



ESOL International

Listening

Level C1 Advanced

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

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

Complete the information above.

Listen to the instructions.

Use **blue** or **black** ink. Do not use a 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. Yes, why not!
b. Great, I love the circus!
c. I'm not free on Sunday.</p> <p>2. a. I'm thinking of growing mine too.
b. Great, you look pretty with long hair.
c. Short hair suits you.</p> <p>3. a. Why don't you learn to drive?
b. I didn't know you could drive.
c. The bus isn't coming.</p> <p>4. a. You have to subscribe to it, so no I don't.
b. Yes, I like Sky TV, it has more choice.
c. I've seen the Netflix movie, it's quite good.</p> <p>5. a. How much are you going to plant?
b. Is there enough space in your garden?
c. Aren't there any fruit trees already?</p> | <p>6. a. I won't have either thank you.
b. I can eat many more thank you.
c. Can I have any of these please?</p> <p>7. a. My dream is visiting in New Zealand.
b. If I could, I'd go to Australia.
c. When are you going on holiday?</p> <p>8. a. I could if I were you.
b. I would if I were you.
c. I wouldn't if I were you.</p> <p>9. a. If I pay online, will they post me a licence?
b. Oh good, that's easier for me.
c. Really? That's not very nice.</p> <p>10. a. Next week.
b. In two days' time.
c. In a couple of hours.</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.

- What kind of lawn mower uses an extension lead?**
 - An electric mower.
 - A petrol mower.
 - A sit-on mower.
- What is the benefit of a self-propelled mower?**
 - You can push it yourself.
 - You don't have to push it yourself.
 - It hovers above the ground.
- How long does it take to cut the back garden?**
 - It takes less than 2 hours.
 - It takes 2 hours.
 - It takes over 2 hours.
- What is the best thing about the Einhell mower?**
 - It is reliable.
 - It is on sale at the moment.
 - It is made in Germany.
- What is the delivery charge if you live less than 5 miles away?**
 - Delivery costs 15.00 euros.
 - Delivery costs 25.00 euros.
 - The delivery is free.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- Why was the musician invited to play music at Buckingham Palace?**
 - Because it was the Queen's birthday.
 - Because the Queen was celebrating the birth of her new grandson.
 - Because the Queen enjoys listening to the musician's songs.
- When did the musician start writing their own music?**
 - When they were eight years old.
 - When they started working at the Royal Albert Hall.
 - During their time at university.
- What was the first thing the musician did after leaving university?**
 - Released a musical CD.
 - Got a job as a concert pianist.
 - Sang solo at the Royal Albert Hall.
- Which sentence is true?**
 - A musical tour will take place in Europe later this year.
 - A musical concert at the Royal Albert Hall is planned for next year.
 - A musical CD will be released next month.
- How do you book tickets for the European tour?**
 - You contact the radio show.
 - You contact the Royal Albert Hall.
 - You book online with the Royal Opera House.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3 – Debate and discussion

You will hear a debate and 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 high cost of City Council Services.
 - b. Poor delivery of City Council Services.
 - c. High pay increases for council staff.
- 2. What does the resident pay extra for?**
 - a. To have the rubbish bins emptied.
 - b. To have litter picked up from the road.
 - c. To have the garden rubbish recycled.
- 3. What really annoys the resident?**
 - a. Overhanging trees in the roads.
 - b. Missed rubbish bin collections.
 - c. Potholes in the roads.
- 4. Which of these services is not mentioned?**
 - a. Police and Fire Services.
 - b. Recreation and Parks Services.
 - c. Water Services.
- 5. Who pays for local council services?**
 - a. The Government pays.
 - b. The residents pay.
 - c. Car drivers pay.
- 6. What is planned to take place next year?**
 - a. Roads will be improved.
 - b. Road lighting will be replaced.
 - c. More rubbish and litter collection.

