Functional Skills
Level 2 English Writing
Sample Paper 1

Question Paper

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Candidate Name (First, Middle, Last)

Candidate enrolment number

DOB (DDMMYYYY)

Candidate signature and declaration*

Assessment date (DDMMYYYY)

Centre number

General information:

- The duration of this paper is **1 hour 20 minutes.**
- The maximum mark for each question is shown.
- The total number of marks available is **54**.

General instructions:

- Read each question carefully.
- Answer **both** questions.
- Dictionaries, electronic grammar and spell checkers are **not** permitted.

***I declare that I have no prior knowledge of the questions in this assessment and that I will not share any information about the questions.**

Question 1

You will be assessed on:

- Communicating information, ideas and opinions clearly, coherently and effectively
- Communicating with appropriate detail to suit purpose and audience
- Using appropriate format and structure for purpose and audience
- Conveying clear meaning and establishing cohesion using organisational markers
- Using appropriate language and register for purpose and audience
- Constructing complex sentences consistently and accurately, using paragraphs where appropriate
- Using correct spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Question 1

You have recently been on two different work placements.

- You were given the first placement but you found it to be quite boring and irrelevant to your future career path.
- You chose the second one yourself and found it much more interesting and beneficial because it was more relevant to your career plans.

Your task: write a blog about your experiences aimed at people preparing for work experience. Your blog should encourage people to seek their own work placements in an area that interests them and explain how it will benefit their career development.

(27 marks)

Write around 5 to 8 paragraphs.

You may use the space below for planning and drafting.

Question 1 – Write your blog here.

Question 2

You will be assessed on:

- Communicating information, ideas and opinions clearly, coherently and effectively
- Communicating with appropriate detail to suit purpose and audience
- Using appropriate format and structure for purpose and audience
- Conveying clear meaning and establishing cohesion using organisational markers
- Using appropriate language and register for purpose and audience
- Constructing complex sentences consistently and accurately, using paragraphs where appropriate
- Using correct spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Question 2

It is well known that celebrities use the media to help their careers, but they don't seem to like it when the media covers their private lives.

- Is it right how the media treats celebrities?
- How do celebrities benefit from the media and how does the media benefit from celebrities?
- Should anything be off-limits or can the media cover everything about celebrities and their private lives?

Your task: Write an article for a student magazine exploring the extent to which it is fair that the private lives of celebrities are covered in the media.

(27 marks)

Suggested word count 250 – 300 words.

You may use the space below for planning and drafting.

Question 2 – Write your article here.

End of Assessment