

ESOL International
English Listening Examination
Level C2 Proficient

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Do not open the paper until you are told to do so.

Please complete the information above.

Listen to the instructions.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

You must not use a dictionary.

Total marks available: 31

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

Part 1

You will hear ten sentences twice. Choose the best answer in each situation.

Now read 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. Where is it?
b. What can you see?
c. I've no idea, let's take a look.</p> <p>2. a. Okay, it's my treat, I'll pay.
b. You can always go back to the shop.
c. Yes, it's quite expensive.</p> <p>3. a. I didn't know you were on a diet.
b. Are you going on a diet?
c. Did you eat a lot?</p> <p>4. a. What pills shall I buy?
b. Have you written the prescription?
c. I'll go after work.</p> <p>5. a. Yes, I'll email you immediately.
b. No problem, I will.
c. Okay, I'll do it straight away.</p> | <p>6. a. Who are you talking about?
b. When are you going to phone him?
c. What do you want to discuss?</p> <p>7. a. How do you know?
b. Oh no, not again!
c. Why, what's happened?</p> <p>8. a. Turn left at the end of the road.
b. Step into the road and walk on.
c. Cross the hill on top of the road.</p> <p>9. a. It's good that you remembered it.
b. That was very fortunate.
c. I'm sorry you missed it.</p> <p>10. a. Only to visit a friend.
b. I don't know where it is.
c. Years ago, when I broke my leg.</p> |
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Part 2

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

You have two minutes to read the questions for both conversations.

Now listen to Conversation 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. What is the registration of the car?**
 - a. ET3973L.
 - b. ED3973L.
 - c. EB3973L.
- 2. What is an 'intermittent' fault?**
 - a. A problem that cannot be fixed.
 - b. A problem that is there all the time.
 - c. A problem that happens sometimes.
- 3. When is the MOT due?**
 - a. Friday.
 - b. Thursday at 1.30 pm.
 - c. Thursday at 1.15 pm.
- 4. How has the driver tried to fix the fault with the aerial?**
 - a. Replaced the fuse.
 - b. Changed the battery.
 - c. Put some oil on it.
- 5. How much will it cost to repair the car?**
 - a. 95 euros.
 - b. We don't know yet.
 - c. 130 euros.

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to Conversation 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. How many wisdom teeth will be removed?**
 - a. Four.
 - b. Three.
 - c. Two.
- 2. How long do you have to be in the surgery for laser teeth whitening?**
 - a. 20 minutes.
 - b. An hour.
 - c. 60 seconds.
- 3. How long does laser teeth whitening last?**
 - a. A year.
 - b. 18 months.
 - c. Two years.
- 4. What does the patient decide to do?**
 - a. Think about what the dentist said.
 - b. Have the wisdom teeth removed.
 - c. Make an appointment for teeth whitening.
- 5. Why is the dentist going to remove the wisdom teeth?**
 - a. They are cracked.
 - b. They are useless.
 - c. To make more room.

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3

You will hear a debate and a discussion. You will hear them twice.

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 is the main point of this debate?**
 - a. The impact of global warming.
 - b. The search for hard rock minerals.
 - c. The objective of space missions.
2. **According to the debate, what orbits the earth?**
 - a. Space junk.
 - b. Asteroids.
 - c. Comets.
3. **Why are landscapes changing?**
 - a. Space exploration.
 - b. Wildlife species are becoming extinct.
 - c. Because of global warming.
4. **What are asteroids mostly made of?**
 - a. Rock and ice.
 - b. Nickel and Iron.
 - c. Precious metals.
5. **In the debate, what is the main benefit of space exploration?**
 - a. Finding other life forms.
 - b. Finding gold, silver and platinum.
 - c. Gaining scientific knowledge.
6. **What does the interviewer think about space travel?**
 - a. It's a fantastic thing to do.
 - b. We shouldn't do it.
 - c. We need to do more of it.

Listen to the debate again and check your answers.