Now 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. How to grow vegetables in large gardens.
 - b. Giving advice on the best vegetables to grow in pots.
 - c. How to look after vegetable plants.
- 2. What can you grow in pots and a wheelbarrow?**
 - a. You can grow tomatoes.
 - b. You can grow onions.
 - c. You can grow herbs.
- 3. Which of these is most suitable for growing potatoes?**
 - a. A dustbin.
 - b. A hanging basket.
 - c. A wheelbarrow.
- 4. According to the discussion, which is true?**
 - a. Grow-bags contain potash fertiliser.
 - b. Grow-bags contain compost.
 - c. Grow-bags contain water.
- 5. What is the best thing about growing your own vegetables?**
 - a. It is cheaper than buying them.
 - b. You never run out of vegetables.
 - c. They taste better than shop-bought vegetables.

Now listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

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Reading

Level C1 Advanced

Instructions to learners

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>Generous Popstars</u>	1
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Musicians and singers are incredibly lucky to be able to live their dreams and travel the world doing something they love, and earn a lot of money at the same time., not all of them keep all of their money.	3
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In 2012, Rihanna donated \$100,000 dollars to an emergency food bank in New York, after a hurricane hit the town and left hundreds of people homeless, penniless and hungry. She also donated 1,000 sleeping bags, cleaning supplies and clothing for victims of the disaster. In 2013, she donated \$100,000 dollars to the Philippines, after one of its areas was hit by a super typhoon. After her grandmother became ill and died in a hospital in Bridgetown, Barbados, Rihanna donated \$1.75 million to the hospital.	7
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When French Montana received a \$1 million cheque in 2018, he decided to set up a new foundation to help under-privileged children and started a campaign to help build a medical centre in Uganda. Since then, he has launched a drink called 'French Vanilla', and all the money from the sales of this drink go directly to the centre.	15
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In 2016, Taylor Swift donated \$1 million to help people affected by floods in the state of Louisiana and gave an additional \$50,000 to a food bank in Baton Rouge. She also donated \$100,000 dollars to help people affected by Tennessee wildfires and \$50,000 to a fan suffering from leukaemia. In addition, she regularly donates undisclosed amounts of money to the African Parks Foundation of America; a non-profit making charity that cares for the national parklands and wildlife in Africa. All the money received goes towards protecting the environment and habitat of African wildlife.	21
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Elton John has to be one of the most generous popstars overall. In 2016 he gave £26.8 million to charities. His own charitable foundation has raised over £200 million over the years and in July 2017, he has donated £3 million for the construction of a treatment centre at a children's hospital in Durban, South Africa, to help teenagers receive medical treatment.	30
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1. **The main purpose of the document is to:**
 - a. Encourage popstars to donate money to charities.
 - b. Describe how charities have helped people and animals.
 - c. Explain the charitable work of some popstars.
2. **How would you describe the style of the text?**
 - a. Persuasive.
 - b. Informative.
 - c. Descriptive.
3. **According to the article, which statement is true?**
 - a. French Montana set up a charity for privileged children.
 - b. Elton John has raised over £3 million.
 - c. Taylor Swift repeatedly gives money to an environmental charity.
4. **According to the text, what is a 'non-profit making charity' in line 26?**
 - a. A charity that spends all of its money on helping others.
 - b. A charity that spends some of its money on helping others.
 - c. A charity that spends none of its money on helping others.
5. **What is an emergency food bank on line 7?**
 - a. A place where you can buy food.
 - b. A place where you can cook food.
 - c. A place where you can get free food.
6. **What is the meaning of the phrase 'undisclosed amounts of money' in line 25?**
 - a. It means a large amount of money.
 - b. It means a secret amount of money.
 - c. It means a fake amount of money.
7. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 9.
 - b. Line 16.
 - c. Line 23.
8. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 10.
 - b. Line 15.
 - c. Line 32.
9. **The most suitable word to start the sentence on line 5 is:**
 - a. Therefore.
 - b. However.
 - c. So.
10. **In the text, who has personally given the most money to charities?**
 - a. Taylor Swift has given the most money.
 - b. French Montana has given the most money.
 - c. Elton John has given the most money.



