

Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills – Level 2

Past Paper 5

Time: 75 minutes

Paper Reference **PENR2/S05**

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 2 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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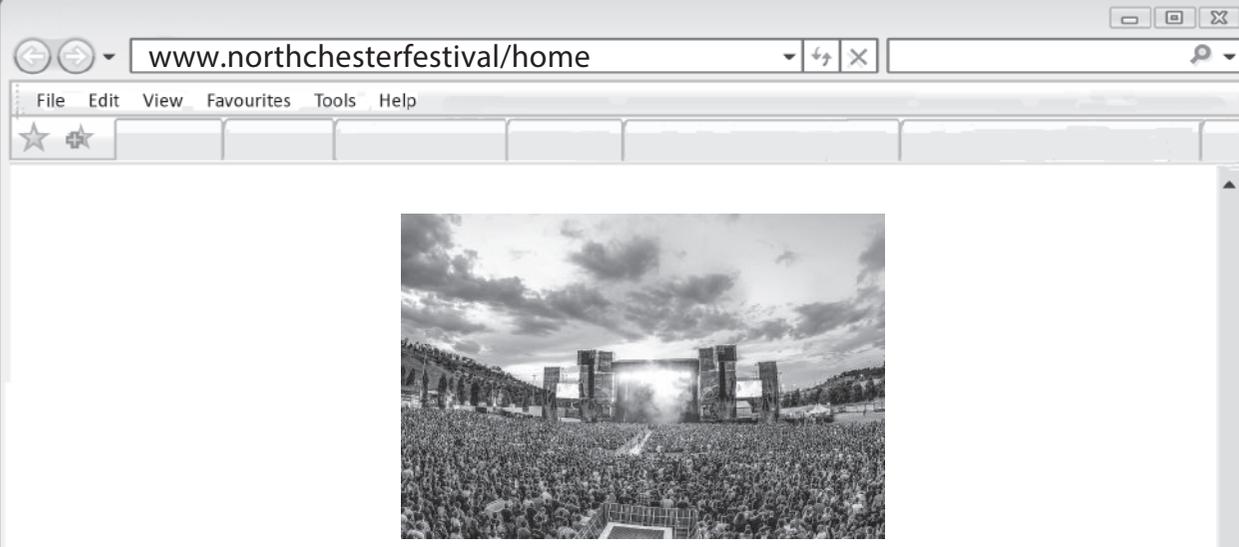
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Text A

Advert



Paragraph 1

This year's Northchester Music Festival will be bigger and better than ever before! The multi-award winning festival takes place on a 100 acre site, in beautiful Northchester Country Park. The backdrop to the festival is the stunning Penly Hills. There are great transport links by rail via Northchester Central and by coach via Penly Coach Station.

Paragraph 2

There will be a massive 200 singers, DJs and bands performing across six stages. We can promise you some of the biggest names in music, as well as the coolest new bands on the Emerging Acts stage. There will also be a comedy tent and lots of free events for festival goers.

Paragraph 3

All tickets include free camping if you enjoy sleeping under the stars. If you crave a little more luxury then other options include pods, cabins and yurts and even our fabulous onsite hotel. If you fancy one of these options then book early – they sell out every year. There are family areas and quiet fields if you'd like some peace and quiet.

Paragraph 4

If you get peckish during the festival then don't worry – there are no soggy burgers here! Every year there are independent traders selling a dizzying variety of food at reasonable prices. Whatever your diet, we've got you covered and we monitor prices to make sure that the food is as affordable as it's tasty.

Paragraph 5

If you're planning to attend the festival then be sure to download Northchester Festival App. You'll be able to follow all of the latest festival news and there's a brilliant schedule function to give you a handy reminder of all the acts you want to see. You'll be sure to see your favourite bands playing the music you love!

Text B

Article

Festival-goers will spend £1.2bn on food, clothes and merchandise this summer

by

Emma Elsworthy

Festival-goers will shell out a whopping £1.2 billion this summer on food, clothes and merchandise. Researchers who polled 2,000 adults found 36% plan to go to some sort of live entertainment event this year. And the stats show the average adult will part with £67 a day, as they browse stalls and enjoy games, rides and other festival experiences.

Food is the biggest daily spend at a festival, with the average music fan forking out £46 to keep themselves fed. However, the study¹ found food preferences have changed – and the days of chips and burgers are long gone. Festival-goers are now tucking into thali (16%), fish curry (15%) and kimchee (14%).

Making memories is increasingly important to people when deciding how to spend their money, with many keen to take away something extra from their festival

experience. It emerged eight in 10 festival-lovers will splash out on unique products that can't be found elsewhere.

Four in 10 even prefer to shop at live entertainment events rather than online or on the high street – with a third considering these events better places to uncover new trends. 41% said they feel more connected to the products they buy at a festival.

