

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. Yes, they offered it to me yesterday.
b. Yes, they took it to me yesterday.
c. Yes, they give me job yesterday.</p> <p>2. a. What would you like to different?
b. What would you like to changed?
c. What don't you like about it?</p> <p>3. a. No, must be mended now.
b. Yes, I must get it fixed soon.
c. It might, I must get it done.</p> <p>4. a. Yes, there are many to completed.
b. No, you need not to do that.
c. Yes, but that is the procedure.</p> <p>5. a. You should do, that is not good enough.
b. You should do, that is good enough.
c. You should do, that not good enough.</p> | <p>6. a. Yes, it works good.
b. No, it must to be repaired.
c. Yes, it works well now.</p> <p>7. a. Yes, I got it yesterday.
b. No, I go tomorrow.
c. Yes, I collected yesterday.</p> <p>8. a. No, but I know some peoples who can.
b. Yes, I know a good garage.
c. No, but I know garage.</p> <p>9. a. I think I will rent for a little while longer.
b. I will rent for a longer time still.
c. I rent for more time a bit longer.</p> <p>10. a. I'm no fine, just working a lot.
b. I'm fine, just working too much.
c. I'm too much tired.</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.

- When was Maria Callas born?**
 - December 2, 1923.
 - December 23, 1922.
 - December 3, 1937.
- Where did she start her formal training?**
 - In America.
 - In Italy.
 - In Greece.
- What was Maria's sister called?**
 - Sophia.
 - Yakinthi.
 - Evangelia.
- What was she granted posthumously?**
 - A World Music Award.
 - An Oscar.
 - A Lifetime Achievement Grammy.
- Where was she instructed by Elvira de Hidalgo in 1939?**
 - Lyric Opera of Chicago.
 - New York Metropolitan Opera.
 - Athens Conservatoire.

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 is the conversation about?**
 - The Great South Run.
 - The Great North Run.
 - London Marathon.
- How many miles is the run?**
 - 13.1 miles.
 - 1.5 miles.
 - 11-12 miles.
- What food and drinks could they take?**
 - Water and a health bar.
 - A sports drink and a health bar.
 - Sports drink and water.
- What kind of transport will Jo be travelling on?**
 - Train.
 - London Underground.
 - Public transport.
- Which sight is Sam's favourite?**
 - Tyne Bridge.
 - Gateshead Bridge.
 - Millennium Bridge.

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. **According to the recording, which is true?**
 - a. Residential camps offer regional knowledge.
 - b. Summer camps are only in the city.
 - c. Summer camps don't offer special activities.
2. **What is the main focus of this debate?**
 - a. The cons and opinions of summer camp.
 - b. The pros of summer camp.
 - c. The pros and cons of summer camp.
3. **What pro does Alex think camp provides?**
 - a. Family interests.
 - b. Different influences.
 - c. It generates boredom.
4. **According to the recording, where does independence start?**
 - a. At home.
 - b. At camp.
 - c. At school.
5. **What does the debate suggest is invaluable?**
 - a. Exposure to more family time.
 - b. Negative impact.
 - c. Bored and tired parents.
6. **What does the host mean by 'offer valuable options'?**
 - a. Opportunities.
 - b. Interests.
 - c. Boredom.

Listen to the debate again and check your answers.

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

1. **Which is the main focus of this discussion?**
 - a. The cost of toxic drugs.
 - b. The benefits of turmeric.
 - c. The flavours of curry.
2. **Which is true?**
 - a. Dion did not receive other treatments.
 - b. Dion had not taken expensive drugs.
 - c. Dion was not being helped by other treatments.
3. **According to the discussion, curcumin is:**
 - a. Found in turmeric.
 - b. The same as turmeric.
 - c. Very unlike turmeric.
4. **Research suggests that there:**
 - a. Are no other benefits from using turmeric.
 - b. Seem to be limited benefits from turmeric.
 - c. Are many other benefits from turmeric.
5. **At the end of the debate, in relation to the use of turmeric:**
 - a. Dion is still taking it.
 - b. Dion has stopped taking it.
 - c. Dion is not sure what to do .

