Shrove Tuesday: Functional English reading tasks

Name _____ Date _____

Text A

Pancake day in London: where to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

Here are the best ways to celebrate the day in London, whether you're feeling competitive, adventurous or just a little greedy.

Eat

Build your own

Christopher's in Covent Garden is getting the party started early and giving weekend brunchers the chance to build their own pancakes on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 February. Choose from a base of buttermilk, buckwheat or blueberry-buttermilk pancakes, with a choice of toppings including maple-cured bacon, homemade Nutella and mixed berries; or indeed, all of the above.

£1 stack

Yep, that's how much a stack of pancakes will cost you at **Bunga Bunga** in Battersea on Shrove Tuesday. This year Pancake Day also happens to be National Pizza Day, so individual pizzas will be exactly the same price.

Go savoury

Sweet pancakes are available in abundance, but savoury ones can be harder to come by. At **Ask For Janice** in Farringdon, options include Brixham chilli crab, ham hock and cider apple, and black pudding with a fried duck egg.

Go adventurous

Shotgun BBQ in Soho is offering a different kind of Pancake Day special — sour pancakes served with pig's ear.

Or alternatively…

If you merely fancy tucking into some top-notch regular pancakes, check out our Best Pancakes in London guide.

Compete

Branches of **The Breakfast Club** across town will be hosting their annual pancake challenge on Shrove Tuesday. To be a winner all you have to do is eat a stack of 12 pancakes in 12 minutes or less (and brave the inevitable queues to do so). If you manage, your pancakes are free. If you don't, you pay full price but the money all goes to charity. Win win.

Could you manage this in 12 mins?

Race

Flipping fast:
The Great Spitalfields Pancake Race

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A fancy dress fundraiser for a very good cause: London Air Ambulance. It starts at the Old Truman Brewery at 12.30pm.

Parliamentary Pancake Race

Your chance to watch MPs, Lords and members of the political press taking part in a charity pancake race around Westminster.

Better Bankside Pancake Day Race

Local businesses will compete in teams at this race around Borough Market. Spectators can enjoy live music and pancakes cooked up by the market's regular stalls.

Greenwich Market Flippin' Good Fun Pancake Race

Belatedly held on Saturday February 13, this race will see teams compete to be crowned pancake kings and queens from noon onwards. There'll also be a special Valentine's race for couples.

Adapted from an article in the London Evening Standard, Feb 2016, by Ben Norum (Follow on Twitter @BenNorum)
http://www.standard.co.uk/goingout/restaurants/pancake-day-in-london-where-to-celebrate-shrove-tuesday-a3174021.html

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Read Text A and answer questions 1-11

1. The **main** purpose of text A is to:

A	give information about eating pancakes in London.	
B	review Shrove Tuesday charity events in London.	
C	persuade you to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.	
D	inform you about Pancake Day celebrations in London.	

(L1a. 1 mark)

2. Text A uses several features to help present the information. Features include **directly addressing the reader** and using **bold fonts**. List two other features that help to present the information.

(a) _____

(b) _____

(L1a. 2 marks)

3. Give two examples from Text A that directly address the reader.

(a) _____

(b) _____

(L1a. 2 marks)

4. According to Text A, which restaurant offers pancakes that can be difficult to find?

A	Bunga Bunga	
B	Ask For Janice	
C	Shotgun BBQ	
D	Christopher's	

(L1b. 1 mark)

5. How can you find out more about places that serve traditional pancakes?

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(L1c. 1 mark)

6. Which event starts at midday?

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(L1b. 1 mark)

7. According to Text A, Ben Norum thinks

A	London Air Ambulance are well worth supporting.	
B	the contest at The Breakfast Club is easy to win.	
C	the pancakes at Borough Market are a bargain.	
D	a stack of pizzas will cost £1 at Bunga Bunga.	

(L1b. 1 mark)

8. Text A says

A	chilli crab pancakes are served with black pudding.	
B	the race in Greenwich starts at 12.30pm.	
C	there will be queues at The Breakfast Club.	
D	Valentine's day is on February 13th.	

(L1b. 1 mark)

9. In Text A, 'political press' means

A	politicians.	
B	journalists.	
C	people who put pressure on MPs.	
D	people who are short of time.	

(L1b. 1 mark)

10. Your friend doesn't like sweet pancakes. Suggest two restaurants he could visit.

(a) _____

(b) _____

(L1c. 2 marks)

11. What is the intended audience of Text A? (Who is it written for?).

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(L1d. 1 mark)

Text B

http://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/foodanddrink/when-is-pancake-day-2016

Lifestyle > Food + Drink

When is Pancake Day 2016 and why do we celebrate it?

Frying pans at the ready...

40 shares | LIZ CONNOR | Monday 25 Jan 2016

Freshly cooked English pancakes

Pancake Day is the yearly traditional event that sees Britons take to their kitchens to toss up a plate of fluffy pancakes in celebration.

For those that particularly love tucking into a warm stack, it can be hard to keep up with the date - it changes each year according to when Easter falls. This year, it falls particularly early on Tuesday February 9.

Why do we celebrate Pancake Day?

For Christians, Shrove Tuesday marks the last day before Lent, traditionally a period of abstinence, associated with clearing your cupboards of goods such as sugar, fats and eggs. Traditionally, pancakes were eaten on this day to use up these foods before the 40-day fasting season of Lent began. Although the day is important in Christian tradition, Pancake Day is widely celebrated by those outside of the faith.

What does Shrove Tuesday mean?

The word 'shrove' derives from the English word shrive, which means “to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and penance”. The day gets its unique name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent.

Why do we flip pancakes?

