Identify whether each of the following statements from Document 1 is a fact or an opinion . [2 marks]		
	Statement	Fact or Opinion	
	A recent survey found that some of the most popular hobbies in the UK are cycling, golf, fishing and walking.		
	They should be a priority for all of us.		
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 2 marks:	2	2.11
	Statement	Fact or Opinion	
	A recent survey found that some of the most popular hobbies in the UK are cycling, golf, fishing and walking.	Fact	
	They should be a priority for all of us.	Opinion	

7	Identify the textual features the writer has used within the following quotations to explain her ideas: a) 'beyond all recognition!' [1 mark] b) 'After all, what child doesn't love playing?' [1 mark]		
	a) 1 mark each for any of the following up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exaggeration/hyperbole (1) b) 1 mark each for any of the following up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (rhetorical) question (1) Accept any other valid response.	2	2.12

8	Why has the caption been used in the right-hand image? [1 mark]		
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to show that the child is learning while relaxing (1) to highlight that the child is learning a skill (1) to show that hobbies help children learn (1) Accept similar wording. Accept any other valid response/example.	1	2.14

9	What does the word 'cosplay' mean in the context of the article? [1 mark]		
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> dressing up (1) pretending to be a character (1) Accept similar wording. Accept any other valid response/example.	1	2.17

10	Rachel Barnes has used an exclamation mark in paragraph 2. Why has she done this? [1 mark]		
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to highlight that hobbies can improve your work life (1) to show that hobbies can be good in unexpected ways (1) Accept similar wording. Accept any other valid response/reason.	1	2.18

11	Look at these two phrases from Document 2. Identify whether each one is an example of advisory or descriptive language. [2 marks]		
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 2 marks:	2	2.16
	Statement	Advisory or Descriptive	
	'Children who read are often happier, healthier and more confident.'	Descriptive	
	'Parents and carers can help a child by giving them comic books to read.'	Advisory	

12	Give two quotations from Document 2 where the writer uses language to explain the benefits of learning to read and write. [2 marks]		
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 2 marks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • helps us to understand the world (1) • learn about subjects like science and history (1) • are happier, healthier and more confident (1) • so that we can get a job (1) • understand documents like contracts and official letters (1) Accept similar wording. Accept any other valid response.	2	2.12

13	State one word or phrase that could be used to replace the phrase 'build their skills' as used in the 'Can hobbies help?' section. You may use a dictionary to help you answer this question. [1 mark]		
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve (1) • get better (1) • learn (1) Accept similar wording. Accept any other valid response/example	1	2.13

14	Using Document 2, state whether each of the following statements is true or false . [2 marks]		
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 2 marks:	2	2.11
	Statement	True or False	
	Reading and writing will help you all your life.	True	
	Children should not play computer games.	False	

15	Is the language used in this quotation formal or informal? <i>'Research shows that hobbies can help children to learn.'</i> [1 mark]		
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> formal (1) 	1	2.16

16	What does the word 'literacy' mean in the context of Document 2? [1 mark]		
	1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reading (1) writing (1) reading and writing (1) Accept similar wording. Accept any other valid response.	1	2.17

17	a) Using Document 2, how can computer games help a child's literacy skills? [1 mark] b) What does the report say will keep a child's mind healthy? [1 mark]		
	a) 1 mark each for any of the following up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> learn new words (1) read books about their favourite characters (1) b) 1 mark each for any of the following up to 1 mark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a mix of activities (1) Accept similar wording.	2	2.09

18	State why each of the following organisational features has been used.	[1 mark]	
	a) Sub-heading 'Aim'		
	b) Bullet-pointed list:	[1 mark]	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>say the alphabet</i> • <i>write our names</i> • <i>sound out words.</i> 		
	<p>a)</p> <p>1 mark each for any of the following up to 1 mark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduces the idea that hobbies can be linked to literacy (1) • explains what the report will discuss how hobbies can help children to learn (1) <p>b)</p> <p>1 mark each for any of the following up to 1 mark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explains what we learn when we are young (1) • to list what you need to know to read/write <p>Accept similar wording. Accept any other valid response.</p>	2	2.14

19	The writer has included a picture in Document 2. Why do you think this picture has been used?	[1 mark]	
	<p>1 mark each for any of the following, up to 1 mark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To show a parent enjoying reading with a child (1) • To show that reading can be fun (1) <p>Accept similar wording. Accept any other valid response/reason.</p>	1	2.15

20	<p>Compare the information, ideas and opinions given in Document 1 about how hobbies can help build literacy skills with what is said about this in Document 2.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[3 marks]</p>
	<p>The learner's response will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mention both documents but there is very little comparison - e.g. Document 1 says children enjoy comic books, Document 2 says computer games can teach children new words (1 mark) • mention both documents with a brief possibly implicit comparison - e.g. Document 1 says children enjoying dressing up as their favourite superhero, Document 2 says children like reading comics (2 marks) • use both documents to compare information, ideas and opinions clearly and effectively - e.g. Document 1 says children like to dress up and recreate the superhero stories they have read, Document 2 says children learn better when they are reading about topics that interest them such as superheroes (3 marks) <p>0 marks should be given for no awardable content.</p>

[Total: 30 marks]