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Sample Paper: P000300

NCFE Functional Skills Qualification in English at Level 2 – Reading
(600/0140/9)

Time Allowed 1 HOUR

You may use a dictionary during this assessment.

Read the scenario and each document carefully.

Read each question carefully before answering.

Marks are given for evidence of accurate reading only. No marks are allocated for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

At the end of the assessment hand all documents over to the invigilator as instructed.

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For Examiner use only:	Reading				
Activity number	1	2	3	4	Total Marks
Marks awarded					
Marks available	9	9	9	3	30

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SAMPLE

Trekking



Scenario

The trekking group of which you are a member has decided to complete a fundraising challenge for charity. You search for information which might help you organise this.

Read the documents and answer the questions that follow.

Charity Xpeditions – celebrating 20 years of inspirational fundraising challenges

Choose your challenge



1. African Bush Trek 25 September - 03 October



Starting in the foothills of 2,590m tall Mt Longdio, you will trek across the floor of the Great Rift Valley right to the foothills of the stunning Crater Highlands, with the Maasai as your guides. On the way you will also climb the Gelai Volcano, where hidden remote Maasai settlements can be found on its high slopes at just under 3,000m.

Once the challenge is complete, you have the option of a 4WD game drive into one of the Natural Wonders of the World, the Ngorongoro Crater, or to carry on to your hotel to relax.

2. Avenue of the Volcanoes 10 - 21 September



This demanding challenge in the Avenue of Volcanoes begins with the Pasochoa and El Corazon volcanoes, followed by Iliniza and ends at the foot of the glacier (5,000m) on the world's highest active volcano, the magical Mt Cotopaxi.

There is an option to climb to the summit of Mt Cotopaxi (5,897m). This is intended for those of the group who are very fit. You start your climb at about midnight when the ice is hard and easier to trek on. As the sun starts to rise, you will see spectacular views of the Andes through gaps in the cloud.

3. Dalai Lama Himalayan Trek 25 March - 05 April



This great mountain 'starter' trek begins and ends in Upper Dharamsala, at just under 2,000m, where the Dalai Lama and the centre of the Tibetan Community live, at the heart of the world's highest mountain range.

Your expedition follows the Uhl River down through forests. The route takes in Hindu settlements and remote Buddhist monasteries. The region remains largely unvisited. You spend a night beside nomadic shepherd encampments, and another in the Taragarh Palace, home to Maharajas for centuries.

Questions relating to Document 1.

1. The **main purpose** of Document 1 is to:

- A. recommend the most challenging treks
- B. outline various trek itineraries
- C. persuade readers to complete a trek with Charity Xpeditions
- D. instruct readers on how to trek safely at height.

Please circle your answer

1 mark

2. Which **two** of the three treks offer additional activities? Detail **one** of these activities.

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3. According to Document 1, which trek is the most physically challenging? How do you know this? Give evidence from the document.

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4. One of the members of your trekking group suffers from severe altitude sickness over 2,500m. According to Document 1, which trek would be most suitable for them?

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5. Identify **three** presentational features within Document 1 and say, for each one, what they help to convey.

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Total marks available: 9

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Charity Xpeditions - Your complete fundraising guide



Your Donations
Your Brand
Your Data

Play the numbers game

Ask as many people as you can because it is often those who you least expect to support you who will surprise you with some cash! Plan a target group. Think of everyone you know - friends, family, work mates - and make a list. Make sure, too, that you put your request in writing. Explain who you will be helping and why. If you have a personal link to the charity, give some details and include some information to show how the money that this particular charity has received in the past has helped specific cases. Remember to say thanks!

Advertising

Tell everyone about what you're up to. Word-of-mouth is the best form of advertising but you could also get in touch with local papers, radio and TV stations. A reporter might like to write a piece about what you're doing or you could write an article yourself. Your local media will always be keen on hearing about what its readers are up to and these expeditions are very newsworthy. Try and find an angle that will pull them in.

