

**ESOL International
English Listening Examination**

Level B1 Intermediate

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 **30 minutes** to finish the examination.

Part 1

You will hear 10 sentences twice. Choose the best answer in each situation.

Now look at the replies. You have two minutes to read the replies.

Now listen to the sentences and select the best reply. Mark the answer on the mark sheet.

1. a. Thank you, she said she would go.
 b. Thank you, they know the way there.
 c. Thank you, I am going out to lunch.

2. a. No, it was very helpful.
 b. Yes, but it was very long.
 c. We thought the food was good.

3. a. No, I have not seen anyone yet.
 b. Please, let me know when you leave.
 c. Thank you, it seems to fit well.

4. a. It was nice be away for a few days.
 b. Good luck, I hope it goes well for you.
 c. They know how to contact me.

5. a. Yesterday was really busy.
 b. What is the matter with her?
 c. Where do you want to go?

6. a. How exciting for her!
 b. That is not good news.
 c. When did they leave?
7. a. How are they going to get there?
 b. Have you bought her present yet?
 c. What did he say when you phoned?
8. a. Does he eat fish at all?
 b. Can you explain to her?
 c. Does she go swimming?
9. a. He left last Thursday.
 b. We could all go together.
 c. Next Wednesday I think.
10. a. Yes, of course you can.
 b. What did the doctor say?
 c. We finished it yesterday.

Part 2 - Conversations

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.

Conversation 1

1. What does Jo want to do?

- a. Book a holiday in the sun.
- b. Apply for a passport.
- c. Pay for foreign currency.

2. Where has Jo recently been on holiday?

- a. Greece
- b. Italy
- c. Spain

3. What does 'long haul' mean?

- a. A short journey.
- b. A great distance.
- c. A multi flight trip

4. What is the minimum time Jo wants to be away?

- a. A week.
- b. 10 days
- c. 14 days

5. The hotel offer only applies to hotels which are ...

- a. two star
- b. three star
- c. four star

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

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

Conversation 2

1. What is being booked for a surprise party?

- a. A venue
- b. Caterers
- c. A band

2. How many guests can the Mortimer Room take?

- a. 50
- b. 70
- c. 80

3. The theme of the party is which country?

- a. Spain
- b. Italy
- c. Greece

4. How much is the room going to cost to hire?

- a. £110
- b. £175
- c. £150

5. What is not going to be discussed when Caz meets with Mia?

- a. Music
- b. Cutlery
- c. Drinks

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3 - Broadcasts

You will now hear two radio broadcasts. You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to look at the questions for both broadcasts.

Now listen to Broadcast 1. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 1

1. What is not mentioned as a cause of stress?

- a. Work pressure
- b. Bullying
- c. Money worries

2. What is a symptom of stress?

- a. Good appetite
- b. Poor appetite
- c. Feeling happy

3. Who must look after staff health and safety in the workplace?

- a. Employers
- b. Volunteers
- c. Employees

4. Who is it best to speak to first about stress at work?

- a. The supervisor
- b. The manager
- c. A colleague

5. What percentage of work related ill health was stress in 2015?

- a. 10%
- b. 35%
- c. 43%

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Now listen to Broadcast 2. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 2

1. Which illness is not mentioned in the reading?

- a. Cancer
- b. Diabetes
- c. Stroke

2. Which university has not carried out research?

- a. University of Adelaide
- b. University of British Columbia
- c. University of Chicago

3. What keeps the brain running?

- a. Petrol
- b. Water
- c. Oxygen

4. How long a walk is recommended three times a week?

- a. 20 minutes
- b. 2 minutes
- c. 40 minutes

5. How is online shopping a risk to health?

- a. We might spend more.
- b. Items are much cheaper.
- c. It reduces exercise.

6. To reduce the risk of getting dementia or depression, when should exercise be taken?

- a. Less often
- b. Regularly
- c. Monthly

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

End of Listening Examination – Level B1

**ESOL International
English Reading Examination**

Level B1 Intermediate

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 **60 minutes** to finish the examination.

