



## NCFE Entry Level 3 Functional Skills Qualification in English (603/5052/0)

### Paper Title: Entry Level 3 Functional Skills Qualification in English: Reading

Paper number: 2R

Time allowed: 40 minutes

#### Assessor instructions:

- Read the below instructions and information to all learners.

#### Learner instructions:

- Use black or blue ink.
- Read each question carefully.
- Answer **all** questions 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 **16**.
- You will need to use a dictionary.

To be completed by the assessor	Mark
Section 1	
Section 2	
TOTAL MARK	

Please complete the details below clearly and in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Learner name \_\_\_\_\_

Centre name \_\_\_\_\_

Learner number

Centre number

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

## Activity 1: Reading Composition

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

You should spend **20** minutes on this section.

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**[www.caringpets.org](http://www.caringpets.org)**

Dear Sir or Madam

Caring Pets arranges pet visits to care homes, schools and clubs.

Research has shown that regular contact with pets improves health. Some studies have found that early contact with pets helps young children guard against allergies. But those over 75 appear to gain the most from contact with pets:

- Playing with a pet can help people become more animated and social.
- Stroking pets lowers stress levels. It can also result in lower amounts of medicine being needed.
- Pets that need walking promote exercise. This keeps people active.
- Watching pets, for example fish in a tank, can be calming and lowers stress.

But not everybody can care for a pet. This is where Caring Pets can help. Our business answers your group's need for contact with pets. Our main purpose is to visit your group with popular pets, such as cats and dogs. But we can also bring the more exotic such as alpacas and llamas. For ideas on how to support your group go to our website. It's full of helpful videos and podcasts.

Phone us a month in advance to guarantee your chosen pets will be available. We suggest you book regular visits. Although we cannot promise the same qualified person will attend every time.

Yours faithfully

**Caring Pets**

1 (a) The purpose of this document is to:

[1 mark]

- A Describe a visit from Caring Pets.
- B Explain how Caring Pets helps.
- C Inform about visiting Caring Pets.
- D Instruct how to care for pets.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

1 (b) Identify **two** ways people can lower their stress levels.

[2 marks]

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1 (c) Why should you book early?

[1 mark]

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1 (d) The word **animated** is used in the first bullet point of this letter. What does the word **animated** mean?

You may use a dictionary.

[1 mark]

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1 (e) Where is Caring Pets based?

[1 mark]

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1 (f) The writer uses the phrase **exotic**.

What does the word **exotic** mean in this context?

You can use a dictionary.

[1 mark]

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1 (g) Name **one** group of people who benefit from pet interaction.

[1 mark]

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## Activity 2: Reading Composition

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

You should spend **20** minutes on this section.

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# DAILY NEWS

## DO PETS INCREASE HAPPINESS?

by Wes Calley

Recent research has shown that pets visiting care homes improve happiness levels in the elderly. But is this truly the case?

### **UNFAIR RESEARCH**

Various experts think most of the experiments did not include enough people. So the research did not give meaningful results. They also failed to look at long term results. Just because it appears that pets give short term pleasure does not mean the feeling carries on.

Jo Kaur<sup>1</sup>, a researcher, cast doubt on the research as well. She described it as 'murky' and unfair. A lot of the research had been done by groups who were actually using pets as furry therapists. She said it is therefore vital to complete more thorough studies.

Sigmund Crossman<sup>2</sup>, a vet, appreciates it is not clear if pets are the only reason for rising happiness

levels. There could be other explanations, such as chatting with the pet's owner. A further reason could be contact with one particular pet. "More research must be done to improve our knowledge," he said.

### **THINK OF THE PETS!**

Jill Franks<sup>3</sup>, author of "Pets Have Feelings Too", criticises the research. She asks, "Is it fair to take animals, especially those who aren't house pets, to care homes to be patted and fussed over by lots of different people?" She is determined to stop pets being put into this position.

### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

Better research probably!

However, for pet lovers, the benefits may well be there. For thousands of years pets have certainly made people happy. If it works for one person, fine, but don't apply the results to everybody ... yet.

1. Jo Kaur is a researcher for Medical Ed Ltd.

2. Sigmund Crossman works in private practice in Rugby.

3. Jill Franks wrote "Pets Have Feelings Too" in 2015.

2 (a) Who might be interested in reading this article?

[1 mark]

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2 (b) Give **two** reasons why people think the research does not tell the whole truth.

[2 marks]

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2 (c) The word **murky** is used in the third paragraph. What does the word **murky** mean?

You may use a dictionary.

[1 mark]

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2 (d) The main point of the article is to:

[1 mark]

- A Comment on research on animals and well-being.
- B Complain about animals being cuddled by people.
- C Describe what happened in some care homes.
- D Explain why animals should not visit care homes.

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

2 (e) Where can you find out who employs Jo Kaur?

[1 mark]

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2 (f) What information does the heading give?

[1 mark]

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2 (g) What is the title of Jill Franks' book?

[1 mark]

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