**OCN NI Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills**

**Communication – Reading and Writing**

**Young Drivers**

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* Dictionary

**General Instructions:*** There are 2 sections to complete
* You should attempt all questions in each section
* Read through each task carefully

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes****Total marks available - 40** |

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**Section A – Reading**

**Information**

Total marks available: 20

Number of questions: 10

The marks for each question are shown in brackets

**Instructions**

You must attempt all the questions

Read each question carefully

You may use a dictionary

**NEW DRIVERS**

**You are working on a project about young drivers in Northern Ireland and have sourced the following two documents. Read the two documents and answer the questions that follow.**

**Document One**

**Young and Novice Drivers**

Young and novice drivers are more at risk of being involved in a collision in the first two year****s – many collisions occur because of excess speed.

* *20% of drivers crash within their first year of driving.*
* *1 in 3 male drivers aged between 17 and 20 years crash in the first two years after passing their test.*
* *An 18 year old driver is more than three times as likely to be involved in a crash as a 48 year old driver.*

Why is this?

**Gender**

Novice male drivers have higher accident rates than novice female drivers and are more likely to commit driving offences. Young male drivers tend to drive more than females when they first pass their test. Young males tend to drive faster too. Also, male drivers are more likely to drive at night time.

**Lack of experience**

Lack of experience is one of the main reasons that young drivers are involved in accidents. As new drivers gain more driving experience their accident rate begins to fall.

**Attitude**

Young drivers often have excellent vehicle control skills and fast reactions. However, youngdrivers, especially men, tend to be over confident and are more likely to drive in risky ways: too fast, too close to the vehicle in front and dangerous overtaking. Young drivers consistently rate their own performance as about average and are more likely to regard ‘good’ driving as the ability to master the controls of the car at higher speeds.

**Peer pressure**

Young people can be influenced by their friends. Young drivers, who carry friends in their cars, are more likely to have a crash. This is because the friends can act as a distraction to the driver or the driver might attempt to show off to their passengers.

**Document Two**

**Changes for New Drivers**

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) is bringing in changes to the driving test. The DVSA Chief Executive stated, “DVSA’s priority is to help you through a lifetime of safe driving. Making sure the driving test better assesses a driver's ability to drive safely and independently is part of our strategy to help you stay safe on the road.”

The changes are:

* An increase to the ‘independent driving’ part of the test from 10 to 20 minutes
* Asking most candidates to follow directions from a sat nav during ‘independent driving’
* Replacing the ‘reverse around a corner’ and ‘turn-in-the-road’ manoeuvres with more real-life scenarios, e.g., driving into and reversing out of a parking bay
* Asking 1 of the 2 vehicle safety questions while the candidate is driving, e.g., asking them to use the rear heated screen

**Why these changes are important**

DVSA has stated that reducing the focus on slow speed manoeuvres in quiet roads will allow examiners to better assess the ability of learners to drive safely in busier areas where new drivers have the most crashes.

AA president Edmund King believes the new test can help produce "better, safer motorists". He said, "These changes will test drivers in a more realistic manner which is essential to improving their safety once their L plates are removed."

Also, research has shown that new drivers find ‘independent driving’ training really valuable - they can relate it to driving once they have passed their test.

**Changes in Northern Ireland**

Further changes are proposed for Northern Ireland. One of these is the introduction of night time driving restrictions for drivers under the age of 24. For the first six months after they pass their test they would not be allowed to carry more than one young passenger between 11pm and 6am.

**Answer the following questions using documents one and two.**

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**Question 1**

Using **Document One** identify the percentage of drivers who crash in their first year of driving?

(1 mark)

**Question 2**

Using **Document One** identify two ways of driving that are considered to be risky.

(2 marks)

**Question 3**

As used in **Document One**, what is your understanding of the word “novice” and the phrase “peer pressure”?

1. Novice

1. Peer pressure

(2 marks)

**Question 4**

According to **Document One,** what are the reasons for young male drivers having a higher accident rate than young female drivers? Give two reasons.

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 (2 marks)

**Question 5**

Your best friend Peter has just passed his driving test and you want to give him advice about being safe on the roads. Using **Document One** suggest four pieces of advice that you could give your friend to help keep him safe.

 (4 marks)

**Question 6**

Identify two layout features used in **Document One** to help present information.

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 (2 marks)

**Question 7**

Refer to **Document Two**. What is the main reason for DVSA changing the driving test?

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(1 mark)

**Question 8**

Referring to **Document Two**, identify two changes being made to the driving test.

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(2 marks)

**Question 9**

According to **Document Two,** why are the changes to the driving test seen as important? Give two reasons.

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**2**

(2 marks)

**Question 10**

Using **Document Two**, explain the night time restrictions being proposed for young drivers in Northern Ireland.

(2 marks)

**Section B - Writing**

**Information**

Total marks available: 20

Number of tasks: 2

The marks for each task are shown in brackets

**Instructions**

You must attempt both tasks

Read each task carefully

You must write in complete sentences

You may use a dictionary

**Writing Task 1 – Allow around 20 minutes for this task.**

You are thinking of joining the local library and want to find out more about the services they offer. You would like to find out if they run any classes and are particularly interested in learning more about using computers.

You decide to write an email to the library. In your email, you will need to:

* Explain who you are and why you are interested in joining the library
* Ask what you need to do to join the library
* Ask if they have any computer courses in the library

**Write your email on the next page.** The email address you are writing to is:

Manager@Libraries.gov.uk

(10 marks)

You will be assessed on:

* relevant content
* presenting information in a logical order using complete sentences
* using appropriate language and style of writing
* spelling, punctuation and grammar

**You may plan your email here**

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**Writing Task 2 – Allow around 20 minutes for this task.**

You use the local bus service regularly. You have noticed that recently the buses are often very late and usually dirty with litter lying around the floor. You decide to write a letter to the manager of the bus company to complain about the poor quality of the service.

**Write a formal letter to the Transport Manager.**

The address is:

Transport Manager

Busways Bus Company

213 Windsor Road

BELFAST

BT6 6GH

You should include:

* An introduction setting out the reason for writing
* A section stating the reasons for your complaint
* A section stating what action you want the bus company to take
* A conclusion

**Write your letter on the ruled pages.** You may plan your letter on the next page.

(10 marks)

You will be assessed on:

* Using language and style of writing suitable for the task
* Presenting your work clearly and logically
* Including relevant information and a suitable amount of detail
* The use of sentences and paragraphs to structure your work
* Spelling, punctuation and grammar

**You may plan your letter here**

**Write your letter here:**

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