



AQA Functional Skills English Level 2 Writing January 2023

Sample Answers

The following story appeared in *The Bramby Sentinel*, a local free paper.

No Path Through The Woods?

Bramby Council is planning to sell Bramby Woods. The path through the woods, which is a favourite of local people and dog walkers, may close. The Council's plan would enable the woods to be developed for housing. This would bring in much needed income to the Council. The money raised, said a spokeswoman, would be used to build a centre for the elderly.



What do you think of this? Is the Council right? Send your letters to the editor.

You want to share your views on this subject. Write a letter to the editor explaining your feelings about the council's plan to sell Bramby Woods. Your letter should be about **150** to **200** words in total.

Remember to:

- plan your answer
- use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar
- write clearly and effectively.

[6 marks]
[+ 3 marks for SPaG]

Green highlighting - reference to mark scheme

Sample answer: Pass

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Chief Editor
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Dear Editor,

I recently read your article about the council's plans to develop our beloved woodland. I am writing to share my opinions on this proposal.

After the draining of Bramby Moor and the development of a housing estate in the nineties, Bramby Woods has become the only place in the local area where residents can escape the hustle and bustle to relax and unwind in a natural setting. Dog walkers rely on the area as a place to meet up and exercise their animals, and the woods is a refuge for young people who would otherwise be cooped up at home, glued to screens.

Unlike the rest of the UK, there is no shortage of housing in Bramby. If the council were to purchase and renovate disused homes, they could profit from selling them whilst also restoring the more derelict areas of our community. This solution avoids the destruction of our natural spaces and would be a more economical option for the council too, as new buildings would not be required.

Kind regards,
Ash Cedar

Word count: 194

Examiner comments:

- The response provides a clear and well-structured answer to the question, and the full context of the question has been considered (the destruction of the woods, the development of housing, and the need for the council to make profit).
- The answer includes a range of complex sentences that have been constructed accurately.
- A range of irregular and specialist vocabulary has been used and spelt correctly (e.g. 'unwind', 'refuge', 'derelict', 'economical').
- An appropriate format has been used for a letter, including addresses, a polite greeting and sign-off, and well-structured paragraphs

You are a reporter for a local community website. Your editor has asked you to attend the event below and write about it.

The Old Cricket Club Car Boot Sale

Huge car boot sale with a wide variety of new and second-hand items. Vintage clothes, furniture, bric-a-brac, antiques, collectibles, sports items etc.

Attracts a mix of people, from all around the area. Food and drink, entertainment and child care available. Free parking and disabled access.

A great chance to grab a bargain or have some fun with the family.

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| Where | The Old Cricket Club, Bramby |
| When | Most Sundays from 8 am |
| Entry fee | £3 before 11 am, £1.50 after |

Write a story for the website, telling readers about your experiences and what you felt about the event.

Remember to:

- plan your answer
- use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar
- write accurately in sentences and paragraphs.

[12 marks]
[+ 9 marks for SPaG]

Green highlighting - reference to mark scheme

Sample answer: Pass

The Old Cricket Club Car Boot Sale

By Barbara Bargainhunter

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Last weekend, I visited the local car boot sale at Bramby's Old Cricket Club. Not wanting to miss out on any bargains, I arrived early, at 8am. The early arrival was well worth the slightly higher entry fee, as the stalls were sprawling with a huge range of items when I arrived.

What was on offer?

I bagged a few bargains as I explored a vast variety of different stalls. The sale offered all sorts of clothes, furniture, and everything in between! Two car boots were piled with model trains, and three more boasted incredible antiques and art. I purchased some vintage earrings and a teapot shaped like a chicken - an utter novelty, but I thought it would definitely be a talking point at my upcoming coffee morning.

Food and entertainment

Speaking of coffee, the car boot sale offered more than just musty second-hand items from local attics! There were also food trucks and even live music. Sipping a caramel latte whilst listening to acoustic guitar and perusing a boot full of records for my record player was definitely the best possible way to spend my Sunday morning. Other bargain-hunters clearly agreed with me as the crowd swayed to the music, enjoyed a morning croissant or two, and almost completely swept the stalls and boots clean by lunchtime.

Facilities available

Those with children especially enjoyed the respite offered by the free creche, whilst people with disabilities were able to get around easily with disabled parking and level surfaces throughout the site.

I will definitely be attending again in the future, and would recommend the experience to anyone living in the local area.

Word count: 283

Examiner comments:

- The tone and style are appropriate for the task, and the text is likely to interest and engage the reader.
- The entire text is written clearly and organised in a logical order using subheadings and paragraphs.
- An appropriate level of detail is included, highlighting several of the points specified in the question and elaborating on opinions and ideas.
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate throughout.