If you send the local media a press release, include all of the following:

- Why you want to go. Give reasons that others can relate to. Simply saying you've always wanted to climb K2 is not enough.
- How much you need to raise and who the money is for. Point out that this is not a holiday.
- Details of your charity. Explain why the work of your chosen charity is so vital. Inspire would-be sponsors without overdoing it.
- Your contact details. Provide contact details and say how readers can sponsor you.

Company sponsorship

Before going to a company, above all, think what you can offer them. What can a company or group gain by sponsoring you, in terms of advertising and publicity? Get in touch with companies well in advance, so they can budget for the costs. Keep all your sponsors informed of your progress and be sure to thank them publicly.

Questions relating to Document 2.

6. The **main purpose** of Document 2 is to:
- A. convince readers to fundraise
 - B. change readers' fundraising methods
 - C. analyse various fundraising methods
 - D. inform readers how to fundraise successfully.

Please circle your answer

1 mark

7. According to Document 2, identify **two** groups of people you could approach for sponsorship.

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8. Summarise how Document 2 advises the reader on advertising their challenge.

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9. How would you describe the style of Document 2? Give an example from the document.

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10. According to Document 2, what is the most important point to consider when approaching local businesses to sponsor your trek?

Which phrase from the document tells you this?

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Total marks available: 9

SAMPLE

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FAQs

What should I expect?

Many of Charity Xpeditions' host countries are less developed than the UK and Ireland. Internal transport is often limited and facilities can be less than sophisticated. If, however, you want an adrenaline-filled adventure abroad, are over 18 and fit, then we firmly believe Charity Xpeditions, over other companies, has lots to offer you!

Who takes part?

Our challenges are open to capable over 18s. Unlike our competitors, we actively encourage mature participants! Our most mature clients have been a 75-year-old man who completed the Tiger Bike Ride in India and a 72-year-old man who successfully climbed K2. Regardless of age, you will need to be fit, should have an active sense of adventure, be willing to muck in, and have a positive and flexible approach to adventure travel.

How fit do I need to be?

The very nature of the Charity Xpedition means you need a certain level of fitness. Our challenges are designed to be tough, as you need to earn your sponsorship money, so getting fit is a part of it; we just can't stress this enough! You can find Training Notes on the website and we urge you spend two to three months before your trip getting fit and building up strength. You do not need to be professional in your chosen sport but the more prepared you are the more you will enjoy the challenge. Only you can judge how fit you are and what you are capable of achieving so be sensible but adventurous. Don't forget people are sponsoring you to take on a challenge.

Where will I stay?

This could range from tents, to a guest house, to an eco-lodge, to a hotel. It's essential that you know that, as a rule, you will share with one other person (same sex) and you probably won't be in five-star luxury. Details of each night's accommodation are given in the full day-by-day itinerary for each challenge. We aim to use locally owned accommodation wherever possible in order to keep profits from the event within the local community. Let us know on your booking form if there is someone with whom you would like to share.

Questions relating to Document 3.

11. The **main purpose** of Document 3 is to:

- A. respond to common reader queries
- B. encourage readers to increase their fitness levels
- C. answer readers' questions about accommodation
- D. persuade readers to use Charity Xpeditions.

Please circle your answer

1 mark

12. From the following extract in Document 3, explain in your own words what the writer means by a **'flexible'** approach to adventure travel.

"You will need to be fit, should have an active sense of adventure, be willing to muck in, and have a positive and flexible approach to adventure travel."

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..... 1 mark

13. Select **two** phrases from source Document 3 where Charity Xpeditions are showing company bias.

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2.
..... 2 marks

14. A new member of your trekking group is very shy and finds it difficult to interact closely with other members. He has asked you if you think the charity treks would be suitable for him.

Using information from Document 3, how might you answer his question and why?

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15. What does Document 3 imply about the conditions in some of the countries you could visit? Give an example from the document that expresses this.

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16. A member of your trekking group is a senior citizen and is worried about being accepted for a Charity Xpeditions trek.

What piece of advice would you give her from the information you have read in Document 3?

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..... 1 mark

Total marks available: 9

Question relating to all three documents.

17. A friend is thinking of doing a fundraising trek. Give **one** piece of advice from each document.

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..... 3 marks

Total marks available: 3

End of assessment



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