Now listen to the Discussion.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. **What is the main point of this discussion?**
 - a. To encourage people to join the tennis club and use the café.
 - b. To advertise the club's new café.
 - c. To generate money for the tennis club café.
2. **What has just been put in the café?**
 - a. New tables, chairs and curtains.
 - b. New kitchen equipment.
 - c. A new electronic till.
3. **According to the discussion, what should 'draw in the local media'?**
 - a. The town mayor.
 - b. The fund raising tennis match.
 - c. The tennis team players.
4. **How much money do they hope to raise from the sponsored tennis match next month?**
 - a. 2,000 euros.
 - b. 1,500 euros.
 - c. 1,250 euros.
5. **Which of these is true?**
 - a. The council may give them some money.
 - b. The council will give them some money.
 - c. The council must give them some money.

Listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

**End of Examination for C2 Proficient
Listening.**

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English Reading Examination

Level C2 Proficient

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Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information above.

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>Marcus Rashford</u>	1
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Marcus Rashford is a British professional football player. He was born in Manchester, on the 31 st of October, 1997, into a working class family. His mother was a single parent and had to work multiple jobs to feed her four children. She sometimes skipped meals herself, to ensure her children always had something to eat.	3
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Rashford first began playing football for Fletcher Moss Rangers at the age of five, as a goalkeeper. He was talent spotted at the age of seven and invited to join the Manchester United training academy.	9
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When he was eleven, he became the youngest ever player to be selected for the Manchester United Scholar programme. He was quickly fast-tracked and began playing with players four years his senior.	14
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In 2012, he was part of the Manchester United under-15 squad and, in 2014, he trained with United’s under 16 team. By 2015, the under-19s manager saw him play, and placed him in the UEFA (United European Football Association) under-18s Premier League. He scored six goals in eleven games and was awarded captaincy of the team.	19
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In 2016, Rashford played in the UEFA Europa League and scored two goals in his first game. He became Manchester United’s youngest ever scorer in a European competition. During 2019, he made his debut in the over-18s Premier League, and have since gone on to break records for being the youngest ever player to score in a Premier League match.	26
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Rashford has never forgotten the days when he was hungry as a child and spends his free time working with various charities to provide free meals for under-privileged children. Because of the _____ work he has done, he has been awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) by the Queen; a remarkable achievement for a young man.	33
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1. **Which of these best describes the style of the text?**
 - a. Descriptive and entertaining.
 - b. Informative and detailed.
 - c. Formal and instructive.

2. **Why does Rashford help to provide free meals for under-privileged children?**
 - a. Because he came from a working class background.
 - b. Because he didn't have enough to eat when he was a child.
 - c. Because his mother was a single parent.

3. **When did Rashford first play in the over-18s Premier League?**
 - a. In 2015.
 - b. In 2016.
 - c. In 2019.

4. **Why has Rashford been awarded an OBE?**
 - a. Because of his charity work.
 - b. Because of his football talent.
 - c. Because he was the youngest football player.

5. **According to the article, which statement is true?**
 - a. He is a goalkeeper.
 - b. He became captain of a team in 2015.
 - c. He scored eleven goals in six games.

6. **What is the best word to replace 'quickly fast-tracked' on line 16?**
 - a. Driven.
 - b. Forced.
 - c. Promoted.

7. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 6.
 - b. Line 23.
 - c. Line 37.

8. **There is a grammatical error on:**
 - a. Line 15.
 - b. Line 29.
 - c. Line 30.

9. **The most suitable word to complete the sentence on line 36 is:**
 - a. Outstanding.
 - b. Efficient.
 - c. Acceptable.

10. **What do the words 'talent spotted' on line 10 mean?**
 - a. Entertain and amuse.
 - b. Search for and find.
 - c. Befriend and employ.

