

Functional Skills Pass Grade Boundaries

Pass Marks

The following tables provide an overview of the pass thresholds for Functional Skills assessments. The Pass Percentage column is the approximate percentage mark needed to pass the assessment. Each test version is awarded separately, so we can ensure the pass requirement is consistent across different tests. Therefore, the percentage required to pass may vary from assessment to assessment, but this percentage is provided as a guide as to where it will be.



English Reading

Level	Total Marks	Pass Percentage
Entry 1	16	75%
Entry 2	20	73%
Entry 3	24	73%
Level 1	30	65%
Level 2	35	65%

English Writing

Level	Total Marks	Pass Percentage
Entry 1	30	75%
Entry 2	35	73%
Entry 3	36	73%
Level 1	36	58%
Level 2	36	58%

Mathematics

Level	Total Marks	Pass Percentage
Entry 1	20	75%
Entry 2	28	75%
Entry 3	36	70%
Level 1	56	63%
Level 2	64	59%

For Pearson's current live Functional Skills Practice Tests (available at Levels 1 and 2), there are no pass marks on the website. For these we recommend using the guide pass marks above.

The pass marks for our current retired assessments can be found in the below table:

Past Papers – Paper-based

Set 1		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	18
English Reading Level 2	35	21
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	32
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 2		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	18
English Reading Level 2	35	21
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	35

Set 3		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	18
English Reading Level 2	35	21
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	35

Set 4		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 5		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	21
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	32
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 6		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	21
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	32
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Past Papers – Paper-based continued

Set 7		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	32
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 8		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	32
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 9		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	32
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 10		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	32
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 11		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	32
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 12		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	32
Mathematics Level 2	64	35

Set 13		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	20
English Reading Level 2	35	23
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Past Papers – Onscreen

Set 1					
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark	Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	18	Digital Entry Level 3	43	29
English Reading Level 2	35	21	Digital Level 1	54	35
English Writing Level 1	36	21			
English Writing Level 2	36	21			
Mathematics Level 1	56	34			
Mathematics Level 2	64	36			

Set 2		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	18
English Reading Level 2	35	21
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	34

Set 3		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	18
English Reading Level 2	35	21
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	34

Set 4		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 5		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 6		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Past Papers – Onscreen continued



Set 7		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 8		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
English Reading Level 1	30	19
English Reading Level 2	35	22
English Writing Level 1	36	21
English Writing Level 2	36	21
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 9		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 10		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 11		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	36

Set 12		
Level	Total Marks	Pass Mark
Mathematics Level 1	56	33
Mathematics Level 2	64	36