Text 2

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

<u>Living on an Island</u>	1
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If you dream of escaping the city and need a change of scenery, you could apply for a job on a remote island or buy your own island.	3
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St. Michael’s Mount is an ancient remote island off England’s Cornish coast, far away from the mainland. It has a tiny village with a pub, a 12 th century chapel, a 14 th century castle and a restaurant. Despite being remote, you can travel on foot to the island when the sea is out, but you will need to be careful that you do not become stranded when the sea comes back in. So, if you decide to work on the island, you will need a boat.	6
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If you want to own an island, you could buy Admiralty Island in Alaska for \$2.5 million. Admiralty Island is part of the Alexander Archipelago, which is a group of islands that you can only access it by seaplane or boat. It has a large house with a cottage and land surrounded by mountains. There are brown bears on the island and every summer hummingbirds gather along the shoreline. Humpback and Killer whales swim in the sea, which is also packed with fish making it a fisherman’s	13
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If you don’t want to buy somewhere, you can rent Bird Island in Belize for just \$300 a night. The tiny island is just one house standing on a rock in the middle of the ocean, but it is a paradise. It has a stunning array of marine life, such as starfish, stingrays, jellyfish and crabs that swim in crystal clear water with beautiful weather all year round.	21
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Another place to rent is Prospect Point House on Great Exuma Island in the Bahamas. The island has a private beach, breath-taking views and there is always something to do; kayaking, fishing, snorkelling, walking and windsurfing. If you are interested in wildlife, there are wild pigs, endangered Hawksbill turtles and Bahamian iguanas to see.	27
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11. **The word 'remote' on line 4 means:**
- Distant.
 - Quiet.
 - Beautiful.
12. **According to the text, which island can you walk to?**
- Admiralty Island.
 - Great Exuma Island.
 - St. Michael's Mount.
13. **Which Island belongs to a collection of other islands?**
- Bird Island.
 - Admiralty Island.
 - Great Exuma Island.
14. **According to the text, which of these sentences is true?**
- Admiralty Island is dangerous.
 - Bird Island is noisy.
 - St. Michael's Mount is historic.
15. **The best phrase to replace 'packed with fish' on line 18 is:**
- Full of fish.
 - Pouring with fish.
 - Flooding with fish.
16. **There is a grammatical mistake on:**
- Line 10.
 - Line 15.
 - Line 24.
17. **The best word to complete a sentence in line 19 is:**
- Wish.
 - Hobby.
 - Dream.
18. **What does 'endangered' mean in line 30?**
- It means extinct (all gone).
 - It means not many left.
 - It means dangerous.
19. **There is a punctuation mistake in:**
- Line 6.
 - Line 22.
 - Line 30.
20. **What does 'stunning array of marine life' mean in line 23?**
- A large amount of fish and plants.
 - A great collection of shells and plants.
 - A beautiful variety of different sea creatures and plants.

Text 3

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

Handwriting

Not many people write things by hand nowadays. Today we text, keyboard, touch-screen and activate computers by voice recognition.

At the turn of the 21st century, most people believed that handwriting would die out because technology would replace the pen. However, a recent survey has proven that people still believe that handwriting is an important skill that young people should continue to learn, because it develops a person's thinking skills; the mental ability to acquire, process and use knowledge.

Researchers have found that when we write things down, we remember them. In fact, children are encouraged to use a pen and paper to write in school more than at any other time in their lives. Older students who write study notes by hand remember more information compared with those students who type up their notes on a laptop. Writing by hand has a more positive impact on learning. It encourages people to have more imaginative ideas, use complex grammar structures, better spelling and to use a broader vocabulary.

Greater brain activity takes place when we write things by hand. There is no computerised word prediction, spellcheck, backward space button or delete button when we write things down. Typing on a keyboard is an automatic process like driving a car; we do it without thinking.

We do not know whether over-using keyboards and technology to communicate will have a positive or negative affect on future generations but, for now, we need to seriously question whether we should allow handwriting skills to die out. Handwriting with a pen is an art form and much more; it gives a meaningful, personal touch to a card or letter that has been written from the heart to a friend or someone we love.