Text 2

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

<u>Best Teen Travel Destinations in Europe</u>	1
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Split, in Croatia, is one of the most energetic and teen-friendly cities in Europe. You can paddle board on the sea, which combines exercise with fun. There is also a two-hour ‘Game of Thrones’ tour, during which you can visit different film locations of the famous TV series, or, if you like sailing, you can be having lunch and drinks on a life-size replica of Christopher Columbus’s boat.	3
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London, UK, has everything from theatres to castles and palaces, museums, art galleries and the London Eye – a fabulous slow-moving wheel that gives you a veiw of London you just can’t miss. You can take a tour bus through the city, or boat ride on the Thames, where you can see the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. For movie buffs, you can tour Warner Brothers Studios to see how the film, ‘Harry Potter’ was made.	10
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Berlin, Germany, is dynamic, artistic and trendy. You can visit ‘Computerspiele museum’; a computer game museum, or climb to the top of the Berlin TV Tower to see the whole of Berlin. If you visit the Berlin wall, you will be able to learn about the history of East and West Berlin and see artistic graffiti at its best.	18
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Rome, Italy, is not to be missed. See the Colosseum and the Forum, and throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain and ask for something to come true, or enjoy delicious pastas, pizza and ice-cream. Walking through Rome is like walking through an ancient open-air _____.	24
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If you prefer a beach holiday, Mallorca in Spain is a dream beach destination, just an hour or two away from the main cities. There are hundreds of activities to do; swim in crystal clear waters, laze on kilometres of beaches, dance at beach barbecues, enjoy a full days’ off-roading in a jeep to the mountains, go horse riding or take a boat tour to Malgrats Islands.	30
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These are just a few countries you could visit. To find out more, visit https://www.europeanbestdestinations.com/best-of-europe/best-destinations-for-teenagers/ .	37
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11. **According to the text, which statement is true?**
- You can meet the actors from the film 'Harry Potter', in London.
 - You can play computer games in the 'computerspiele' museum, in Berlin.
 - You can make a wish in Rome.
12. **The best word to replace 'dynamic' on line 18 is:**
- Explosive.
 - Lively.
 - Powerful.
13. **What is 'The London Eye' on line 11?**
- It is an observation wheel.
 - It is a fairground wheel.
 - It is an ancient wheel.
14. **Which two destinations offer film tours?**
- Rome and Mallorca.
 - Berlin and Split.
 - London and Split.
15. **According to the text, what does London have to offer?**
- Castles and art galleries.
 - Palaces and swimming baths.
 - Museums and libraries.
16. **There is a grammatical error on:**
- Line 27.
 - Line 22.
 - Line 7.
17. **There is a spelling error on:**
- Line 6.
 - Line 12.
 - Line 25.
18. **The best word to complete the sentence on line 28 is:**
- Palaces.
 - Cinema.
 - Museum.
19. **What is the best word to replace 'laze' on line 32?**
- Jump.
 - Relax.
 - Bathe.
20. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
- Line 18.
 - Line 26.
 - Line 34.

Text 3

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

LIVESCIENCE

How is honey made?



We all know that honey comes from bees, but how do the bees make it?

'Worker' bees seek nectar, which is a natural plant solution of sugar and water. Plants and flowers have glands called nectaries, and these produce nectar. They can be found at the base of flower petals in the centre of flower heads. Bees fly into the flower and ingest the nectar and, as it does this, it also collects pollen grains on its body. So, as the bees fly from flower to flower, they pollinate other flowers which enable more flowers to bloom. Fruit bushes and trees rely on pollination to help them produce sweet, tasty fruit.

As the 'worker' bee returns to its hive, its stomach breaks down the nectar into simple sugars (fructose and glucose). When it arrives at the hive it passes the collected nectar to a 'house' bee via mouth to mouth contact. The 'house' bee ingests the nectar and her enzymes break down the sugars even further. The 'house' bee passes the nectar's sugary juice to other 'house' bees until the water content of the juice reduces to 20%. When this occurs, the concentrated nectar juice is stored in the nest, called a bee hive. All the bees then fan the stored nectar juice with their wings to evaporate any remaining water and, as this happens, the nectar juice thickens into honey.

Not all honey is the same. The sugar content of nectar can vary dramatically from plant to plant. Flowers on apple trees produce a 25% sugary nectar, whereas the vegetable, kale, produces nectar with a 50% sugar content.

If bees did not pollinate flowers and crops, our landscape would be less colourful and less rich. If you have never tasted honey, try it; it is a good alternative to normal sugar.

21. What kind of text is this?

- a. A website article.
- b. An online personal blog
- c. A persuasive report.

