NCFE Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English (603/5054/4)

NCFE Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English: Reading

Paper number: **Practice Paper 3** Time allowed**: 1 hour**

Learner instructions

- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Read **each** question carefully.
- Write your responses in the spaces provided.
- All of the work you submit **must** be your own.

Learner information

- The marks available for each question are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 30.
- The use of a dictionary is permitted.

Do not turn over until the invigilator tells you to do so.

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Document 1

www.showfordtoday.biz/news

Say goodbye to food waste!

By Richard Brown

Volunteers needed: everyone welcome!

Surprisingly, Britain produces enough surplus food (food waste) to make 450 000 meals each year. The majority of this excess food is close to its best-before date and so cannot be sold. However, one organisation in Showford is successfully fighting against food waste. Showford Food Network started in 2016 when its founder, Jenny Green, realised the massive scale of the problem in her area. 'My local supermarket was throwing away mountains of unwanted food.' Determined that this didn't go into landfill, she says: 'I got in my car one evening, went to the supermarket, picked up a ridiculous amount and then just stored it all in my garage.' The next morning, she contacted a local homeless charity to see if they wanted it and 'within 10 minutes, the organiser was on my doorstep. They couldn't have been more grateful.' By lunchtime, the food had been turned into delicious meals for their day centre.

Five years later, and with a small army of helpers involved, the Homeless Day Centre is just one organisation receiving surplus food. Indeed, the Food Network has grown massively in the last 18 months, mainly thanks to all its helpers. It now shares food among many community groups, including old people's homes, youth centres, nurseries and the local food bank. But Jenny is quick to point out that only some of the Food Network's achievements are because of her work.

The reasons for surplus food

Food that is classified as surplus can be fresh or frozen, chilled, or even in packets and tins. Also, food doesn't just end up in landfill because it will soon be out of date. Other reasons include:

- damaged packaging
- incorrect labelling
- end-of-line or out-of-season products
- end-of-the-day items (for example: salads, sandwiches and cakes).

The wider impact of Showford Food Network

Showford Food Network is doing more than simply reducing food waste, shown by these impressive figures:

70 tonnes	average amount of surplus food saved from landfill annually
130 000	number of meals made from surplus food collected by the Food Network
100 tonnes	average amount of carbon dioxide saved per year
50	number of organisations that receive surplus food
30%	average amount each organisation saves from its annual food budget

Get involved

Inspired to help? Then you could join all of those making a difference and become part of the Showford Food Network yourself. The organisation is always looking for more drivers or people to help in the warehouse, sorting all the food. But if you're a business, why not donate your surplus food? For more on what the Food Network does, to volunteer or donate, visit www.ShowfordFoodNetwork.biz

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Section 1

The questions in this section refer to Document 1.

This section has a possible **9 marks** available.

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

1 Using Document 1, give **one** example of a job volunteers do for the Food Network.

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2 Identify the language feature used in **each** of these quotations from Document 1.

a) '…mountains of unwanted food.'

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b) 'Inspired to help?'

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3 Using Document 1, give **two** quotations that imply the writer thinks volunteers are an important part of the Food Network's success.

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4 Answer **each** of the following questions about organisational features used in Document 1.

a) Give **one** example of an 'end-of-the-day' item.

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b) On average, how much surplus food is saved from landfill each year?

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5 The writer says that food which is close to its best-before date is only one of the causes of food waste in Britain.

Give **two** quotations from Document 1 that support this idea.

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Document 2

Showford Food Network

Annual Report

Introduction

This report summarises the work of the Showford Food Network over the last 12 months. It provides information to volunteers, organisations and donors. The Food Network has given surplus food to many local groups since 2016 and now 50 organisations regularly benefit from receiving food items. For the first time, the Food Network has an equal number of female and male drivers helping with its work, and 10 local businesses donate food each week.

Successes

The number of volunteers has doubled from 15 to 30. Furthermore, 80% of the helpers are now young adults aged between 18 and 25. However, the most significant success has been the donation of a new van which has improved the efficiency of delivering food to community groups. The consequence of this has been an increase in the number of organisations that receive food.

