



Functional Skills Initial Assessment
English Level 2

Time Allowed:

Writing 15 mins

Reading 15 mins

Name:

Setting:

Please ensure you read the questions carefully.

	Tasks	%
Reading	/8	
Writing	/22	

Activity: Write an email

Complete the activity in the space provided.

You have won a 3-day break for two people to the beautiful town of Anston.

However, the break is very soon and must be taken mid-week when you are normally at work.

Write an email to your manager giving them full details and persuading them to allow you to have the time off.

You should address your email to: samdavis@cancom.biz

[22 marks]



ANSTON
Recently voted the happiest place in the UK!

A T T R A C T I O N S

- Plentiful green spaces including a park.
- A thriving town centre for shopping
- Beautiful new riverside 4-Star hotel.
- New state-of-the-art retail space.
- Popular restaurants and bars.
- Extensive parking available.
- London is only 1 hour away!
- Great railway connections.

ViSiT US
www.anston.co.uk
#visitanston

The graphic features a large magnifying glass on the right side, focusing on a street scene in Anston with a prominent clock tower. The background is a light teal color with a dark teal magnifying glass frame.

Things you could include might be:

- The dates and time you want to take off from work.
- What attractions you are going to do there.
- How you are going to get there.
- Why it's important for you to go to Anston.
- What you will do to make up any work missed.

WRITE THE EMAIL ON THE NEXT PAGE!

Write your email here:

	To...	
Send	Subject	

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[Total: 22 marks]

ANSTON NEWS

Anston triumphs with 'happiest town' award

Warren Jaleel, Chief Reporter

A survey of more than 150 000 people across the UK has found that Anston is the happiest place to live in the UK!

The Happiness Index asked people to rate where they live based on ten happiness measures which included:

- friendliness
- community spirit
- a sense of belonging
- local services
- transport
- nature and green spaces
- sports and culture
- food and drink.

Councillor Emma O'Connor, leader of Anston Town Council, said the results were a testimony to the town's shared energy and ambition: 'I am delighted to see that Anston has scored so highly at a national level, and that our residents are officially among the UK's happiest. In a truly excellent setting, with great spaces, places and events to enjoy, Anston is a fantastic place to live, work, visit and invest in. People buying or renting homes in the town say that the town offers all the amenities that modern families are looking for.'

The accolade is no secret to local residents. The town has appeared in the Top Ten Towns list for the last 5 years. As well as being in an ideal position for accessing transport networks, Anston has plentiful green spaces and a thriving town centre. Renowned for its independent retail shops and quality food and drink outlets, which are a major draw for hundreds of thousands of visitors, Anston has become less of a hidden gem.

New construction

Anston is currently benefitting from a major transformation. The construction project has been a key feature in the town's plans for future growth. These have included the delivery of 720 residential apartments in a beautiful riverside development near to the station, a four-star hotel, a medical centre, a new shopping complex, 70 000 square metres of state-of-the-art retail space and 1 700 parking spaces.

Connectivity

Connectivity has been fundamental to the town attracting more than £1 billion worth of construction projects, which are now close to completion. House prices in nearby larger towns have increased to a level which challenges affordability, and the housing market in Anston is benefitting. With London only 1 hour away by train, it's also ideal for commuters. In other words, you could say Anston is perfectly situated: demand for local housing is strong and it's well connected by rail.

The Top Five Towns

Anston
Dinbury
Newton
Colmouth
Wembridge



New residents would seem to agree with this survey. Nine in ten (91%) of those who have recently moved to Anston say they now feel happier with where they live.

Activity: Reading

The questions refer to Document 1.

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

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

1 Which word **best** describes the writing in Document 1?

[1 mark]

A Enthusiastic

B Humorous

C Objective

D Serious

Answer _____

2 In Document 1, how does the writer describe the location of Anston?

Give **two** short quotes to show this.

[2 marks]

1)

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2)

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3 What is the purpose of **each** of these features in Document 1?

a) Bullet points

[1 mark]

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b) Picture

[1 mark]

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4 Give **two** reasons why house buyers are attracted to Anston.

[2 marks]

1)

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2)

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5 Identify **one** thing that attracts tourists to Anston.

[1 mark]

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[Total: 8 marks]