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

<u>Electric Mini to be built in Oxford</u>	1
BMW has announced that a fully electric version of the three door Mini	2
will be built at the Cowley plant in Oxford. The carmaker added that the	3
model would go into production in 2019, and that the electric motor will be	4
built in Germany before being shipped to Cowley for assembly and	5
completion.	6
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About 360,000 Minis are made each year, with more than 60% of them	8
built at Oxford. However, after concerns about Britain's exit from the	9
European Union, BMW has built up an alternative manufacturing base in	10
the Netherlands just in case Britain's withdrawal from the EU damages	11
confidence in the UK export business market. BMW's chief executive,	12
Harald Krueger, said the company has had to remain flexible in relation to	13
where the electric cars are to be produced, and that it has been	14
thoroughly thought out.	15
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UK Business Secretary, Greg Clark, met BMW's head of sales and	17
marketing, Ian Robertson in January and March this year, in Munich, and	18
has reported BMW's announcement as very positive. He has also set out	19
plans to invest in the development of battery technology in the UK.	20
The two men also were held meetings at Westminster, London, in March	21
and June this year.	22
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David Bailey, professor of industry at Aston University, said the true test	24
of the global car industry's desire to invest in the UK would come next	25
year. "I don't think this decision tells us much about Brexit and the form	26
of trade barriers we may face in the future. The big decisions will be	27
about future electric car design, which would focus on redesigned bodies,	28
when new models of electric cars by Mini and Vauxhall are announced in	29
the next couple"	30
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The advancement of the industry will forge ahead and exciting	32
developments will be seen in the near future. This activity will happen	33
regardless of the changes in Europe for the enhancement of the industry.	34
Electric cars are the futuristic future!	35

- 1. The main purpose of this document is to:**
 - a. Inform readers about the new electric mini.
 - b. Discuss the price of the new mini.
 - c. Describe where the mini isn't built.

- 2. According to the article, which statement is true?**
 - a. The three-door model will only be made in Munich.
 - b. The three-door model will only be made in Westminster.
 - c. The three-door model will be made in Oxford.

- 3. The text suggests the electric motor will be shipped:**
 - a. From Oxford.
 - b. From Germany.
 - c. To the Netherlands.

- 4. BMW have concerns about using Great Britain for manufacturing in the future due to:**
 - a. Trade barriers.
 - b. Shipping costs.
 - c. Production speed.

- 5. The majority of all minis are built in:**
 - a. Germany.
 - b. The Netherlands.
 - c. Britain.

- 6. The best word or phrase to replace 'alternative' in line 10 is:**
 - a. Other.
 - b. More.
 - c. Better.

- 7. There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. line 20
 - b. line 24
 - c. line 28

- 8. There is a grammatical error on:**
 - a. line 14
 - b. line 21
 - c. line 25

- 9. The phrase completing the sentence in line 30 is:**
 - a. Of miles.
 - b. Of years.
 - c. Of cars.

- 10. In line 32, what does 'forge ahead' mean:**
 - a. Make declining progress.
 - b. Make good progress.
 - c. Make more money.

