

ESOL International
English Listening Examination
Level C2 Proficient

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on the mark sheet.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

Total marks available: 31

You have **40 minutes** to finish the examination.

Part 1

You will hear 10 sentences twice.

Look at the answers. You have two minutes to read the answers.

Now listen to the sentences and choose the best answer.

Mark the answer on the mark sheet.

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| <p>1. a. Let me help you.
b. You can't build it upright.
c. You shouldn't know.</p> <p>2. a. I'm not trying to avoid it.
b. I do try but it's too difficult.
c. I enjoy very much coffee.</p> <p>3. a. Maybe it's the right paint?
b. Perhaps it's the wrong paint?
c. Is it possibly the inaccurate paint?</p> <p>4. a. I know, that was fortunate.
b. Oh no, what a shame.
c. Yes, that wasn't very good timing.</p> <p>5. a. Sorry, I'm not going that way.
b. Sorry, I can't pick up the post.
c. Sorry, I can't carry it for you.</p> <p>6. a. How much olives do you want?
b. Do you want any olives?
c. Would you like a lot of olives?</p> | <p>7. a. Would you like to be famous then?
b. How much famous would you like to be?
c. Do you want to be too famous?</p> <p>8. a. Take the lift to the 2nd floor and when the door opens, walk out.
b. Take the lift to the 2nd floor and when the door opens, turn left.
c. Take the lift to the 2nd floor and when the door opens, go up.</p> <p>9. a. I guess it can.
b. Of course it won't.
c. Yes it would.</p> <p>10. a. Will you be long?
b. Will it be a long way?
c. How much further do I have to wait?</p> |
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Part 2

You will now hear two conversations. You will hear them twice.

You have two minutes to look at the questions for both conversations.

Now listen to **Conversation 1**. Record your answers to the questions on the mark sheet.

- What is the main point of the phone call?**
 - To book a Salsa class.
 - To obtain information about a Salsa class.
 - To pay for a Salsa class.
- How much is it for an extra hourly dance session?**
 - 8 euros.
 - 12 euros.
 - 100 euros.
- In the conversation, what does 'two left feet' mean:**
 - She is left footed.
 - She only wears high heels.
 - She doesn't dance well.
- How should the learner book her lessons?**
 - On the phone.
 - With the dance teacher.
 - At the dance studio.
- Where is the car park?**
 - Opposite the dance studio.
 - Outside the dance studio.
 - At the back of the dance studio.

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**. Record your answers to the questions on the mark sheet.

- What was the most difficult thing about skis?**
 - Carrying them.
 - Walking in them.
 - Skiing in them.
- How did Juliet describe the weather?**
 - Warm.
 - Cold.
 - Snowy.
- In the conversation, what did Juliet mean by 'it takes your breath away':**
 - You can't breathe.
 - It's very windy.
 - You are very surprised by something.
- Which of these sports were not mentioned?**
 - Husky sledging.
 - Motorcycling.
 - Snowboarding.
- Where were the restaurants?**
 - Fairly near the log cabin.
 - Far away from the log cabin.
 - In a quiet part of the town.

Listen the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3 – Debate and discussion

You will hear a debate and a discussion.

You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to read the questions and answers on your examination paper for both the debate and discussion.

Now listen to the debate. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. **What does it mean ‘to have the edge on’ something?**
 - a. It’s slightly better than something.
 - b. It’s slightly worse than something.
 - c. It’s exactly the same as something
2. **What is a special feature of Xbox?**
 - a. It has a control pad.
 - b. It has a Blu-Ray player.
 - c. It has a speech feature.
3. **What is a special feature of Playstation?**
 - a. You can use headphones.
 - b. You can use free internet access.
 - c. You can use multiplayer games.
4. **Which sentence is true:**
 - a. Xbox has the highest resolution.
 - b. Playstation has the highest resolution.
 - c. Both machines are the same.
5. **How can you know which is the best machine?**
 - a. Look at online comparison videos.
 - b. Play games on each one and try them out.
 - c. Take a chance and just buy a machine.
6. **What are people mostly concerned with?**
 - a. The cost of machines and games.
 - b. The number of games they can play.
 - c. The graphics of the games.

