Functional Skills English
Entry 3 Reading
Sample assessment

Candidate Paper

Treasure

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Marks: 16

You will need
• a pen with black or blue ink
• a dictionary.

Instructions
• Read each question carefully.
• Answer all the questions.
• You do not need to write full sentences.
• There are no marks for spelling, punctuation or grammar.

Candidate’s declaration:
I confirm that this assessment is my own work.

Candidate’s signature ____________________________

Date ____________________________
Activity 1

Read the text.

Planning a Treasure Hunt by Lazy Linda

A treasure chest filled with chocolate may be a fun find for most kids, but don’t think the fun is just for kids, there are lots of great adult treasure hunts too.

It doesn’t matter about age, you can use picture clues and word scrambles so everyone can enjoy hours of pleasure on a treasure hunt.

Here are some simple steps to help you create your own treasure hunt for the young or young at heart.

Step 1 – Decide what the prize will be.
Step 2 – Choose the area your hunt will cover. This could be as small as your house or as big as the borough you live in.
Step 3 – Identify locations to hide your clues.
Step 4 – Create clues for each location.
Step 5 – Once you have written all your clues you can decide what order you want them to be in.
Step 6 – Collect everything together and go off to hide the clues!

Easy clues

- Word scramble – write out a word and cut out each letter, mix them up, and put them in a bag
- Just give directions

Please spare a moment to tell us what you think.
Answer the questions about the text.

1. What is the text? (Tick one)
   - An information leaflet.
   - A magazine advert.
   - An online article.
   - A news story.

2. Name three types of clue mentioned in the text.
   - ______________________________________________________
   - ______________________________________________________
   - ______________________________________________________

3. Which phrase in the third paragraph describes adults who are childlike?
   ______________________________________________________

4. Which step is about thinking up clues?
   ______________________________________________________

5. Which sentence asks the reader to give their view of the text?
   ______________________________________________________

6. Which link would you click to share an idea? (Tick one)
   - ☐
   - ☐
   - ☐
   - ☐
   - ☐

8 marks
Activity 2

Read the text.

**Treasure Seekers.com**

We support treasure seekers around the world

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**Buried Treasure**

Many people believe that buried treasure is something found only in popular pirate stories or that it’s a pot of gold hidden beneath a tree on a far-away island. However, this is not the case. It may surprise you to learn that it is possible to find real treasure. There have been many amazing discoveries in Great Britain.

The Staffordshire Gold Treasure is an excellent example of a major find. Over 5 kilos of gold and 1 kilo of silver items were discovered by a modern-day treasure hunter with a metal detector. We don’t know for certain, but the treasure may have been buried by a king in the 7th Century. Read more…

In the 13th Century, King John – the villain from the stories of Robin Hood – was known for stealing gold and jewels for himself. Unfortunately for him, all his treasure was lost on the Lincolnshire Marshlands when the king’s luggage got stuck and sank out of sight into the muddy waters.

Today, experts are using new technology to try and track it down. They think it might be somewhere between King’s Lynn and Lincoln, in case you fancy trying to find it first!

Click on the Location tab at the top of the page to find potential treasure sites across the UK. You can use it to check if there are any sites near you – and whether they’ve been dug up yet.

**Click here** for more information about becoming a Treasure Seeker
Answer the questions about the text.

1. What is the main purpose of the text? (Tick one)
   □ To tell adventure stories.
   □ To describe a treasure island.
   □ To offer advice on new technology.
   □ To explain where treasure can be found.

2. What is the main thing Treasure Seekers.com says it does?
   _______________________________________________________

3. What belief about buried treasure is not true?
   _______________________________________________________

4. Who does the text say was a bad person? (Tick one)
   □ a 7th Century king
   □ King John
   □ Robin Hood
   □ King’s Lynn

5. What piece of equipment for finding treasure does the text mention?
   _______________________________________________________

6. Give two pieces of information you can find from the Location tab.
   • _______________________________________________________
   • _______________________________________________________

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7. Which of the following will give details about joining Treasure Seekers?
   (Tick one)
   - [ ] UK
   - [ ] News
   - [ ] Read more
   - [ ] Click here

8 marks

Check your work.

End of assessment