



# Functional Skills Initial Assessment English Level 2

Time Allowed: 30 mins

Name: .....

Setting: .....

Please ensure you read the questions carefully.

	Task 1	Task 2	Total
Reading	/8		/30
Writing		/22	%

# 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 tone of writing in Document 1?

**[1 mark]**

- A** Enthusiastic
- B** Humorous
- C** Objective
- D** Serious

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

- 2** In Document 1, the writer uses language to describe the location of Anston.

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

**[2 marks]**

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

a) Bullet points

**[1 mark]**

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b) Special display box

**[1 mark]**

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

**[2 marks]**

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

**[1 mark]**

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**[Total: 8 marks]**

## Activity: Write an email

Complete the activity in the space provided.

You have won a break for two people which includes tickets to a concert or a sporting event. 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](mailto:samdavis@cancom.biz)

**[22 marks]**

**You may use the template on the next page for your email.**

**Write your email here:**

[illegible]