Now listen to the discussion. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. **What is the main concern of this discussion?**
 - a. The vegetarian menu.
 - b. The main meals.
 - c. The desserts.
2. **Which of these is not being served as a main meal?**
 - a. Stuffed camembert with garlic mushrooms.
 - b. Mushroom risotto.
 - c. Spicy chicken.
3. **Which of these has been removed from the menu?**
 - a. Vegetable bruschetta.
 - b. Brie wellington.
 - c. Chestnut ravioli.
4. **Which of these has been added to the menu?**
 - a. Bean salad and toasted tofu.
 - b. Baby potatoes and vegetables.
 - c. Vegetarian gravy.
5. **What is being added to the floral arrangements?**
 - a. Roses.
 - b. Greenery.
 - c. Carnations.

Listen to the debate again and check your answers.

Listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

End of Examination for Listening – Level C2 Proficient.

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English Reading Examination

Level C2 Proficient User

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on your mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use a pencil.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are 31 questions in this examination.

You must attempt all the questions.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Total marks available: 31

You have **75 minutes** to finish the examination.

Text 1

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

<u>The Guinness Book of World Records</u>	1
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The Guinness Book of Records began in 1955 and in 2000 it became known as the Guinness Book of <i>World</i> Records. It is an annual reference book listing world records of achievements and natural events. In fact, the book itself holds a world record as the best-selling book of all time and is published in 100 countries and 23 languages.	3
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There are very strict policies governing what makes a world record. Each world record must be measurable, breakable, able to be repeated and proven.	9
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An example of a world record achievement in 2017 is by 28 year old Timur Gareyev from the USA, who is a World Chess Grandmaster. He played 48 games of chess at the same time, blindfolded while riding an exercise bike. He has set a world record for blindfold chess and now says he is ready to set a new world record for playing 55 games simultaneously.	12
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Another 2017 world breaking record was set by French sailor François Gabart who circumnavigated the world in 42 days and 16 hours – six days faster than the previous record.	18
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Of course there are stranger records than these. Ayanna Williams of the USA grew the longest women’s fingernails. Her nails measured a total of 576.4 cm. The tallest recorded person in the world was Robert Pershing Wadlow from the USA who measured 2.72 metres tall in 1940. In Venezuela, a man called Jeison Orlando Rodríguez Hernandez has feet which measure over 40 cm each.	22
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Animals have also entered the Guinness Book of World Records. Himmy who is living in Queensland, Australia, was the heaviest recorded cat, weighing in at a staggering 21.3kg (46.8lbs). Himmy died at the age of ten of heart failure. Now there is a new contender for the world’s heaviest cat. Five-year-old Katy, who lives in Russia, weighs 20kg. Katy’s owners had hoped to have her listed as the world’s heaviest cat with the Guinness World Records. However, the World Records organisation are no longer accepting nominations in this category, as they to encourage pet owners to overfeed their animals.	28
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- 1. The main purpose of this document is to:**
 - a. Inform readers about how to enter the Guinness Book of World Records.
 - b. Describe some unbeatable World Records.
 - c. Explain why the Guinness Book of Records changed its name.

- 2. According to the article, which statement is true?**
 - a. The book only publishes achievements that can be beaten by someone else.
 - b. If you can't repeat the achievement, you can't be listed in the book.
 - c. You can only be listed in the book once.

- 3. In the text, who wants to beat his/her own world record?**
 - a. Timur Gareyev.
 - b. François Gabart.
 - c. Katy the Cat.

- 4. Ayanna Williams fingernails measured:**
 - a. 576.4 cm on each finger.
 - b. 576.4 cm on one hand.
 - c. 576.4 cm on two hands.

- 5. Why can't Katy the cat apply for the Guinness Book of World Records?**
 - a. She's not heavy enough.
 - b. Animals are banned from the book.
 - c. Animals are not allowed to be entered for being the fattest or heaviest animals.

- 6. The best word or phrase to replace 'simultaneously' in line 16 is:**
 - a. For a long time.
 - b. Again and again.
 - c. At the same time.

- 7. There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 4.
 - b. Line 14.
 - c. Line 24.

- 8. There is a grammatical error on:**
 - a. Line 12.
 - b. Line 18.
 - c. Line 23.

- 9. The phrase completing the sentence in line 35 is:**
 - a. Don't want.
 - b. Would like.
 - c. May have to.

- 10. In line 19, what does 'circumnavigated' mean:**
 - a. Travel over.
 - b. Travel across.
 - c. Travel all the way round.

