

# Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills – Level 1

## Set 8

Time: 60 minutes

Paper Reference **PENR1/S08**

## English

### Component 2: Reading Text Booklet

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### Instructions

- You should write your answers in the Question and Answer Booklet.
- You must **not** write any responses to questions in this Text Booklet.

### Information

- This Text Booklet contains the three texts required for the Level 1 Component 2: Reading exam.
- This Text Booklet must be securely destroyed by the centre immediately after the exam has been completed.

### Advice

- Read each text before you answer the questions.

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## Text A

### Leaflet

#### Town's New Cycle Route

The new route for cyclists linking the local college with the shopping mall, railway station and town centre is now open. This is part of the council's plan to promote cycling and reduce the number of cars on the roads.



The new cycle lanes are:

- extra wide
- separated from the road
- coloured blue.

There are also new signs for both cyclists and other road users. It is important to be aware of the changes to the road layout in the area to ensure the safety of everyone.

Your council – making things better for everyone

## Text B

### Article

## Why not try cycling?

### Good time to change

How can changing the way you travel improve things for everyone? Cycling is an excellent form of transport that has many benefits, for example increasing your fitness. With the opening of the new cycle route around town, there has never been a better time to start cycling.

### Good for the planet

Bikes produce absolutely no pollution and are much quieter than cars and buses. If more people cycled, there would be fewer traffic jams and everyone would breathe healthy air. What about parking? That's straightforward - you can fit ten bikes into one car parking space.

### Good for you

People who cycle regularly are as fit as people ten years younger. Cycling can help to reduce the risk of illnesses such as heart disease and it increases muscle strength. It can also help to control your weight. What about other benefits? Cycling reduces stress – no need to hunt for a space in a car park.



### Good for your bank balance

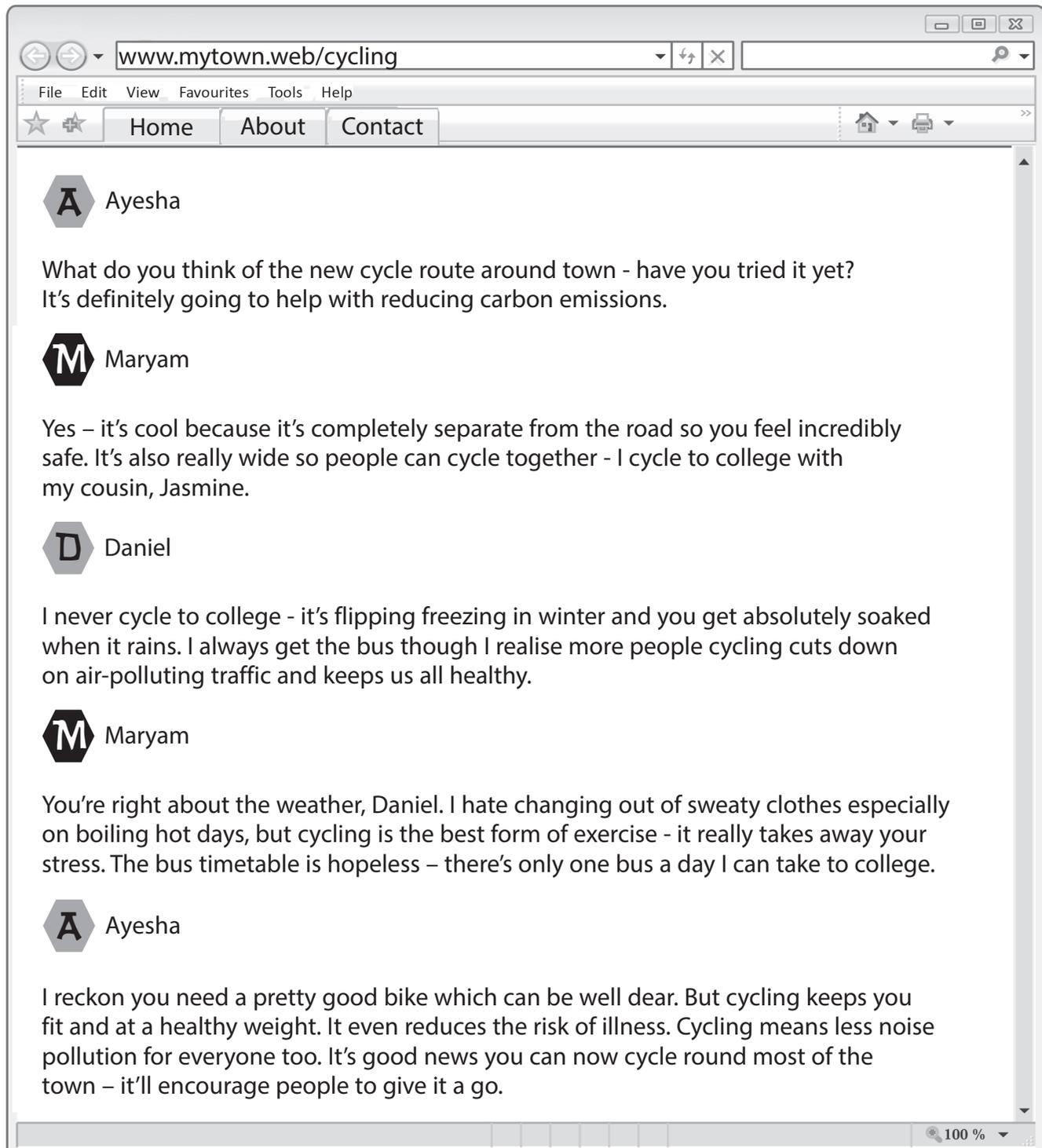
What about costs? Once you have bought a bike, there are relatively few extra expenses - you don't have to pay for road tax or fuel. It costs around £50.00 a year to maintain a bike (much less than a car) and a bike can last a long time. You don't have to pay to park either.