Text 1

<u>Making money out of the migrant crisis</u>	1
Last year a record 1.1 million people sought asylum in Germany and while politicians	2
have been busy arguing over how best to deal with the huge number of migrants	3
crossing the border, others have been making money out of it.	4
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Raphael Hock is one of these money makers. Hock's company own and lease what	6
is called care domes, there are 15 around the city owned by Hock's company and leased	7
to the local government. A care dome is an inflatable hall, the size of an Olympic	8
swimming pool, with space for 300 men from Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and West	9
Afrika who crossed much of the Middle East and southern Europe to get here.	10
	11
For free the men have access to warm bunk rooms, three _____ a day, play table tennis,	12
get pocket money and wait for news of their asylum claims.	13
	14
There are Germans still volunteering in their millions to show that their country is a	15
supportive and safe destination for migrants. For example, a single mother who invites	16
homeless Syrians to sleep on her sofa every night and a retired school teacher who	17
spends six days a week teaching sub-Saharan Africans German grammar.	18
So there are clearly opportunities to make money but also to provide care and support	19
for migrants when they need, as a volunteer.	20

1. **Where have people been seeking asylum?**
 - a. West Africa
 - b. Pakistan
 - c. Germany

2. **According to the text, how many million people have been seeking asylum?**
 - a. 1.1
 - b. 15
 - c. 300

3. **The word 'lease' in line 6 can best be replaced with which word?**
 - a. Buy
 - b. Rent
 - c. Sell

4. **Which line has a spelling error?**
 - a. Line 10
 - b. Line 15
 - c. Line 18

5. **Which line has a grammar error?**
 - a. 2
 - b. 4
 - c. 7

6. **Which word should always be spelt with a capital letter?**
 - a. Money
 - b. Olympic
 - c. Asylum

7. Which word would best fill the gap in paragraph 3?
- a. Meals
 - b. Drinks
 - c. Showers
8. According to the text, what are Germans still doing a great deal of?
- a. Working
 - b. Volunteering
 - c. Studying
9. Who helps homeless Syrians with their overnight accommodation?
- a. A money maker
 - b. The government
 - c. A single parent
10. The word '*opportunities*' in line 19 can best be replaced with which word?
- a. Chances
 - b. Plans
 - c. Training

Text 2

<u>The internet can be healthy for you</u>	1
Being able to use the internet is becoming more and more important. Many organisations expect that you can navigate the internet or perform transactions online, whether it is paying bills, booking GP appointments or finding a job. It is easy to think that everyone can use the internet, but there are still over nine million people who struggle to get online because of a lack of access, skills, confidence or motivation.	2 3 4 5 6 7
Everyone can learn how to use the internet, regardless of age, background, or skill level. Support is available, whether you need to start from scratch, want to improve your skills or just need a little help filling in an online form, setting up an email account or getting to grips with a mobile device.	8 9 10 11 12
There are many health apps available which you can download to smart phones or tablets. Not all apps are free and some are better than others. Or why don't you save yourself an unnecessary trip to the GP practice and ____ your next appointment online? Online transactions can save time and make your life easier. You can log on any time of day and in the comfort of your own home.	13 14 15 16 17 18 19
They are also a great ____ if you tend to feel anxious in public situations, find telephone or face-to-face interactions stressful, use English as a second language, or have a disability that makes it hard getting around.	20 21 22 23
Adapted from http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/digital-inclusion/Pages/get-online-take-control-of-your-health.aspx (accessed 01/02/2016)	24 25 26

11. **According to the text, many businesses think you should be able to ...**
- a. take daily exercise.
 - b. use the internet.
 - c. manage your finances.
12. **According to the text, how many people are not confident using the internet?**
- a. Under 9 million
 - b. Over 6 million
 - c. Over 9 million
13. **What is not mentioned in the text?**
- a. Weekly shopping
 - b. GP appointment
 - c. Paying bills
14. **To be able to access online facilities, there is support ...**
- a. available for everyone.
 - b. just for older people.
 - c. only for younger people.
15. **According to the text, what can be downloaded to smart phones or tablets?**
- a. Gaming apps
 - b. Health apps
 - c. Travel apps
16. **The word that best fills the gap in line 16 is ...**
- a. buy
 - b. rent
 - c. book

17. Which line has a spelling error?

- a. Line 6
- b. Line 9
- c. Line 15

18. According to the text, how many apps are free?

- a. All of them
- b. Not all
- c. None

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

- a. Using online transactions saves time.
- b. Face to face transactions are safer.
- c. A mix of both is the quickest option.

