



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 ten 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. I had no idea it was famous.
b. I'm sure it happened like it did last time.
c. I think it will be sometime next month.</p> <p>2. a. No, it was before the summer.
b. No, not even when I'm on summer holiday!
c. Yes, it's never been this like this!</p> <p>3. a. The weather makes it grow so quickly!
b. Is it because of the rain we are expecting?
c. The lack of rain has stopped it growing.</p> <p>4. a. The washing machine is empty.
b. I will put them in the washing machine now.
c. Can I put it in the washing machine for you?</p> <p>5. a. The nurse has finished for the day.
b. The nurse is nearly ready and will call for you soon.
c. The nurse is unavailable at the moment.</p> | <p>6. a. Of course, did you buy a lot?
b. It looks like there was a sale on.
c. There is so much shopping, will you manage by yourself?</p> <p>7. a. Not at all, it is quite warm isn't it.
b. Yes, I wish it would rain.
c. No problem, as it is locked.</p> <p>8. a. Good idea, I would like to go.
b. No, I don't like getting hot!
c. Yes, I would like to take a walk.</p> <p>9. a. Yes, are you studying together!
b. Yes, do you have a lot to do?
c. Yes, I am too eager to learn!</p> <p>10. a. Are you sure it is on?
b. I did switch it on.
c. Sorry I thought I had turned it off!</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 on the mark sheet.

- 1. What does Rosie want to buy her sister?**
 - a. A carved wooden box.
 - b. A piece of jewellery.
 - c. A lime cake.
- 2. What does Bella's brother like?**
 - a. Handcrafted balls.
 - b. Handcrafted bells.
 - c. Handcrafted bowls.
- 3. Why doesn't Bella want to eat Sushi?**
 - a. It's not filling.
 - b. It's not appetising.
 - c. It's raw.
- 4. Why is Rosie keen to go to the Spanish olive bar?**
 - a. She hasn't eaten anything Spanish for a long time.
 - b. She fancies eating some olives and garlic bread.
 - c. She hasn't eaten her breakfast yet.
- 5. What do Bella and Rosie both need?**
 - a. Breakfast.
 - b. Money.
 - c. A lift.

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. Which model of caravan is heavier?**
 - a. The Deluxe model.
 - b. The Supreme model.
 - c. They both weigh the same.
- 2. Why is the Supreme caravan longer?**
 - a. It has additional storage space in the bedroom.
 - b. It has a bigger kitchen.
 - c. It has a storage compartment at the back.
- 3. How much does the delivery cost?**
 - a. 750 Euros including VAT and connection of services.
 - b. 715 Euros including VAT and connection of services.
 - c. 715 Euros including VAT only.
- 4. How much discount is being offered on fixtures and fittings?**
 - a. 5%.
 - b. 9%.
 - c. High percentage.
- 5. Which of these additional fixtures and fittings is not mentioned?**
 - a. Caravan steps and cooling boxes.
 - b. Gas fire and cooking boxes.
 - c. Window blinds and Fire safety equipment.

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 is the main point of this debate?**
 - a. People's misuse of American and British English.
 - b. People's disregard for the rules of written language.
 - c. People's avoidance to write letters.
2. **What does Mike say about punctuation?**
 - a. We should make sure the comma and apostrophe are in the right place.
 - b. We should put a lot of effort into mixing American and British spellings.
 - c. We should relax spelling rules.
3. **What was the problem with writing, before we had spelling rules?**
 - a. Everyone spelt words exactly how they sounded.
 - b. People didn't know how to write.
 - c. People couldn't read the writing.
4. **According to Mike, what should people do?**
 - a. Not worry about grammar and punctuation.
 - b. Embrace the rules of grammar and punctuation.
 - c. Self-correct our emails and texts.
5. **What makes Jenny really angry?**
 - a. When people misunderstand what she is writing.
 - b. When people don't use possessive apostrophes correctly.
 - c. When people confuse American and English spellings.
6. **What contributes towards lazy grammar and spelling?**
 - a. People are short-sighted.
 - b. Technological software checks it for us.
 - c. We don't use a pen to write anymore.

