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Functional Skills Level 1 ENGLISH

Paper 1 Reading 8720R

Time allowed: 1 hour

At the top of the page, write your surname and other names, your centre number, your candidate number and add your signature.



For this paper you must have:

 SOURCES A, B and C which are provided in a separate Insert Booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Answer ALL questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Do not write on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this answer book.
- Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.



You must refer to the Insert Booklet provided.

INFORMATION

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 26.
- You may use a dictionary.

ADVICE

 You are advised to check your work carefully.

DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO



SECTION A

Read SOURCE A and answer QUESTIONS 1 to 6.

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Using the information in SOURCE A, put a tick (✓) in the correct box to show whether each statement is TRUE or FALSE. [2 marks]

| | TRUE | FALSE |
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| People were trying to escape in their cars. | | |
| The 2008 fire destroyed more than 200 buildings. | | |
| Lynn Pitman saw the fire at midnight. | | |
| Paradise has had at least four fires in the past twenty years. | | |



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You are advised to use a dictionary for this question.

SOURCE A says: 'Paradise is a quiet rural town.'

In this quotation, the word 'rural' means

- A pretty.
- B little.
- C hidden.
- D country.

Write the correct letter in the box. [1 mark]

Answer



In SOURCE A, Ken Lowe said: 'It looked like amber snowflakes falling from the sky!'

The exclamation mark (!) at the end of this sentence shows that Ken Lowe

- A was amazed at the idea of snow falling in a hot fire.
- B was amused by what was falling from the sky.
- C was trying to hide how frightened he was.
- D thought the amber snowflakes were beautiful.

Write the correct letter in the box. [1 mark]

Answer



Using the information in SOURCE A, put a tick (✓) in the correct box to show whether each statement is TRUE or FALSE. [2 marks]

| | TRUE | FALSE |
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| Lynn Pitman is a school teacher. | | |
| Ken Lowe said there were lights on the trees. | | |
| Most of the homes in Paradise were destroyed by this fire. | | |
| It took 17 firefighters to bring the fire under control. | | |



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You are advised to use a dictionary for this question.

SOURCE A says: 'Wildfires are rife in Californian forests.'

In this quotation, the word 'rife' means

A dangerous.

B common.

C feared.

D rare.

Write the correct letter in the box. [1 mark]

Answer



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What is the MAIN purpose of the writing in SOURCE A?

- A To advise people not to live in California.
- B To inform people about the Paradise wildfire.
- C To explain how wildfires are started.

Write the correct letter in the box. [1 mark]

| A | |
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| Answer | |



Read SOURCE B and answer QUESTIONS 7 to 9.



From SOURCE B, identify ONE positive thing and ONE negative thing about working as a firefighter.

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In SOURCE B, Helen says: 'No two days are the same.'

This means that firefighters

- A work two days per week.
- B get two days off every week.
- C each have their own special job every day.
- D carry out different tasks every day.

Write the correct letter in the box. [1 mark]

Answer



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SOURCE B contains text and a picture.

What EXTRA information does the picture suggest?

- A Women can work as firefighters.
- B Firefighters must wear a uniform.
- C Firefighters deal with floods.
- D Firefighters like to have barbecues.

Write the correct letter in the box. [1 mark]

| Answer | |
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QUESTIONS 10 and 11 refer to SOURCE A and SOURCE B.

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Compare SOURCE A and SOURCE B.

Identify TWO ways these sources are SIMILAR TO EACH OTHER.

You could write about:

- what they look like
- how they are written
- what they are about.

[2 marks]

| 1. Both sources _ | | | |
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| 2. Both sources _ | | |
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Compare SOURCE A and SOURCE B.

Identify TWO ways these sources are DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER.

You could write about:

- what they look like
- how they are written
- what they say.

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SECTION B

Read SOURCE C and answer QUESTIONS 12 to 17.



Look at the language and structure used in SOURCE C.

The main purpose of SOURCE C is to

- A persuade landlords to carry out fire safety checks.
- B explain how people renting a home can check that it's safe.
- C advise people looking for a new home to buy rather than rent.

Write the correct letter in the box. [1 mark]

Answer



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You are advised to use a dictionary for this question.

SOURCE C says: '...there are over 50 000 fires in dwellings in the UK.'

In this quotation the word 'dwellings' means

- A homes.
- B shops.
- C buildings.
- D offices.

Write the correct letter in the box. [1 mark]

Answer



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What does 'Furniture must be fire-resistant' mean?

- A Furniture must not be placed near a fire.
- B Furniture must not be allowed to block exits and escape routes.
- C Furniture must be made of materials which won't catch fire.
- D People should not smoke cigarettes near furniture.

Write the correct letter in the box. [1 mark]

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Using the information in SOURCE C, put a tick (✓) in the correct box to show whether each statement is TRUE or FALSE. [2 marks]

| | TRUE | FALSE |
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| People who own their own home are less likely to have a fire. | | |
| Smoke alarms should be installed on the floor. | | |
| Fire safety checks will prevent fires from happening. | | |
| The law says landlords must fit a carbon monoxide detector. | | |



Using the information in SOURCE C, put a tick (✓) in the correct box to show whether each statement is FACT or OPINION. [2 marks]

| | FACT | OPINION |
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| Each year around | | |
| 300 people die in | | |
| fires in homes. | | |
| Moving into your | | |
| own home is a | | |
| wonderful | | |
| experience. | | |
| Your landlord must | | |
| ensure that there is | | |
| a safe way out of the | | |
| property. | | |
| Fire in their home | | |
| may well be the | | |
| thing people fear | | |
| most. | | |



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You are going to rent your first home. You have been advised to make sure your new home is safe from fire.

From SOURCE C, make a list of

QUESTIONS to ask your landlord to ensure all the fire safety requirements have been met. [3 marks]



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