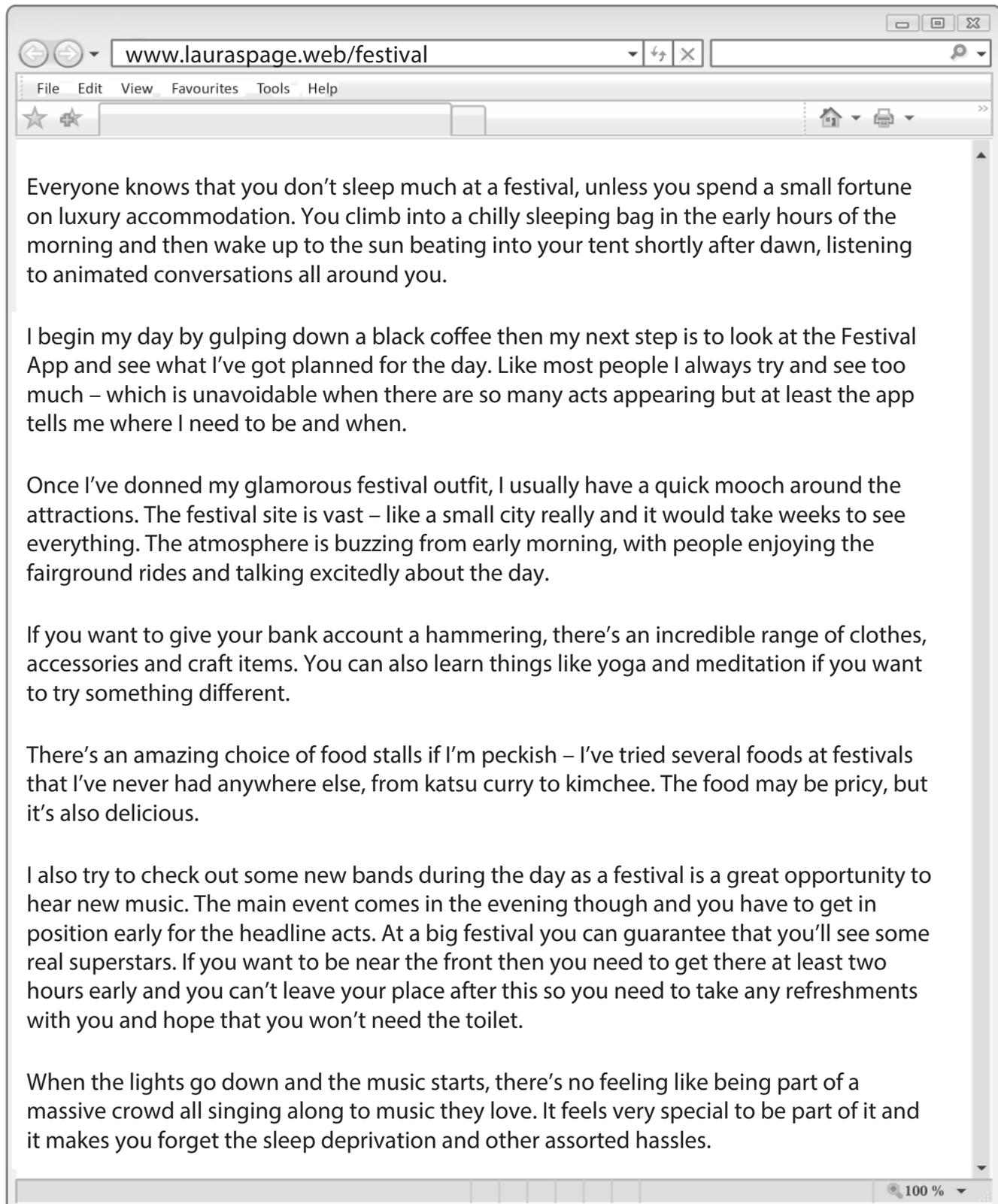
The study also polled 200 companies who sell goods at festivals. Half the companies said that they try out products which they'll then later roll out online or in store. Of those who have used festivals as a testing ground, four in five companies do so because they consider attendees to be fairly open-minded, and 83% like the idea of receiving direct feedback. Some companies polled believed that their sales will continue to rise in the future, but others were less confident.

¹Commissioned by Barclaycard

Source: adapted from (<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/festival-goers-spend-12bn-food-17370441>)

Text C

Blog



The image shows a screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar contains the URL www.lauraspageweb/festival. The browser's menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favourites', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The page content is a blog post with several paragraphs of text. The browser's status bar at the bottom right shows a magnification level of 100%.

Everyone knows that you don't sleep much at a festival, unless you spend a small fortune on luxury accommodation. You climb into a chilly sleeping bag in the early hours of the morning and then wake up to the sun beating into your tent shortly after dawn, listening to animated conversations all around you.

I begin my day by gulping down a black coffee then my next step is to look at the Festival App and see what I've got planned for the day. Like most people I always try and see too much – which is unavoidable when there are so many acts appearing but at least the app tells me where I need to be and when.

Once I've donned my glamorous festival outfit, I usually have a quick mooch around the attractions. The festival site is vast – like a small city really and it would take weeks to see everything. The atmosphere is buzzing from early morning, with people enjoying the fairground rides and talking excitedly about the day.

If you want to give your bank account a hammering, there's an incredible range of clothes, accessories and craft items. You can also learn things like yoga and meditation if you want to try something different.

There's an amazing choice of food stalls if I'm peckish – I've tried several foods at festivals that I've never had anywhere else, from katsu curry to kimchee. The food may be pricy, but it's also delicious.

I also try to check out some new bands during the day as a festival is a great opportunity to hear new music. The main event comes in the evening though and you have to get in position early for the headline acts. At a big festival you can guarantee that you'll see some real superstars. If you want to be near the front then you need to get there at least two hours early and you can't leave your place after this so you need to take any refreshments with you and hope that you won't need the toilet.

When the lights go down and the music starts, there's no feeling like being part of a massive crowd all singing along to music they love. It feels very special to be part of it and it makes you forget the sleep deprivation and other assorted hassles.