### Good for carers and children

There are various ways to transport small children on a bike, for example by using special child seats. Cycling means you can park close to your destination - convenient if you have children. Once they are old enough, children can learn to ride their own bikes, following a programme like Bikeability, which teaches children how to cycle safely on roads. So why not take this opportunity to give cycling a go and help save the planet for future generations?

## Text C

### Discussion forum



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing "www.mytown.web/cycling". The browser has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "View", "Favourites", "Tools", and "Help". Below the menu bar are navigation buttons for "Home", "About", and "Contact", along with a search icon and a printer icon. The main content area displays a discussion forum with five posts. Each post is preceded by a hexagonal profile picture containing a letter: 'A' for Ayesha, 'M' for Maryam, and 'D' for Daniel. The posts discuss the benefits and challenges of cycling, such as reducing carbon emissions, feeling safe on a dedicated route, and dealing with weather conditions.

**A** Ayesha

What do you think of the new cycle route around town - have you tried it yet?  
It's definitely going to help with reducing carbon emissions.

**M** Maryam

Yes – it's cool because it's completely separate from the road so you feel incredibly safe. It's also really wide so people can cycle together - I cycle to college with my cousin, Jasmine.

**D** Daniel

I never cycle to college - it's flipping freezing in winter and you get absolutely soaked when it rains. I always get the bus though I realise more people cycling cuts down on air-polluting traffic and keeps us all healthy.

**M** Maryam

You're right about the weather, Daniel. I hate changing out of sweaty clothes especially on boiling hot days, but cycling is the best form of exercise - it really takes away your stress. The bus timetable is hopeless – there's only one bus a day I can take to college.

**A** Ayesha

I reckon you need a pretty good bike which can be well dear. But cycling keeps you fit and at a healthy weight. It even reduces the risk of illness. Cycling means less noise pollution for everyone too. It's good news you can now cycle round most of the town – it'll encourage people to give it a go.

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