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Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills – Level 2

Past Paper 4

Time: 75 minutes

Paper Reference **PENR2/S04**

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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Text A

Webpage

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'www.whyhire.biz'. The browser's menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favourites', 'Tools', and 'Help'. Below the menu bar, there are navigation buttons for 'About', 'Home', 'Contact us', and 'Links'. The main content area of the webpage features a large heading 'Forget buying and start renting' followed by five paragraphs of text.

Forget buying and start renting

Paragraph 1

Renting or hiring things you want is not new - people have rented for many years. Houses and flats have long been popular to rent and many of us are also used to hiring cars and wedding outfits rather than buying them. Where things are expensive or might only be used as a one-off, renting is a very sensible option.

Paragraph 2

Recently, renting other items has become very popular, particularly with the younger generation. People can access specialist websites to rent many things including toys, baby clothes, sports equipment and furniture. If you rent in this way you can acquire new things and there is no need to give up precious space for permanent storage.

Paragraph 3

This new form of renting is part of the 'sharing economy' where owners share goods they own by lending them out for a fee. Owners can make money by advertising items for rent via websites such as Rentmyitems and Rentez-vous.

Paragraph 4

Some sharing is about more than just making dosh. In South London the non-profit making Library of Things aims to make renting better than buying. Items such as DIY, gardening and kitchen equipment can be hired for a small fee. The service is community-based, friendly and convenient. Repairing events take place to help people learn new skills.

Paragraph 5

The advantages of renting are costs that are much lower and reusing items is far more common. People get affordable access to items which are expensive to buy and may be needed only once. Sharing can strengthen community links by bringing people together and can be more environmentally friendly than buying.

Text B

Newspaper article

Sharing economy

by Hannah Parry

- People are now choosing to hire or rent rather than own goods.
- Everything from clothes and handbags to music is rented.
- Younger people are less materialistic than older people with 75% preferring experiences to things.

Many people are choosing to rent rather than buy. Teenagers and twenty-somethings are boosting the sharing economy and almost anything is available to rent. According to a report, those born after 2000 are much less materialistic than older people. Many young people think that having access to items is much more important than owning them. The sharing economy does not only benefit those who rent. Owners can make cash from their unused stuff.

In most sharing services, the lender posts their goods online and decides how much to charge for their items. Many people rent from clothes-borrowing sites such as *Rendez-vous*, *Girl Meets Dress* and *My Dressing* which are becoming more and more popular. They help owners to make cash from their cast-off clothes. The fashion conscious are helped to dress for that one-off special occasion and dodge a hefty price tag. Top-notch jewellery can

be rented from *Diamond Thrills* and high-end, must-have designer handbags from *The Handbag Rental*.

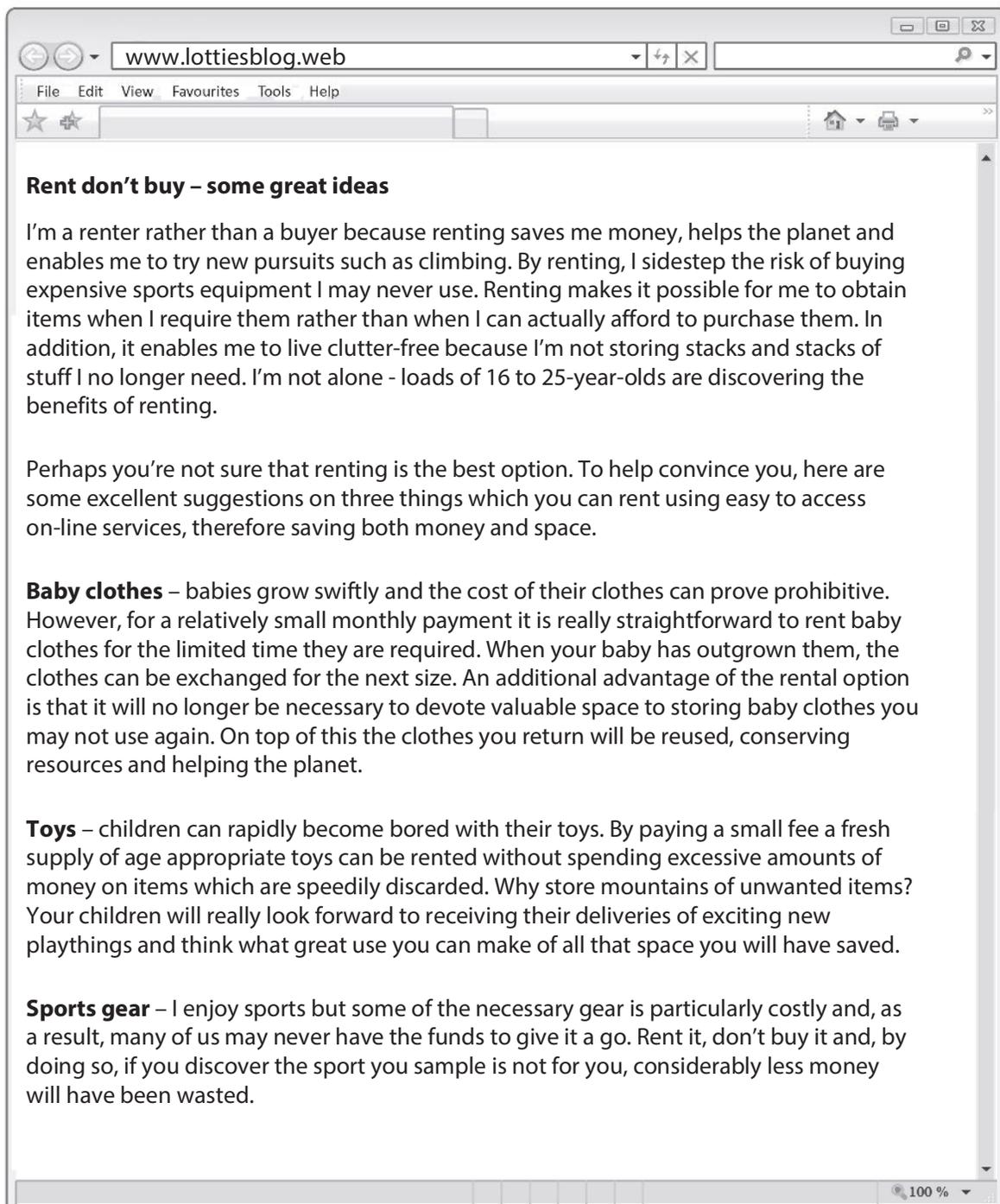
The sharing economy also benefits dog owners. *BorrowMyDoggy.com* links dog lovers to dog owners so that their dogs can enjoy more regular walks. *DogVacay* helps owners find their dog a loving home rather than kennels when they go on holiday, which can save them money. Film and music have also seen a massive move away from ownership thanks to streaming sites such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Spotify. Some people even think that there is no need to own any films or music.

The report found the sharing economy is growing fast. This super-quick growth is helped by rapidly changing attitudes to the ownership of goods. Around 80% of people think that there are many advantages in renting over owning. Two thirds of people who rent wish to live a less materialistic and a more environmentally friendly lifestyle.

Adapted from article by Hannah Parry mailonline.com

Text C

Blog





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