Text 2

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

<u>Times Square</u>	1
Times Square is a famous landmark in New York. It stretches between Broadway and Seventh Avenue, and between West 42nd Street and West 47th Street. Prior to 1904 the area was called Longacre Square, after the carriage district in London, England.	2 3 4 5
The New York Times newspaper built its headquarters in Longacre Square in January 1905 and launched the traditional New Year’s Eve ball drop from the top of their gothic skyscraper, 25 stories high. Since then the Square has been called Times Square. By 1913 the New York Times had outgrown their offices and eventually had to move their business to 229 West 43rd Street. Since then, the New York Times has moved again and the building became known as the Times Square building. Today, the building be the site for a massive collection of electronic billboards that are iconic of Times Square.	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
The area draws millions of tourists and visitors. If you plan on being among those, do take a Times Square History or Broadway Walking Tour, To keep tabs on foot traffic, an automated counting system tallies up how many people walk through Times Square daily. The current estimate is that 360,000 pedestrians enter the heart of Times Square on a daily basis	14 15 16 17 18 19
Times Square offers a vast range of activities for the entire family, such as Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, Ripley’s Believe it or Not Odditorium, and a 60-foot Ferris wheel inside Toys “R” Us, it is really staggering to see the range of activities available.	20 21 22 23
There are many places to eat, such as restaurants, cafes and quick food stalls. The theatre shows range from supernatural to Shakespearian styles, there is so much to see!	24 25

11. The word 'landmark' means:

- a. A famous sight which is easily recognised.
- b. A small building which is newly built.
- c. A large object only seen from a distance.

12. According to the text, which statement is true about Times Square?

- a. Until 1913 it was called Broadway.
- b. Until 1904 it was called Longacre Square.
- c. Until 1905 it was called Park Row.

13. The newspaper that started the New Year's Eve ball drop from their building was the:

- a. Express.
- b. Post.
- c. Times.

14. The newspaper moved in 1913 because:

- a. It needed larger offices.
- b. The rent was too high.
- c. The subway was too busy.

15. According to the text, 360,000 is the number of:

- a. People visiting each day.
- b. Meals served each day.
- c. Show tickets sold each day.

16. There is a grammatical mistake on:

- a. Line 4
- b. Line 10
- c. Line 11

17. The best word to replace 'draws' in line 14 is:

- a. Makes.
- b. Attracts.
- c. Forces.

18. The best words to finish a sentence in line 18 are:

- a. Each day.
- b. By taxi.
- c. To shop.

19. Which word should always be spelt with a capital letter?

- a. Subway.
- b. Downtown.
- c. Avenue.

20. There is a punctuation mistake on:

- a. Line 4
- b. Line 15
- c. Line 21

Text 3

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

Madame Tussauds

Millions of people have flocked through the doors of Madame Tussauds in London since they first opened in 1835, and it remains just as popular as it ever was.

The woman behind one of Britain's most popular tourist attractions died on April 16th, 1850, aged 89. She was born in Strasburg, Germany and never knew her father. Marie Tussaud was one of the 19th century's most successful career women. She was a self-made business woman. Marie Tussaud was one of the 19th century's most successful entrepreneurs by the time that she passed away at her London home in Baker Street.

Marie Tussaud had made herself a household name in her adopted country and Madame Tussaud's has remained one of Britain's most popular tourist attractions to this day. She never knew her father, a German soldier named Grosholtz, who died two months before Marie was born to her young widowed mother, Anne Marie. Anne Marie raised Marie in Berne in Switzerland.

Anne Marie was a housekeeper to a Swiss doctor named Philippe Curtius, who had a talent for wax modelling and ran a museum of his waxwork heads and busts. It was from this 'uncle' that Marie learned her art as a child and after he had moved to Paris, where his museum became a success, and she and her mother joined him and she became his assistant.

Madame Tussauds is now a museum that contains wax models of famous people. There are numerous galleries such as Pirates of the Caribbean, World leaders, Warhol's women The Royal Family, the Culture zone and the History of London. The music zone represents legends of pop from Bob Marley through to Kylie and Justin Timberlake. Visitors are encouraged to try out their own dance moves to see if they can win an award.

21. Why was the above text written?

- a. To inform people about the history of Madam Tussaud's.
- b. To explain the costs involved in running Madam Tussaud's.
- c. To advise people how long it takes to tour Madam Tussaud's.

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

- a. Marie Tussaud was not born in Germany.
- b. Marie Tussaud was born in London.
- c. Marie Tussaud was not born in London.

