

NCFE Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English (603/5058/1)

NCFE Level 1 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.

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Welcome to Westfield Dunes Country Park

A protected nature conservation area

These sand dunes provide a home to hundreds of uncommon plants, including wild orchids. Endangered seabirds nest in the dunes and many rare butterfly species can also be spotted. In addition to our precious wildlife, you'll also see sheep and cattle grazing during the summer.

Enjoy the dunes – everyone is welcome! But remember that we all share a responsibility to protect this fragile environment. We ask you to comply with the following:

- Keep all dogs under effective control. Even small dogs can disturb sheep and nesting birds if not kept on a lead.
- Leave gates as you find them. This means closing a gate behind you unless it's propped open.
- Enjoy a picnic but take everything home with you. Litter can be harmful to wildlife. Even sunlight shining through a glass bottle can start a fire.
- Do NOT light barbecues or campfires. A single spark can cause a wildfire.

Signposted Trails

Why not explore the dunes on a signposted trail?

<p>Orchid Trail (green): A flat, firm track to the coast and back.</p>	1.5 miles	
<p>Skylark Trail (blue): Discover the dunes with a circular walking trail. Look out for skylarks and curlews.</p>	3 miles	
<p>Great Dune Trail (red): Enjoy far-reaching coastal views by climbing to the top of the highest dune.</p>	5 miles	

Remember the Countryside Code:

Respect other people, protect the natural environment and enjoy the outdoors.

You can download the Countryside Code at www.gov.biz

Section 1

The questions in this section refer to Document 1.

This section has a possible **14 marks** available.

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

- 1 Using Document 1, give **one** type of wildlife found at Westfield Dunes. **[1 mark]**

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- 2 The **main** purpose of Document 1 is to give specific instructions to visitors on how to protect the dunes. Give **two** quotations that support this. **[2 marks]**

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- 3 What does the phrase 'effective control' mean as used in the line 'keep all dogs under effective control'? **[1 mark]**

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- 4 Using Document 1, give **one** reason why wildfires start. **[1 mark]**

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5 The ‘Signposted Trails’ section of Document 1 contains images. Look at the images next to the Orchid Trail.

Give **two** pieces of **extra** information that these images suggest about the Orchid Trail that is **not** written in the text.

[2 marks]

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6 What word could be used to replace ‘comply with’ in the sentence ‘We ask you to comply with the following...’?

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

[1 mark]

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7 a) What organisational feature is used to present the signposted trails?

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b) What organisational feature is used to direct the reader to more information about the Countryside Code?

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8 Identify the language feature used in **each** of the following examples:

a) 'Why not explore the dunes on a signposted walking trail?'

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b) 'Respect other people, protect the environment and enjoy the outdoors.'

[1 mark]

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9 Using Document 1, identify whether **each** of the following statements is **true** or **false**.

[2 marks]

Statement	True or False
If you find a gate open, you must always close it.	
The Great Dune Trail is a hilly walk.	

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BLAZE AT WESTFIELD DUNES BLAMED ON 'CARELESS VISITORS'

Two engines from Westfield Fire Brigade battled to put out a fire started by a disposable barbecue.

Our reporter Daria Quinn was on the scene.

Local farmer speaks out

Shortly after 3pm, local farmer Richard Grocott noticed smoke and flames rising from the sand dunes. After calling the emergency services, he spoke with the culprits, a family who had driven from West Town.

'They had no idea that barbecues aren't allowed,' Grocott told our reporter. 'Their dogs were running loose, frightening the sheep. On top of that, when I pointed out the food cartons they'd left lying in the dunes, they blamed it on the lack of rubbish bins!'

The fire has left Grocott raging about careless visitors from West Town. 'We've had incidents like this all summer. These dunes are a protected conservation area, not a theme park. Townspeople have no understanding of the countryside. As far as I'm concerned, they aren't welcome here.'

A single spark

Local warden Meera Dunn disagrees. 'We understand Mr Grocott's concerns, but everyone is welcome here. What seems like common sense might not be obvious to people who live in a town or city,' says Dunn. 'People forget that the weather's been dry. You only need a single spark from a barbecue to start a serious fire, and that's what happened today.'



Educate the public

The problem, according to Dunn, is that people aren't aware of the Countryside Code. 'It's brilliant to see people enjoying the dunes. We just need to make sure they know how to respect the countryside.'

'What's needed is a public information campaign to encourage the idea of "leave no trace". Access to nature is vital for our physical and mental health, but we all have a responsibility. The government could do a lot more to educate the public,' she says. 'They could make a start in schools and colleges, and on social media sites.'

Get involved

The Westfield Echo will be campaigning to promote the Countryside Code with posters at car parks, bus stops and country pubs. Why not help us protect our precious environment? [Click here to register your interest.](#)

Section 2

The questions in this section refer to Document 2.

This section has a possible **13 marks** available.

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

- 10** Using Document 2, give **two** ways in which the visitors from West Town caused problems.

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- 11** What does the word 'culprits' mean in the 'Local farmer speaks out' section of Document 2?

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

[1 mark]

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- 12** Identify whether **each** of the following statements from Document 2 is a **fact** or an **opinion**.

[2 marks]

Statement	Fact or Opinion
Townspeople have no understanding of the countryside.	
These dunes are a protected conservation area.	

13 Why has the writer used an exclamation mark in the ‘Local farmer speaks out’ section? **[1 mark]**

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14 Which section of Document 2 tells readers how they can help to publicise the Countryside Code? **[1 mark]**

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15 What does the phrase ‘leave no trace’ mean as used by Meera Dunn? **[1 mark]**

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16 Identify **one** place where Meera Dunn says the government could teach people about the Countryside Code. **[1 mark]**

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- 17 Read these **two** statements from Document 2. Identify whether **each** one is an example of **explanatory** or **persuasive** language.

[2 marks]

Statement	Explanatory or Persuasive
'Why not help us protect our precious environment?'	
'What seems like common sense might not be obvious to people who live in a town or city.'	

- 18 In Document 2, Meera Dunn uses positive language to talk about people visiting the dunes.

Give **two** examples of positive language Meera Dunn uses.

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Section 1	/14
Section 2	/13
Section 3	/3
TOTAL MARK	/30

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