The pancake has a very long history and features in cookery books as far back as 1439. The tradition of racing while tossing or flipping pancakes is almost as old. According to legend, the tradition was born in the 15th century when a woman in Buckinghamshire rushed to church to confess her sins whilst mid-way through making pancakes.

Adapted from an article by Liz Connor in the Evening Standard, Jan 2016.
www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/foodanddrink/when-is-pancake-day-2016-and-why-do-we-celebrate-it-a3164646.html

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Read Text B and answer questions 12-17

12. The main point of Text B is to

A	describe the history and traditions of Shrove Tuesday.	
B	share Liz Connor's article.	
C	tell you how to cook fluffy pancakes.	
D	celebrate Pancake Day.	

(L1a. 1 mark)

13. List two features that show that Text B is a web page.

(a) _____ (b) _____

(L1a. 2 marks)

14. Referring to Text B, which statement is **not** true?

A	Shrove Tuesday is widely celebrated by non-Christians.	
B	In the 15th century, women made pancakes in churches.	
C	The date of Shrove Tuesday is linked to the date of Easter.	
D	In 2016, Shrove Tuesday occurs very early.	

(L1b. 1 mark)

15. Referring to Text B, explain the meaning of "shrove" in your own words.

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(L1b. 1 mark)

16. Referring to Text B, which statement is true?

A	Shrove Tuesday is the last day of Lent.	
B	Shrove Tuesday is the day before the season of Lent begins.	
C	Lent is a period of celebration.	
D	Lent has been observed since the 15th century.	

(L1b. 1 mark)

17. Look at the way Text B is presented. List two presentation features, and say why each helps the reader understand the text.

(a)First presentation feature _____

because _____

(b)Second presentation feature _____

because_____

(L1a. & L1d. 4 marks)

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Answers curriculum & mapping

Level 1 Functional Skills English mapping	
Reference: Ofqual (2009), Functional Skills criteria for English: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3, level 1 and level 2. http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/qualification-and-assessment-framework/89-articles/238-functional-skills-criteria	
Level 1 Speaking, Listening and Communication skill standard:	Take full part in formal and informal discussions and exchanges that include unfamiliar subjects
a) Make relevant and extended contributions to discussions, allowing for and responding to others' input b) Prepare for and contribute to the formal discussion of ideas and opinions c) Make different kinds of contributions to discussions d) Present information/points of view clearly and in appropriate language	
Level 1 Writing skill standard:	Write a range of texts to communicate information, ideas and opinions, using formats and styles suitable for their purpose and audience
a) Write clearly and coherently, including an appropriate level of detail b) Present information in a logical sequence c) Use language, format and structure suitable for purpose and audience d) Use correct grammar, including correct and consistent use of tense e) Ensure written work includes generally accurate punctuation and spelling and that meaning is clear	
Level 1 Reading skill standard:	Read and understand a range of straightforward texts
a) Identify the main points and ideas (Q1,12) and how they are presented in a variety of texts ✓ (Q2,3,13, 17) b) Read and understand texts in detail ✓ (Q4,6,7,8,9,14,15,16) c) Utilise information contained in texts ✓ (Q5,10) d) Identify suitable responses to texts ✓ (Q11,17)	

Answers Text A	**Max marks**
1. The main purpose the text is to: (*D) inform you about Pancake Day celebrations in London.* **1 mark**	1
2 Text A uses several features to help present the information. Examples include directly addressing the reader and using bold fonts. List two other features that help to present information. *Any two from: headings / subheadings; paragraphs, hyperlinks, images / pictures / photos; captions (to images);* **Max 2 marks (each mark must come from a completely different feature).**	1 1
3. Give two examples from Text A that directly address the reader. Any two from: *"Whether you're feeling competitive…", "Yep, that's how much a stack of pancakes will cost you…", "If you merely fancy tucking into some top-notch regular pancakes…", "To be a winner all you have to do is…", "If you manage, your pancakes…", "If you don't, you pay full price but …"* **Max of 2 marks**	1 1
4. . Which restaurant offers pancakes that can be difficult to find? (*B) Ask For Janice*	1
5. How can you find out more about places that serve traditional pancakes? *Follow the (hyper)link to the "Best pancakes in London" guide*	1
6. Which event starts at midday? *Greenwich Market Flippin' Good Fun Pancake Race.*	1
7. Ben Norum thinks: (*A) London Air Ambulance are well worth supporting.*	1
8. According to Text A: (*C) there will be queues at The Breakfast Club.*	1
9. In Text A, 'political press' means: *B journalists.*	1
10. Doesn't like sweet pancakes. Suggest two restaurants. *Ask for Janice. Shotgun* BBQ**.**	1 1
11. Intended audience of Text A? *Adult readers who live in or near London* – or similar answer	1
Text B	
12. The main point of Text B? (*A) describe the history and traditions of Shrove Tuesday.*	1
13. Accept any 2 from*: url/address box; (horizontal)menu/breadcrumb trail; social media/sharing icons.*	1 1
14. Which statement is not true? (*B) In the 15th century, women made pancakes in churches.*	1
15. *To be forgiven of your sins by confessing then and making amends* (accept any sensible variation).	1
16. Which statement is true? (*B) Shrove Tuesday is the day before the season of Lent begins.*	1
17. 1 mark for each correct feature (max 2) and for each correct reason (max 2). For example*: (i) Use of bold font for headings – break up text, make information easier to find, tell you what each section is about. (ii) Large font for title – stands out, tells you what the text is about. (iii) Image /photograph – make it look more appealing / interesting, give clues as to content.* **Do not accept "images tell you what the text is about".**	1 1 1 1
Total marks	24

If used as a practice assessment, a pass mark of 17 / 24 is suggested.