23. Marie Tussaud's mother worked for a:

- a. Soldier.
- b. Doctor.
- c. Museum.

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

- a. Marie Tussaud worked as a housekeeper.
- b. Marie Tussaud worked in an art gallery.
- c. Marie Tussaud worked in a museum.

25. The text suggests, that 'self-made' relates to:

- a. Made tired by doing too much.
- b. Made successful by your own efforts.
- c. Made unsuccessful by others.

Text 4

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

<u>Venice</u>	1
Although there are days when tourists outnumber locals by two to one, Venice never loses its capacity to enchant millions of visitors. Summer brings some of the most daunting crowds that flood the city in vast numbers, but there's a reason why they come to see: the sheer loveliness of an exquisite city that seems miraculously built on water.	2 3 4 5 6
It's important to remember that, even at peak visitor times, you are never more than a bridge and an alley away from a more secluded city, full of secret squares, handsome Gothic palazzi and lively neighbourhood wine bars;	7 8 9 10
Venice is a unique, magical place to visit 365 days a year. Visitors peak in summer, despite the heat, humidity and swarms of mosquitoes. Spring and autumn are much more pleasant months. Late autumn, is still warm enough to eat outside, and in winter tourists are few and far between; rooms are cheap and the city is reclaimed by Venetians.	11 12 13 14 15 16
The Carnevale, which is in February or March, brings in hordes of revellers and sends accommodation prices through the roof. There is events running every year and local festivities like the Festa del Redentore on the third weekend in July, when the city and lagoon are lit up by fireworks.	17 18 19 20 21
Venice looks pretty flat to the untrained eye, but the land rises and falls. Rivoaltus, high bank, later shortened to Rialto, was chosen as the site of one of the earliest settlements in the lagoon in the 5th century it was relatively high and dry. When Venice expanded, it remained the city's commercial heart. The Rialto market was moved here in 1097, and has remained ever since. This is still the place to come for the best fruit, vegetables, groceries, fish and meat.	22 23 24 25 26 27

26. The word 'daunting' used in the first paragraph can be best replaced with:

- a. Infrequent.
- b. Interesting.
- c. Frightening.

27. There is a punctuation mistake on:

- a. Line 9
- b. Line 20
- c. Line 23

28. A grammatical mistake has been made on:

- a. Line 11
- b. Line 18
- c. Line 25

29. A spelling mistake has been made on:

- a. Line 13
- b. Line 18
- c. Line 23

30. A word has been omitted on line 24. It should be

- a. Normally.
- b. Heavy.
- c. Because.

31. The phrase 'remained ever since' relates to:

- a. Not being in the same place long.
- b. Being at the same place for a long time.
- c. How busy the local area is.

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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

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
1	
2	
Total	

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

You have arranged a sightseeing trip for a group of your friends, but when the confirmation form arrives it is wrong. The departure time is not correct, the date is wrong, as well as the venue and the number of people the booking has been made for. Write an e-mail to the booking company. You could write about:

- What is wrong with the booking
- What needs to be changed
- What you expect to happen next.

OR

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

You have bought a new laptop. But the keyboard does not work and you cannot use the laptop. You returned to the shop, but they refused to replace the computer. Write a letter to the computer store, complaining about their service. You could write about:

- What the problem is with the laptop
- Give the date you bought the computer
- Give the date you went back to the shop and describe what happened when you complained to the shop assistant
- Describe your feelings about the incident
- The service you expected
- What action you expect, and why.

Write 200 – 250 words.

(12 Marks)

Informal Writing Task 2 – Allow 35 minutes for this task

Write an email to a friend you have not seen for a long time. Tell them you met someone you both went to school with. Tell your friend what that person has been doing. Ask your friend what they have been doing and if they would like to meet for a day out somewhere. You could write about:

- When you saw them
- What they have been doing
- What you talked about
- What you enjoyed most about meeting them.

Write 250-300 words.

(12 Marks)

You will be assessed on:

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

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