

# Level 2 Functional Skills English Writing

## City & Guilds Practice Paper

### Question paper

#### Instructions

- The duration of this paper is 1 hour 20 minutes.
- There are 2 questions. Answer both questions.
- The marks for each question are indicated.
- The maximum number of marks for the whole writing paper is 54.
- Read each question carefully.
- Dictionaries, electronic grammar and spell checkers are **not allowed**

#### 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

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**Task 1**

Read this text from a magazine article.

“People place a lot of emphasis on the plight of wild animals and insects these days. They worry more about protecting hedgehogs, butterflies and frogs than about the important issues: making sure humans get a nutritious diet, young people get a decent education and job, and we sort out corrupt politicians.”

Your task:

Write an entry for your online blog in reaction to this statement.

Write approximately 250 - 300 words

27 marks

**Use this space to plan your answer to Task 1.**

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## Task 2

There is a large piece of unused ground owned by the council in your local area.

There has been a bid from a local company to buy the land and build four new flats, a restaurant and a carpark.

There has been another bid from a group of local residents who want the land to be used as a community garden, which would be a place for all residents in the area and could be managed by themselves.

Your task:

Write a letter to your local newspaper in which you argue for building **EITHER** the development of flats, restaurants and a carpark **OR** the community garden.

You should cover the following:

- Details about yourself and why you are interested
- Which idea you think is the best and why
- Which idea you think is not the best and why

Write approximately 250 - 300 words

**(27 marks)**

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