

# Functional Skills English (4748)

## Entry 3 Reading

### Sample assessment

## Candidate Paper

# Environment

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Marks: 16

Candidate's name: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Guilds enrolment number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

### You will need

- a pen with black or blue ink
- a dictionary.

### Instructions

- Read each question carefully.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- You do not need to write full sentences.
- There are no marks for spelling, punctuation or grammar.

### Candidate's declaration:

I confirm that this assessment is my own work.

Candidate's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

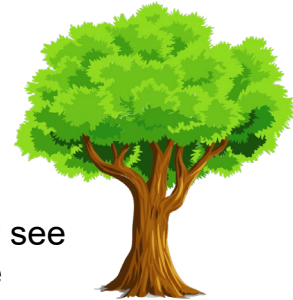
## Activity 1

Read the text.

*Environment* magazine

# Global Warming

## How can trees make a difference?



Global warming affects all of us. In the UK, we can already see changes in our weather and landscapes. We can even see changes to our wildlife population.

### Trees are very important in helping us and the planet

#### Trees lower carbon gases

Trees take carbon gases from the air. Therefore, planting new trees to create forests and woods is the best way to lower carbon gases for the benefit of all of us.



#### Trees create a strong landscape

Planting more trees in large areas will help to connect our woods with towns and cities. More woodland and green spaces will provide richer surroundings for wildlife to live in.

#### What can we do?

We need to make some changes to the way we live. If we act now, we can lower the effects of climate change on the land and on the wildlife we need to protect.

#### Trees protect the countryside

Trees also help wildlife and the countryside as the weather changes by providing shade in the summer and shelter from the wind in winter.

**We can all take action to help the environment.**

You can help by planting trees in your garden or get involved in planting trees in your community. If you don't have time or space to plant trees, you can support local wildlife schemes by donating money to them. They can use your money to protect woodlands and plant trees for the benefit of wildlife and people.

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**Answer the questions about the text.**

1. What is the **main** purpose of the text?  
(Tick **one**)

- To describe UK woodlands and forests.
- To explain how trees help the environment.
- To talk about animal behaviour in the UK.
- To give instructions for planting trees.

2. Give **two** ways that trees help support wildlife.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

3. From the text, give **three** ways you can support the environment.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

4. In the section **What can we do?** the word **act** means to

- do something that causes a change
- pretend to be someone else
- wait for something to work
- perform in a film or play

(Tick **one**)

**7 marks**

## Activity 2

Read the text.



# Recycling News

Our aim is to keep the UK updated on the environment

News

Recycling

Plastic

Projects

Support Us

### Plastic Bottle Bird Feeder

The plastic bottle bird feeder is a simple DIY project for bird lovers of all ages.

#### You will need:

- A 1 litre empty soft drinks bottle
- Two wooden spoons, (these will create a place for the birds to sit while they eat)
- A piece of string
- A hook
- A bag of bird seed

#### Equipment

- A knife or a drill

#### Instructions

1. Cut or drill four small holes in the bottle for the spoons.
2. Push the spoons through to the other side of the bottle.
3. Take off the bottle top and fill the bottle with bird seed.
4. Make a small hole in the bottle top and attach the hook to it.
5. Put the top back on the bottle.
6. Loop the string through the hook and fasten the bottle to a tree or balcony.



Here are some other ideas that are good for the environment and good for your pocket.



#### Second Hand Clothing

Charity shops are a great way to find a bargain. You can pass on your old clothes and pick up new ones. Most charity shops have clothes that are clean and in good condition.



#### Zero Waste Lifestyle

Only buy as much food as you really need. If you have cooked too much, freeze the rest. According to research, food waste is one of the biggest problems in the UK.



#### Simple Changes for a Plastic Free Home

1. Choose vegetables without packaging
2. Take a cloth bag to the shops
3. Make your own cleaning products
4. Use glass or metal containers

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**Answer the questions about the text.**

1. What is the purpose of the organisation 'Recycling News'?  
(Tick **one**)

- To keep people informed about the environment.
- To give instructions for Do-It-Yourself projects.
- To recycle and reuse plastic soft drinks bottles.
- To send out monthly newsletters to everyone.

2. What tool do you need to make a birdfeeder?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Which instruction tells you how to make a place for the birds to sit?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Which word in the text could replace the phrase **good for your pocket**?  
(Tick **one**)

- reduced
- handy
- small
- cheap

5. Name **two** things the text says you can do in a charity shop.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

6. What should you do if you have prepared more food than you need?

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7. Which tab would you click to give money to Recycling News?  
(Tick **one**)

- Projects
- Recycling
- Plastic
- Support Us

8. What is the **main** purpose of the text?  
(Tick **one**)

- To advertise charity shops.
- To describe birds in the garden.
- To report on food waste in the UK.
- To explain how to make a birdfeeder.

**9 marks**

Check your work.

**End of assessment**