Functional Skills English
Reading Level 2
Sample Paper 3

Resolutions
Question Paper
Sample Assessment
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General information
• The duration of this paper is 1 hour.
• Answer all the questions.
• The maximum marks for each question are shown.
• The maximum number of marks is 30.

General instructions
• Read each question carefully.
• You do not need to write in complete sentences.
• You will not be assessed on spelling, punctuation and grammar.
• Dictionaries are allowed.

*I declare that I have no prior knowledge of the questions in this assessment and that I will not divulge to any person information about the questions.
Read the source documents and then answer the following questions.

Questions 1-6 are about Document 1. Make sure you refer to Document 1 when answering these questions.

1. What are two organisational features that have been used to help the reader locate the four main pieces of advice on keeping resolutions?  2 marks

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2. Find two things Suki Tanaka says that suggests she personally struggles to meet her resolution goals.  2 marks

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3. Give three words or phrases that are opinions from the first paragraph of Document 1.  3 marks

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4. Why does Professor Anya Flores think so many resolutions fail on January 2nd?  

TICK ONE  

   a) The habit has not had long enough to form. ☐  
   b) It is not the right time to make a change. ☐  
   c) The goals set are unrealistic. ☐  
   d) There is not enough motivation to succeed. ☐

5. Which one of the following people uses a formal tone throughout their quoted comment in Document 1?  

TICK ONE  

   a) Professor Lucy Daniels from Leeds University. ☐  
   b) Professor Ramesh Mahto from University College London. ☐  
   c) Professor Anya Flores from the University of Bath. ☐  
   d) Dr Richard Brown, author of *Achieving What You Want*. ☐
Apart from formal language, identify two language techniques used in Document 1 to convince the reader the information and advice is trustworthy.

For each technique, give an example from the document.

Language Technique

Example from the document

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Example from the document
Questions 7-13 are about Document 2. Make sure you refer to Document 2 when answering these questions.

7 Which one of the following best summarises why the author of Document 2 thinks cycling makes a good New Year's resolution?  

TICK ONE

a) Cycling offers benefits that help you stick to your goals.  
b) Some find it easier to meet targets if we do it with friends.  
c) There are so many different kinds of Greyhound bike.  
d) There are ‘how to’ guides available online.  

1 mark

8 Give one fact about the author of Document 2 that suggests his recommendations may be biased.  

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9 Give three examples of the author using a reassuring tone in Document 2.  

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3 marks
10 The author of Document 2 is advising people to choose cycling as a New Year’s resolution. What else is he trying to persuade the reader to do? 2 marks

**TICK TWO**

- a) Set a goal to cycle everyday.
- b) Buy a Greyhound bike.
- c) Go cycling with friends.
- d) Cycle for charity.
- e) Read his ‘how to’ guides.
- f) Buy a mountain bike.

11 Using evidence from the section headed You can keep your goals manageable, why does the author of Document 2 think that cycling allows for manageable goals? 1 mark

12 Which one of the following bicycles would be best for someone entering the Long Ride event? 1 mark

**TICK ONE**

- a) Peak 10.
- b) The City Lite.
- c) Milestar.
- d) Swifhound 6.
Identify three biased phrases in the *You will love your new bike* section of Document 2.
Questions 14 and 15 are about both Document 1 and Document 2. Make sure you refer to both documents when answering these questions.

14 Document 1 says *Don’t expect lasting change for at least 3 months*. What are two things the author of Document 2 says that shows he disagrees with this?

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2 marks

15 Compare views from Documents 1 and 2 on how interacting with other people can affect success in keeping resolutions.

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3 marks

End of Assessment