Challenges

Despite the increase in the amount of fish, meat and dairy items being donated, there is a serious scarcity of cold storage available in the warehouse to keep the items at the correct temperature. In addition, although students and the retired have given the most time, the number of evening, weekend and early-morning volunteers available to collect food has been a particular issue. This lack of volunteers means that the Food Network has sadly seen a steady fall in surplus food collected and then redistributed during these times. Finally, some fresh food is still going to waste because of poor communication between the Food Network and a small number of supermarkets, cafés and restaurants.

Future plans

In the next 12 months we hope to:

- find new warehouse space with a larger fridge to accommodate products which must be kept at lower temperatures
- plan a social media advertising campaign to attract more volunteers to work during unsociable hours
- set up weekly meetings between the Food Network and donors to discuss the types and quantities of food available and collection arrangements.

The management believe that the quantity of surplus food given to community groups will increase if these recommendations are put in place. Also, it will improve the Network's capacity to redistribute surplus food to additional organisations in future.

Finally, the Food Network would particularly like to thank Margaret, at 81 our oldest volunteer, and all those who continue to give their time and support to ensure the continued success of the project.

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Section 2

The questions in this section refer to Document 2.

This section has a possible **8 marks** available.

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

6 Identify whether **each** of the following quotations from Document 2 is an example of a **factual** or a **persuasive** style.

[2 marks]

Quotation	Factual or Persuasive
The number of volunteers has doubled from 15 to 30.	
Despite the increase in the amount of fish, meat and dairy items being donated, there is a serious scarcity...	

7 One of the main messages of Document 2 is a wide variety of people help the Food Network.

Give **two** quotations from the document that support this message.

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8 The Food Network wants to use online methods to find new helpers.

Which section of Document 2 gives the reader this information?

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9 The writer of Document 2 uses language features to show the issues faced by the Food Network.

Give **one** example of **each** of the following features from Document 2.

a) Alliteration

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b) Rule of three

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10 What is the meaning of the word ‘capacity’, as used towards the end of Document 2?

You may use a dictionary to help you answer this question.

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Document 3

www.showfordtoday.biz/forum

Showford Community Forum

The place for you to discuss local issues in our town.
This week's topic: **Showford Food Network**

Mina

I organise a lunch club for the over-70s at the Community Centre. They come from all over town for a chat and a home-cooked meal. But they rely on us paying for them to get here. These costs were mounting up and had to come from our food budget. By getting free produce from the Food Network, we've been able to provide transport for everyone. The volunteers do an amazing job!

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Ken

The Food Network supplies Showford Food Bank. I was out of work for 4 months last year and was lucky enough to get food from there every week. It meant that me and my kids could still get fresh fruit and veg. I can't begin to explain how lucky we felt: the Food Network is absolutely brilliant!

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Abdul

I work for the Showford Homeless Project. Before, we could only offer soup, but now the Food Network brings us fresh meat so we can provide protein-based meals. The service the Food Network provides to so many organisations like ours around Showford makes such a big difference to people's lives. From next month, I'm giving up one evening a week to help collect food from supermarkets.

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Sarah

As the manager of Greenstones, Showford's independent supermarket, I'm proud to say that we were the first donors of surplus food to the Food Network 5 years ago. The Homeless Project is going from strength to strength, and it is now able to provide homeless people in Showford with 2 hot meals a day, 7 days a week. I'm working with the Food Network to see if we can run the collection process more efficiently and save even more food from going to landfill.

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Section 3

The questions in this section refer to Document 3.

This section has a possible **6 marks** available.

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

11 Which word **best** describes the tone of writing in Document 3?

[1 mark]

A Critical

B Impartial

C Objective

D Supportive

Answer _____

12 Identify **one** fact and **one** opinion from Document 3.

a) Fact

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b) Opinion

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13 What does Mina imply about the over-70s who come to the lunch club?

Give **two** answers.

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14 What is the meaning of the word 'run', as used by Sarah in Document 3?

You may use a dictionary to help you answer this question.

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Section 4

The questions in this section refer to multiple documents.

This section has a possible **7 marks** available.

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

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15 Compare the views of Ken in Document 3 with the views expressed in Document 1, giving examples from **each** text.

In your answer, you should also consider how language is used.

[3 marks]

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16 Analyse **all three** documents and explain which is the **most** biased.

[4 marks]

[Total: 30 marks]

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Section 2	/ 8
Section 3	/ 6
Section 4	/ 7
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