20. The word that best fills the gap in line 21 is ...

- a. Reward
- b. Incentive
- c. Alternative

Text 3

<u>How to make healthy scrambled eggs</u>	1
Serves: one adult. Preparation time: 5 minutes. Cooking time: 5 minutes.	2
	3
Calories per portion: scrambled eggs 247kcal (1,033kJ), two slices of wholemeal toast	4
190kcal (795kJ)	5
	6
Ingredients:	7
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• 2 eggs	9
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• 4 tbsp of semi-skimmed milk	11
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• 2 slices wholemeal toastte	13
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• 2 tsp of low-fat spread	15
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• 1 pinch of black pepper	17
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• Optional sprinkling of chopped chives	19
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	22
Lightly mix the eggs and milk in a bowl. Melted the low-fat spread in a pan and add the	23
egg mixture. Cook over a medium-high heat, stirring slowly and gently until they're just	24
set. Serve the eggs on the slices of toast, sprinkle them with chives, and season with	25
some pepper. To make green eggs, scramble your eggs with a handful (40g) of spinach	26
(30kcal/125kJ).	27
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21. **Text 3 is a ...**

- a. menu
- b. recipe
- c. shopping list

22. **What does '*tbsp*' means?**

- a. Teaspoon
- b. Tablespoon
- c. Two spoons

23. **There is a spelling error on ...**

- a. line 12
- b. line 14
- c. line 25

24. **The word '*lightly*' on line 23 could be replaced by...**

- a. slowly
- b. firmly
- c. gently

25. **There is a grammar error on ...**

- a. line 23
- b. line 27
- c. line 29

26. **What can you add to eggs to make 'green eggs'?**

- a. Spinach
- b. Apples
- c. Toast

Text 4

Getting around in a country without street addresses

In Ghana, finding your way around can be a challenge as properties often don't have a house number or name and street signs are difficult to see. So local landmarks like bars, banks or even trees are used instead to help people find their way.

But now a new, locally designed mobile app is available and will change how people get around, putting an end to the confusion faced by everyone from ambulance drivers, to bus drivers, taxis and couriers.

The SnooCode app generates a unique code for every property in Ghana, pinpointing each specific location with Global Positioning System (GPS) technology. Once you have your new address, in the form of the code, you enter it into the app's mapping service to find the best route. Currently all 14 ambulance stations in the capital Accra have installed the technology and those in Ghana's second largest city Kumasi are next.

According to the ministry of health, ambulance response times in Ghana averaged 19 minutes in 2014. The recommended response time internationally is eight minutes. There are 161 ambulances in the country to serve a population of more than 25 million and although vehicle numbers have increased, less than 60% of its 216 districts have ambulance stations.

Adapted from <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-35385636> (accessed 01/02/2016)

27. According to the text, what makes finding houses difficult?

- a. There are no house numbers or names.
- b. The numbers are too high up to see.
- c. Streets all have similar names.

28. What is a mobile app?

- a. A programme only to be used when travelling.
- b. A computer programme for smartphones and tablets.
- c. A training programme for new users of computers.

29. How many ambulance stations in Accra use the new technology?

- a. 14
- b. 19
- c. 161

30. The word '*recommended*' in the fourth paragraph can best be replaced with ...

- a. legal
- b. suggested
- c. mandatory

31. How many districts does Ghana have?

- a. 25
- b. 161
- c. 216

End of Reading Examination – for Level B1

**ESOL International
English Writing Examination**

Level B1 Intermediate

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

You must write a minimum of 75 - 100 words for Task 1 and 100 – 125 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.

In Task 1 you must complete **either** Option 1 **or** Option 2 of the Formal Writing Task.

Total marks available: 40

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

You have **one hour** to finish the examination.

Option 1 Formal Writing Task 1 – Allow 30 minutes for this task.

Write an article for the school or college magazine about the benefits of exercise.

Consider the following questions:

- What are the advantages of exercising regularly?
- What types of exercise are available locally?
- How much exercise is enough to keep healthy?

Option 2 Formal Writing Task 1 – Allow 30 minutes for this task.

Write a letter to your local council asking them about their plans to reduce the local bus service.

You could write about:

- What kind of service needs to be available and why.
- The importance of the bus service.
- The advantages to the public of keeping this service running.

Write 75 – 100 words.

You will be assessed on:

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

(20 Marks)

Informal Writing Task 2 – Allow 30 minutes for this task.

Write a letter to a friend telling them about what you did at the weekend.

You could write about:

- The activities you did.
- Your friends.
- The area you live in.
- What you enjoyed most.

Write 100 – 125 words.

You will be assessed on:

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

(20 Marks)

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