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 the discussion?**
 - a. The definition of art.
 - b. The production of art.
 - c. The importance of art.
2. **According to the discussion, what is art?**
 - a. Something that you can admire and put on display.
 - b. Something that you can see the beauty in.
 - c. Something that you can relate to emotionally.
3. **Which art is classed as 'low art'?**
 - a. A Constable painting of the countryside.
 - b. A black square in a yellow circle.
 - c. A pile of bricks.
4. **According to the discussion, which is true about art?**
 - a. We have to see it to understand it.
 - b. We have to look beyond what we see to understand it.
 - c. We have to compare it with something else to understand it.
5. **What does the black square in the yellow circle signify for Alex?**
 - a. Escapism.
 - b. Freedom.
 - c. Entrapment.

Listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

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English Reading Examination

Level C2 Proficient

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 Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy</u>	1
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The Italian town of Pisa got its name in 600BC from a Greek word 'pisa' meaning 'marshy land'. In the centre of Pisa is a complex of marble buildings known as 'Piazza dei Miracolia' meaning Square of Miracles. The most famous of these buildings is the Tower of Pisa which was originally designed as a bell tower for the cathedral that was built nearby.	3
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Standing nearly 60 metres high the tower is slowly sinking on one side. It currently measures 56.67 metres high on the highest side and 55.86 metres high on the lowest side. The tower leans at a 10 angle however when it was first built in 1173 it was designed to be straight but it starting leaning during its construction which was completed in 1399.	9
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The tower has 207 columns, stands eight stories high, has a 297 spiral step staircase, 61 arches and weighs 14,500 tonnes; the bottom is surrounded by 15 marble arches and each story above has 30 arches and the bell chamber itself has 16 arches.	15
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The construction of the tower was interrupted several times due to war, debt and engineering issues, so it took more than 250 years to complete. The identity of the original architect is a mystery but the most accredited architects of the first phase of building are Bonanno Pisano and Gherardo din Gherardo. The second phase of construction started in 1275, and that work is attributed to Giovanni di Simone. Tommaso Pisano (1350-1372) was the architect who has finally completed the building.	20
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The tower leans because of the boggy, marshy land it was built on and the tower is not the only building to suffer from this. The bell tower at the church of St. Michele dei Scalzi and the bell tower at the church of St. Nicola also lean, and the cathedral and baptistery are sinking. During the 1920s, the underfloor foundations of the tower were injected with cement to help stabilise it.	28
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- 1. The main purpose of this document is to:**
 - a. Describe the historic city of Pisa.
 - b. Persuade the reader to visit Pisa.
 - c. Explain the design and construction of the Tower of Pisa.

- 2. What is the Tower of Pisa?**
 - a. A cathedral.
 - b. A baptistery.
 - c. A bell tower.

- 3. How many marble arches does the Tower of Pisa have?**
 - a. 61.
 - b. 15.
 - c. 30.

- 4. The Tower of Pisa was built in two phases. Who began the 2nd phase?**
 - a. Bonanno Pisano and Gherardo din Gherardo.
 - b. Giovanni di Simone.
 - c. Tommaso Pisano.

- 5. According to the article, which statement is true?**
 - a. The Tower of Pisa leans due to poor building materials.
 - b. The Tower of Pisa leans due to poor workmanship and design.
 - c. The Tower of Pisa leans due to poor land conditions.

- 6. What is the best phrase to replace 'foundations' in line 31**
 - a. Walls.
 - b. Footings.
 - c. Arches.

- 7. There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 6.
 - b. Line 13.
 - c. Line 20.

- 8. There is a grammatical error on:**
 - a. Line 12.
 - b. Line 23.
 - c. Line 28.

- 9. The most suitable word to complete the sentence in line 11 is:**
 - a. Percent.
 - b. Degree.
 - c. Centigrade.

- 10. Which of these best describes the style of the text?**
 - a. Informative and descriptive.
 - b. Formal and instructive.
 - c. Informal and entertaining.