Text 2

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

<u>Mountains and Animals</u>	1
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A mountain is steeper than a hill and is a tough place to live due to having lower temperatures and harsher weather. At very high altitudes there is also less oxygen and carbon dioxide in the air. Soils are thin or non-existent on steep mountain slopes, which restrict the types of plants that can grow. The uppermost slopes of the tallest mountains may be completely barren of plant-life. High mountains are a bleak habitat for animals. Food is scarce and the climate is very cold yet many animals survive these hardships and size is very important.	3
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A very small mammal will lose heat so fast through its skin surface area that it must stay extremely active to keep warm, or it will freeze to death. For example the mountain shrew, which is perhaps the smallest mammal at high altitudes, has a heartbeat of up to 1200 times a minute. It has a high metabolism and eats insects. It must eat at least every hour and consume its own weight in food every day, or it will die.	11
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There are three main ways that warm blooded animals can deal with the extreme cold conditions on mountains' - through hibernation, migration, or by seeking shelter under the ground or snow.	18
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Most large mountain animals migrate. Goats, elk and bighorn sheep, which feed on mountain foliage during the summer, move down the mountain in colder months to avoid the deep snows. They spend the winter in thick protected areas. As the snows in spring they move upward again. These animals have specially designed hooves which enable them to travel over really rocky terrain at great speeds, and climb steep cliffs. The hooves are flexible to cope with sharp rocks and stones. Baby bighorn sheep can stand up within an hour of birth. Within a week it can follow its mother wherever she goes, and within two weeks it can run as fast as she can!	22
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11. How is a mountain different from a hill?

- a. Plants can't grow on a mountain.
- b. There aren't many animals on a mountain.
- c. The weather is more severe on a mountain.

12. How does a shrew keep warm on a mountain in the winter?

- a. It runs around a lot.
- b. It hides away.
- c. It sleeps a lot.

13. According to the text, which statement is true:

- a. Animals migrate down the mountain in winter.
- b. Animals hibernate up the mountain in spring.
- c. Animals hide under cover in the summer.

14. What do large animals eat on the mountain?

- a. Small animals.
- b. Plants and leaves.
- c. Insects.

15. Where are the hooves located on an animal's body?

- a. Legs.
- b. Feet.
- c. Hips.

16. There is a grammatical mistake on:

- a. Line 4.
- b. Line 7.
- c. Line 12.

17. The best word to replace 'altitudes' in lines 4 and 13 is:

- a. Heights.
- b. Peaks.
- c. Tops.

18. The best word to finish the sentence in line 25 is:

- a. Fall.
- b. Settles.
- c. Melt.

19. What is 'metabolism' in Line 14?

- a. The body's process of converting food into energy.
- b. The rate of a heartbeat.
- c. The body's weight.

20. There is a punctuation mistake on:

- a. Line 6.
- b. Line 19.
- c. Line 27.

Text 3

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

Notting Hill Carnival, London

Notting Hill Carnival was first held in 1966 as an offshoot of the Trinidad Carnival, celebrating Caribbean culture and traditions in London. Since then, the carnival has become the largest street festival in Europe and the second largest in the world after the Rio De Janeiro Carnival. Notting Hill Carnival grows in popularity each year and provides a vivid spectacle of London's past and present multicultural history and costs nothing to join in.

Every August bank holiday weekend, the streets of West London come alive with a huge Caribbean party full of colour and music. Elaborate floats of colourful costumed performers and Moko stilt-walkers slowly move through the streets and 50,000 performers dance in the carnival parade. Over 40 sound systems play calypso, soca and steel band music whilst up to two million spectators watch the floats and dancers pass by. 80-300 people take part in the masquerades wearing 15,000 different handmade costumes.

40,000 volunteers work to make sure the carnival runs smoothly and 9,000 police are on hand to help anyone. When they are not helping anyone, they are dancing along with everyone else.

Along the three and a half mile route there are around 300 tempting food stalls selling jerk chicken, rice and peas, corn on the cob and fried plantain.

21. Why was the above text written?

- a. To inform people about the history of Notting Hill Carnival.
- b. To explain why Notting Hill Carnival takes place.
- c. To describe what happens at Notting Hill Carnival.

22. According to the text, a 'float' is:

- a. A decorated moving platform.
- b. A Masquerade dance.
- c. A style of Caribbean music.

23. According to the text, the costumes of the Masquerade dancers are:

- a. Individually sewn.
- b. Manufactured.
- c. Second-hand.