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| <p>21. What kind of text is this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. An article.b. A report.c. A short biography. <p>22. In the text, which statement is true?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. No-one uses handwriting any more.b. Handwriting is an automatic skill.c. Technology should not replace handwriting. <p>23. Who remembered more?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. People who typed up their notes.b. People who wrote their notes by hand.c. Everyone remembered everything. | <p>24. In the text, which statement is true?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Using a computer encourages you to be more imaginative.b. Typing up study notes does not improve your memory.c. Handwriting an essay develops your use of vocabulary and grammar. <p>25. In the text how is handwriting with a pen described?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Computerised.b. An art form.c. Imaginative. |
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Text 4

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

Flying High

The Pingxi Sky Lantern Festival in Taiwan is one of the best annual festivals in the world. It started around a hundred years ago, and comes from an ancient tradition of praying for successful harvests. It takes place during the first full moon of the Chinese Lunar New Year.

The one-day festival attracts tens of thousands of visitors who release 100,000 to 200,000 glowing rice paper lanterns into the evening skies. The lanterns each contain a small candle and people write their names, prayers and wishes onto the lanterns before flying them upwards.

The lighting of the lanterns starts during the evening at 6:30pm, finishing at 9.30 pm. The lanterns are released three times an hour, every 20 minutes, and are a beautiful sight to see in the starlit sky.

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in Mexico is the largest, annual hot air balloon festival that takes place during early October. It first began in 1972 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of KOB Radio, the oldest radio station in Mexico, and today, over 900,000 people attend the nine day event to watch around 600 balloons fly into the skies each year.

Many of the flown balloons are traditional, round shaped balloons of all sizes; large and small, but some are shaped as animals, vehicles, insects and soda pop cans. They fill the sky with a rainbow of colours and during the evenings there is the 'balloon glow', when all the flying balloons light up their burners at the same time, illuminating the night sky. The more bulky and weighty balloons never fly, but are illuminated during the evenings with fairy lights.

The fiesta is one of Albuquerque's largest tourist attractions and is an important, major source of for the city and local businesses, which helps to boost the country's economy.

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| <p>26. How old is the Pingxi Lantern Festival?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. It is ancient.b. It is 100 years old.c. A few years old. <p>27. How many people fly the Pingxi Lanterns?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. One hundred thousand people.b. Two hundred thousand people.c. Tens of thousands of people. <p>28. How long does it take for all the Pingxi Sky Lanterns to be released into the sky?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. It takes three hours.b. It takes 20 minutes.c. It takes one day. | <p>29. What kinds of balloons are flown at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Blow up balloons.b. Hot air balloons.c. Burner balloons. <p>30. Which balloons remain on the ground?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The uniquely shaped balloons.b. The largest balloons.c. The heaviest balloons. <p>31. A word has been omitted in the last paragraph. It should be?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Expenditure.b. Income.c. Tax. |
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Writing

Level C1 Advanced

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information above.

You must write a minimum of 150-200 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 35 minutes for this task.

Write an email to your teacher suggesting new ways of improving your English. Think of new activities such as watching DVDs, listening to songs or radio news, playing games and taking part in drama.

You could write about:

- Suggestions about how to improve your listening and speaking skills
- Why you feel it is important to improve your speaking skills
- The kinds of books you like to read
- Suggestions about how to use the internet to improve your grammar
- Things you would like to write about and why

OR

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

Write a letter to the Council about a dangerous road crossing in the city. You find it very difficult to cross the city's main road and last time you were there you were nearly knocked over by a speeding car.

You could write about:

- Where you were,
- Why it is so dangerous
- What the event was that made you write to the council
- What action you expect to happen, and why.

Write 150 - 200 words.

(12 Marks)

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

You want to tell your international friends about the area where you live and what they can do if they visit you. Write a letter to your friends, describing your favourite activity/activities in your area.

You could write about:

- Where to go and why
- How to get there (transport)
- What you recommend to see
- What kind of activities you can do there
- How much it would cost.

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**

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