Text 2

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

<u>Kumbh Mela: How to plan a festival for 100m people</u>	1
	2
India's Kumbh Mela festival is the world's biggest gathering of people. About 120 million people meet to bathe at the Sangam - the place where the Ganges, the Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati river's meet. Hindus believe that this bathing cleanses them of their sins and helps them attain "moksha", setting them free from the cycle of birth and death.	3 4 5 6 7 8
Kumbh Mela takes place every 12 years January to March in four Indian destinations; Allahabad (recently renamed Prayagraj), Haridwar, Ujjain and Nashik, all of which are located on the banks of the sacred rivers.	9 10 11 12
In Prayagraj, preparations for the 2019 festival began at least a year ahead to ensure the event ran smoothly.	13 14 15
The 2019 Mela area spread over 32 sq km (12.35 square miles), equivalent to a large town and to accommodate the visitors, a brand new airport was built for people flying in from Delhi, roads were widened and more than 300 km of new roads were laid. Huge car parks been set up all around the city and hundreds of new trains were provided with newly built platforms and bridges at railway stations. 524 additional buses and more than 1,500 rickshaws were also put in service. A tent city was erected with 4,200 plus premium tents; 6,000 religious and cultural organisations were allotted land on which to put up a city of tents to accommodate visitors from India and across the globe.	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
Additionally, 122,000 toilets were built, 20,000 dustbins were supplied and more than 30,000 police officers and army personnel were sent to deal with traffic and security alongwith 5,000 additional staff to support the organisation of the event. 15 lost and found camps were also constructed to help families in case children wandered off and got lost. 1,000 CCTV cameras were installed to monitor the safety of the crowds.	26 27 28 29 30 31 32
The budget for hosting the 2019 festival was 28bn rupees (\$397m; £311m), and over 49 days, visitors of more than the combined of Britain and Spain attended the event.	33 34 35

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

- a. The Ganges is where the Yamuna and Saraswati rivers meet.
- b. Three rivers meet at the Sangam.
- c. Kumbh Mela is where the Sangam meets the Ganges.

12. The word 'attain' in line 6 means:

- a. Achieve.
- b. Take.
- c. Give.

13. How often does Kumbh Mela take place?

- a. Every twelve months during the winter season.
- b. Annually during three months of spring.
- c. Three months, late winter to early spring, every twelve years.

14. How many tents were erected to accommodate visitors?

- a. Around 6,000.
- b. More than 4,200.
- c. Less than 4,000.

15. What does the word 'sent' mean in paragraph 5?

- a. Employed by the police.
- b. Deployed to the city.
- c. Recruited in the army.

16. There is a grammatical mistake in:

- a. Line 19.
- b. Line 21.
- c. Line 26.

17. There is a spelling mistake in:

- a. Line 11.
- b. Line 24.
- c. Line 30.

18. The best word to complete the sentence in line 34 is:

- a. People.
- b. Occupiers.
- c. Population.

19. What was specially set up to help families?

- a. Lost and found camps.
- b. Transport.
- c. CCTV cameras.

20. There is a punctuation mistake in:

- a. Line 1.
- b. Line 3.
- c. Line 5.

Text 3

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

Why do People Blog?

People blog for many different reasons; to share interests and opinions, to swap information, to discuss politics and finance and, in some cases, to generate an income. For example, if you are someone who loves to teach, writing a blog can provide the opportunity to educate others interested in your field of expertise and you may find you are able to create an income by creating educational products or selling services online. In addition, blogging is a great way for aspiring authors and freelance writers to build up an online portfolio and expand their exposure to a wider reading audience.

Most people start with one blog, but as they gain experience they generate blogs in other niches. You learn a lot from your first blog – what to do and what not to do, effective marketing strategies and how to generate income. You may be offered access to valuable software and tools or be invited to conferences.

The more you write, the better you become at it. Most professional bloggers write on a regular basis and proof-read their writing constantly. Often, other readers offer feedback to help you become a better writer, so even if you are not proficient at writing, you can still write a blog.

As the internet becomes more and more a part of our day lives, the benefits of blogging or building websites are impossible to ignore. Online websites have made it really simple and easy for us to set up a blog in 15 minutes, so why not try it and start blogging today!

Post your comments about this Blog by clicking **HERE**.

21. What kind of text is this?

- a. An online blog.
- b. An online news story.
- c. An online advertisement.