24. According to the text, which sentence is true:

- a. Notting Hill Carnival is the biggest music festival in Europe.
- b. Notting Hill Carnival is the 2nd biggest street carnival in the world.
- c. Notting Hill Carnival is bigger than Rio De Janeiro Carnival.

25. Which of these things are not mentioned in the text:

- a. Singing.
- b. Dancing.
- c. Playing music.

26. How long is the carnival route?

- a. $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile.
- b. 2 and a half miles.
- c. Three and a half miles.

Text 4

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

A Job Interview

It is very important to prepare for a job interview. Before you go, make sure you have a copy of your application form and CV with you in a folder, a pen, paper and the interview contact number, just in case you are delayed and needed to contact them.

Always arrive 10 minutes early and make sure you know exactly where to go even if it means driving there the day before the interview. Remember your interview starts the moment you enter the building so be pleasant to the receptionist.

You should switch off your mobile phone before you are called into the interview room. During the interview give a firm handshake when you meet your interviewer/s, sit when invited to do so, make direct eye contact and smile. From the moment you meet, your communication with the interviewer forms part of their decision-making as to whether they would recruit you; in fact most decisions are made within the first three minutes'.

Show a genuine interest in the job, listen and answer any questions asked, never argue a point. If you do not understand or hear a question, ask for it to be repeated and do not interrupt people when they are talking.

Appearance and manners are VERY important so think of your body language and expressions. Put your feet squarely on the floor or cross your legs at the ankle and do not hold anything on your lap. Rest your hands on your lap, make eye contact and nod your head to show you are listening. Finally, do not forget to smile!

27. The word 'genuine' in the text can be replaced with:

- a. Positive.
- b. Real.
- c. A lot of.

28. There is a punctuation error in the third paragraph, what is it?

- a. Question mark.
- b. Exclamation mark.
- c. Apostrophe.

29. A grammatical mistake in paragraph one has been made, what is it?

- a. Needed.
- b. Delayed.
- c. Contact.

30. A word has been omitted in the last paragraph, it should be:

- a. Eye.
- b. Bodily.
- c. Facial.

31. The phrase 'put your feet squarely on the floor' means:

- a. Put one foot over the other.
- b. Put your feet side by side.
- c. Put your feet under the chair.

End of Examination for Reading – Level C2

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English Writing Examination
Level C2 Proficient User

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

You must write a minimum of **200-250 words** for **Task 1**

AND

You must write a minimum **250-300 words** for **Task 2.**

Use black or blue ink. Do not use a pencil.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are two tasks. You must attempt both tasks.

Formal writing Task 1, you must complete **either** Option 1

OR Option 2.

Informal writing Task 2, you must complete the set task.

Total marks available: 24

Allow time to check your work before the end of the examination.

You can ask for more writing paper if required.

You have **75 minutes** to finish the examination.

Option 1 Formal Writing Task 1 – Allow around 35 minutes for this task

You have just returned from a day trip to the seaside. When you get home you realise that you have left a bag in the overhead compartment of the coach. The bag contains some personal and/or valuable items. Write an e-mail to the coach company.

You could write about:

- When you travelled on the coach and where you went
- The driver and where you sat on the coach
- The description of your bag, what is in it and why it is important to get it back
- What you expect to happen next.

OR

Option 2 Formal Writing Task 1 – Allow around 35 minutes for this task

You booked exclusive use of lanes in a bowling alley to celebrate a birthday party. During the party you noticed people who you did not know using the same bowling lanes. You spoke to the staff but they said they couldn't stop people using the lanes. Write a letter of complaint to the bowling alley.

You could write about:

- The date and time of the booking and what happened
- The response of the staff when you complained
- The service you expected
- What action you expect now, and why.

You must write a minimum of 200 – 250 words.

(12 Marks)

Informal Writing Task 2 – Allow 35 minutes for this task

Write an email to a friend who works as a volunteer children's entertainer. Tell your friend you would like to work with them, explain why.

You could write about:

- Why you want to work as a children's entertainer
- Why you would be good as a children's entertainer; what skills you have got
- When you are available for work
- Any questions you have got about clothing, equipment, police check to work with children...

You must write a minimum of 250-300 words.

(12 Marks)

You will be assessed on:

- **content**
- **use of conjunctions, adjectives and vocabulary**
- **use of appropriate tenses**
- **legibility of writing**
- **word order**

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