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## Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills

Paper 4 – \*\*\*Practice Papers\*\*\*

Time 45 minutes

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**E3R**

**English**

**Reading**

**Entry 3**

**You must have:**

Dictionary

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your candidate information.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided. Some questions must be answered by ticking a box.
- If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and mark your new answer with a tick.

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 24.
- You may use a dictionary.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully.
- Make sure you know what to do before you write your answers.  
If you are not sure, ask.
- Use clear English.
- Check your work at the end.

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Read Text A and answer Questions 1 to 6.

Text A

## Loftside Lake

### Open Water Swimming

Loftside Lake measures two metres deep. The average lake temperature can reach 26 degrees in July and August. The main swim season starts in May and ends in early October. Late season swims are only recommended for swimmers with experience.

#### Cost

- Swim membership is £30 for the season.
- Non members pay £4 per swim.

Please book online and pay at reception on arrival. There is ample parking by the lake. Wetsuits must be worn when the water temperature is under 14 degrees.

#### Facilities

There are showers, toilets and changing rooms. Please bring your own towels. The cafe is open for takeaway food and drink and there is undercover seating available outside.

#### Safety rules

- All swimmers must wear brightly coloured swim caps.
- Swimmers must keep to the course provided.
- Where possible swim in pairs.
- Swimmers must not shout, wave or whistle except in an emergency.

See [www.loftside-lake.biz/swimming](http://www.loftside-lake.biz/swimming) for more details.

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Write your answer on the line below.

1 How deep is Loftside Lake?

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(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

Put a tick (✓) in the correct box.

2 When does the main swim season finish?

		✓
A	May	
B	July	
C	August	
D	October	

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3 You may use a dictionary to answer this question.

'There is **ample** parking.'

The word **ample** means:

		✓
A	cheap	
B	limited	
C	enough	
D	secure	

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)

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4 List **three** facilities at Loftside Lake.

1 .....

2 .....

3 .....

(Total for Question 4 = 3 marks)

5 Name **one** thing swimmers must not do except in an emergency.

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(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

6 The **main** purpose of this text is to:

		✓
<b>A</b>	instruct people on how to swim	
<b>B</b>	inform about lake swimming	
<b>C</b>	describe experienced swimmers	
<b>D</b>	advise people not to lake swim	

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)

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Read Text B and answer Questions 7 to 12.

**Text B**

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing 'www.amysblog.biz'. The browser's menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favourites', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The page title is 'Second-hand clothes'. The main content of the page is a blog post with the following text:

## Why I buy second-hand clothes

Hi, my name is Amy. I have been buying second-hand clothes for 5 years now. There are lots of reasons to buy used clothes. You will benefit personally and also help the environment. Read on to find out more.

### You will save money

Used clothing can be bought in charity shops, online or at markets. You will never pay anywhere near full price. Many people give away or sell unworn items, so you can even get new clothes this way. Grab yourself a bargain!

### Second-hand clothing is unique

If you like to stand out from the crowd, second-hand clothing is the perfect choice. It is fun to find new styles that no one else has. You won't find two pieces of used clothing that are the same.

### You will help the environment

Water, energy, material and chemicals are all needed when new clothes are made. Re-using old clothes helps to save these resources.

I hope this makes you think about buying used clothing. See my blog next week for some excellent recycling tips. Bye for now.

The browser's status bar at the bottom right shows '100%' zoom level.

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7 How long has the writer been buying second-hand clothes for?

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(Total for Question 7 = 1 mark)

8 Name **two** places you can buy used clothing.

1 .....

2 .....

(Total for Question 8 = 2 marks)

9 You may use a dictionary to answer this question.

'Second-hand clothing is **unique**'

The word **unique** means:

		✓
<b>A</b>	one of a kind	
<b>B</b>	not very popular	
<b>C</b>	easy to find	
<b>D</b>	not too expensive	

(Total for Question 9 = 1 mark)

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10 Name **two** things that are needed when making new clothes.

1 .....

2 .....

(Total for Question 10 = 2 marks)

11 What is the blog about next week?

.....

(Total for Question 11 = 1 mark)

12 The purpose of this text is to:

		✓
<b>A</b>	encourage people to make clothes	
<b>B</b>	describe different clothes shops	
<b>C</b>	encourage people to buy used clothes	
<b>D</b>	describe different styles of clothes	

(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)

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Read Text C and answer Questions 13 to 17.

**Text C**

## **How to be a good listener**

Most people have about 27 conversations a day. We all communicate in our daily lives for different purposes. We talk to people at home, at school or at work. Sometimes we talk a lot but do we listen enough? Everyone can develop better listening skills.

Some people who we might listen to are friends and family members, teachers, workmates and neighbours. It is important to listen well. People appreciate it when others pay attention. It is polite and it also helps you to learn more.

### **When you are listening:**

1. Look at people when they talk. This is called eye contact.
2. Keep quiet. Don't talk over people.
3. Ask questions and show curiosity. This makes you appear interested.
4. Don't look at your phone.
5. Don't judge others. Keep an open mind.

### **Body language**

Think about your body language as well. Don't cross your arms. Crossed arms make a barrier between you and the other person.

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13 How many conversations do most people have each day?

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(Total for Question 13 = 1 mark)

14 Name **three** people we might listen to.

1 .....

2 .....

3 .....

(Total for Question 14 = 3 marks)

15 You may use a dictionary to answer this question.

'It is **polite**'

The word **polite** means:

		✓
<b>A</b>	talkative	
<b>B</b>	respectful	
<b>C</b>	amusing	
<b>D</b>	careless	

(Total for Question 15 = 1 mark)

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16 Name **two** things you should **not** do when listening.

1 .....

2 .....

(Total for Question 16 = 2 marks)

17 The text gives you:

		✓
A	advice on how to listen	
B	details of a conversation	
C	instructions for a phone	
D	help with talking skills	

(Total for Question 17 = 1 mark)

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