22. According to the text, which statement is true?

- a. Nectar is found at the base of flower stems.
- b. All honeyed nectar is the same.
- c. The nectar is ingested several times by different bees.

23. How do bees get rid of the last 20% of water content in nectar?

- a. They drink it.
- b. They fan it.
- c. They chew it.

24. What is the sugar content of kale?

- a. 20%.
- b. 25%.
- c. 50%.

25. What are 'nectaries'?

- a. Plant glands.
- b. Flower petals.
- c. Sugar juices.

Text 4

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet

Weird Jobs

If you want a job that's out of the ordinary, then here are a few ideas:

Professional sleeper – You can get paid 10 euros an hour to sleep, while scientists monitor your sleep behaviour. You are provided with a small bedroom in a laboratory, so it's just like going to work except you lie down when you arrive there.

Odour Tester – This involves spraying deodorant under people's arms and sniffing their armpits to test the odour-fighting powers of deodorants. You can earn around 60,000 euros a year, and will need a university degree in chemistry.

Pet Food Taster – Although animal food is deemed unfit for human consumption, it is actually technically safe to consume, meaning it is not toxic. Humans taste the food to make sure each ingredient is balanced and nutritious. You can earn 30,000 to 50,000 euros a year, and will need to have a university culinary degree or nutrition degree, and experience of working in a food company.

Pet Sitter – Some animals need to stay at home, whilst their human owners go away, so you can get paid to look after their pets. There are no specific qualifications to be a pet sitter, but you will need to understand animal behaviour, animal first aid and animal care. You can earn 10 to 25 euros an hour.

Bicycle Fisher – Amsterdam is the most bicycle friendly city in the world. Unfortunately, a lot of cycles are thrown into canals. Each year, bicycle fishers retrieve around 15,000 rusty bikes from the waterways. They use a giant claw to haul them out, which is connected to a crane. You will need a certificate to drive large, heavy crane equipment. Crane operators can earn between 40,000 to 70,000 euros a year, 25-30 euros an hour, depending on experience.

26. Which job pays the best hourly salary?

- a. Pet sitter.
- b. Bicycle fisher.
- c. Professional sleeper.

27. Which job does not require a qualification?

- a. Bicycle fisher.
- b. Pet food taster.
- c. Pet sitter.

28. How are the bikes retrieved from the water?

- a. They are pushed out.
- b. They are hauled out.
- c. They are towed out.

29. What does 'toxic' mean?

- a. Poisonous to eat.
- b. Safe to eat.
- c. Unpleasant to eat.

30. According to the text, what is 'just like going to work'?

- a. Crane operator.
- b. Professional sleeper.
- c. Cycling.

31. What is a 'culinary' degree?

- a. A chemistry degree.
- b. A veterinary degree.
- c. A food science degree.



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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information above.

You must write a minimum of 200 – 250 words for Task 1 and 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.

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

Write a letter of complaint to the manager of your local store. You recently bought a fruit juicer but, unfortunately, the juicer does not work properly. It was expensive and you are very disappointed with its performance.

You could write about:

- When you purchased the juicer and how much it cost
- What the problems with the juicer are
- How you feel about the juicer
- What action you would like the manager to take.

OR

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

Write a report for a magazine, reviewing a mobile phone you recently bought.

You could write about:

- What type of mobile phone it is and how much it costs
- The apps on the phone; what you can do with the phone
- Things that are good and bad about the phone
- Its overall performance and whether you would recommend buying the phone.

You must write a minimum write 200 – 250 words.

(12 Marks)

Informal Writing Task 2 – Allow 35 minutes for this task.

Write an email to a group of friends asking them to donate some old toys and books to a children’s hospital.

You could write about:

- What kind of toys and books you need
- How the toys and books will help the children
- The condition of the toys and books you need; clean and in good working order
- How they can contact you and help deliver the items to the hospital.

You must write a minimum write 250 - 300 words.

(12 Marks)

You will be assessed on:

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| • use of conjunctions,
adjectives and vocabulary | • Content | • word order |
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writing |

End of Examination for Writing – Level C2



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