



# FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH

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Level 1

## Reading: The Exam

### Instructions

- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer questions on separate paper if required.

### Information and Advice

- The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide on how long to spend on each question.
- Read each question carefully before you answer it.
- Check your answers.

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# The Herald

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## Visitor farms: Are farmers harming their animals?

By Samantha Hopgrove

All over the UK, visitor farms are being set up to operate like zoos. A study from 2018 found that there are wild and foreign animals including snakes, exotic birds, and meerkats in over 350 farms across the UK.

These attractions usually bring in high numbers of visitors, and they especially appeal to families with young children. Pre-booked 'animal experiences' such as llama and alpaca treks have become increasingly common, with many people booking walks with the animals for special occasions.

As they are less regulated and generally have smaller animals than traditional zoos, visitor farms are cheaper to run, and offer lower prices for visitors. It's no wonder that in 2022, visitor farms across the country earned over 35 million pounds in entrance fees.



**Goats being fed at a visitor farm.**  
**Photograph by P. Jessop.**



**Young alpaca**  
**Photograph**  
**by P. Jessop.**

Even though they are popular with humans, visitor farms can be bad news for animals.

In a recent RSPCA report, Inspector George Sanderson found 106 cases of animal cruelty and neglect in visitor farms. Many of the animals affected were exotic animals that come from other countries and have unique needs like moisture regulation, heat lamps, and special types of food.

The animals with the highest reported deaths in 2022 were reptiles like snakes and lizards, which were often discovered by inspectors to have the wrong types of food and no heat lamps.

Goats were found to be at risk of overfeeding, and llamas and alpacas showed signs of stress and tiredness as a result of trekking experiences offered to visitors. Visitor interactions can prove extremely harmful to animals.

It is clear that visitor farms will need more regulation in the future. Farmers and other staff also need to learn about the needs of exotic and herd animals to avoid harming their animals and turning their farms into zoos.



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## REVIEWS: ESKERDALE FARM

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BOB SPONGE

Thoroughly enjoyed my visit today. Went with my wife and kids. The little ones absolutely loved it! Loads of animals and good cafe options. 10/10 would visit again.

PATRICK97

I'm absolutely appalled by the horrible conditions the animals were kept in. Most of the reptiles were in tiny glass boxes with almost nothing in them! This place should be shut down!

CHEEKYSANDY

Guys, you will absolutely love this farm. I went along with my mum to a llama hike and the scenery was simply amazing. Mum has back problems and struggles to get around, but the route is really accessible and the staff were fantastic. The only issue is that you have to book the hikes in advance.

TONI PLANKTON

I don't know why some of the reviews on this site are so positive. The staff were really rude and didn't offer me a discount because I forgot to bring my student card. A lot of the animals weren't even on display and the llamas and alpacas hung around right at the other end of the field, so we didn't get to feed them.

MRS KRABB

It's a lovely farm with lots of nice animals and opportunities to feed and stroke the goats and alpacas. There's a play area for children and there's even a little cafe so you can get a bite to eat.

PEARL\_W

I'd say the farm is pretty average. There are quite a few animals but there are no information boards so you can't really learn about them. The cafe has a wide selection but they didn't have many vegan options. I liked the donkeys the best as they were very friendly and clearly wanted a cuddle.

Q1	Identify <b>two</b> layout features in Source <b>A</b> that make the text easier for the reader to understand.	[2 marks]
Q2	Using Source <b>A</b> , give <b>two</b> pieces of information about llama and alpaca treks.	[2 marks]
Q3	Identify <b>two</b> phrases used in Source <b>A</b> to persuade people to come to the farm.	[2 marks]
Q4	Source <b>A</b> uses the phrase 'lovely llamas'. Identify a language technique used in this phrase, and suggest why the writer uses this technique.	[2 marks]
Q5	Look at Source <b>B</b> . What is the meaning of the following <b>three</b> words?: (a) 'Treks' (b) 'Exotic' (c) 'Harmful'	[3 marks]
Q6	Identify <b>one</b> fact and <b>one</b> opinion in Source <b>B</b> .	[2 marks]
Q7	Look at Source <b>B</b> . (a) Who wrote the article? (b) Who took the photographs? (c) Who reported animal cruelty in farms?	[3 marks]

**Q8**

Look at Source **C**. Which two posters had a negative experience at the farm? Support your answer with a quote from each poster.

**[4 marks]**

**Q9**

In Source **C**, do the posters write in a personal or impersonal style?

**[1 mark]**

**Q10**

Why does Patrick97 use exclamation marks in Source **C**?

**[1 mark]**