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

- a. You have to be a good writer to write a blog.
- b. Most people only ever write one blog.
- c. You may be able to make money online by writing a blog.

23. What advantages does writing a blog have?

- a. Someone else always proof-reads your blog.
- b. You get a free computer with software.
- c. There are websites that you can use to help you.

24. Which of these benefits is not mentioned in the text:

- a. You can write a blog using an ipad or a laptop.
- b. You can teach other people about things you are good at.
- c. You can set up a blog online in less than half an hour.

25. In the first paragraph, what is an 'aspiring author':

- a. Someone who inspires us to write something ourselves.
- b. A person who is famous and successful at writing blogs.
- c. Someone who wants to work as a professional writer.

Text 4

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

The Official Oldest Woman in the World

The greatest fully documented age to which anyone has ever lived is 122 years 164 days. Jeanne Louise Calment was born in France on 21 February 1875 and died in Arles, southern France on 4 August 1997.

Jeanne was 21 years old when she married a wealthy distant cousin in 1896 and after that she lived a life of luxury; she enjoyed swimming, playing tennis, roller skating and cycling and was still cycling when she was 100 years old.

During the course of her long life she lost loved ones including her husband, poisoned by rotten cherries, aged 73. Her daughter, Yvonne, died from pneumonia in 1934, and her grandson, Frédéric, died in a car accident in 1963. Sadly, by 1965, Jeanne had no living family left so a lawyer named André-François Raffray set up a 'reverse mortgage' with Jeanne. He agreed to pay her 2,500 francs every month until she passed away, whereupon he would inherit her apartment, but Jeanne outlived him. Monsieur Raffray died in 1995. His family continued the payments and by the time Jeanne died, they had paid her twice the value of her apartment.

Jeanne was healthy most of her life. Her diet was rich in olive oil, which she also rubbed into her skin, and she enjoyed an occasional glass of wine. However, she had some bad habits. She ate 1 kg of chocolate each week and loved smoking cigarettes: Jeanne started smoking aged 21 and only quit when she was 117 years old.

When she was 110 she moved into a nursing home. In 1990, aged 114, she appeared in a film about Van Gogh thereby becoming the oldest film actress ever. She remembered meeting the real Van Gogh when she worked as a girl in her father's shop. "He was ugly as sin, had a vile temper and always smelt.", she recalled.

26. What year did Jeanne die?

- a. 1997.
- b. 1875.
- c. 1986.

27. What does 'documented' mean in paragraph one?

- a. Authorised.
- b. Recorded.
- c. Original.

28. What activity did Jeanne enjoy when she was 100?

- a. Swimming.
- b. Cycling.
- c. Rollerskating.

29. In paragraph 3, why did Jeanne have no family left by 1965?

- a. They had all died of various illnesses.
- b. They had all died of a variety of different reasons.
- c. They had all had accidents and died.

30. Why did Mr Raffray pay Jeanne monthly?

- a. To share in her apartment.
- b. To rent her apartment.
- c. To inherit the apartment.

31. In the last two paragraphs Jeanne said she met Van Gogh. Which of these sentences is true?

- a. Jeanne was beautiful, Van Gogh was ugly.
- b. Jeanne was an old actress, Van Gogh was a young actor.
- c. Jeanne sometimes drank a glass of wine, Van Gogh had a vile temper.

End of Examination for Reading – Level C2

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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

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 booked ferry tickets for you and your family including the family car. When the tickets arrive you realise the dates are incorrect, and that the car has not been added. Write an e-mail to the booking company.

You could write about:

- When you made the booking
- 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 bike but you've had to return it twice to the shop because the brakes are not working. The brakes have been replaced twice but it seems there is a problem with the system. Write a letter to the bike shop, complaining about their service.

You could write about:

- What problems you are having with the bike
- The service you have received so far
- What action you expect to happen next and why.

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 friend telling them you have moved house. Invite them to a house-warming party.

You could write about:

- Why you have moved house
- Where you have moved to
- When and where the house-warming party is going to take place
- What food will be provided.

You must write a minimum write 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**

End of Examination for Writing – Level C2

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