

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, it's really hot today, isn't it?
b. It's always raining in the spring.
c. It's quite windy.</p> <p>2. a. I haven't had a holiday for two years.
b. I wish I could go on holiday.
c. I'm going on holiday next year.</p> <p>3. a. Oh well, never mind.
b. Really? Oh, I'm sorry to hear that.
c. That's not fair.</p> <p>4. a. Are you going to change your hairstyle?
b. When are you going to see the hairdresser?
c. I love your hair colour.</p> <p>5. a. I haven't got anything.
b. I can't eat shellfish.
c. I'm starving, where shall we go?</p> | <p>6. a. It is over there on the top shelf.
b. No problem, here you are.
c. We can't sell any.</p> <p>7. a. Oh, that's brilliant!
b. Oh, cheers!
c. Oh no, really?</p> <p>8. a. Shall I try it on?
b. I like them very much.
c. Yes, it's in a sale too, half price!</p> <p>9. a. Can you lend me your dictionary?
b. Do you want to borrow my dictionary?
c. I can help you choose a dictionary.</p> <p>10. a. It's out of stock I'm afraid.
b. What are you looking for?
c. How many do you need?</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 does the customer need?**
 - A 3 layer sponge cake.
 - 13 sugar super-heroes.
 - A chocolate cake.
- Which of these super-heroes is not mentioned?**
 - The Hulk.
 - Iron Man.
 - Ant Man.
- How much is the deposit for the cake?**
 - 130 Euros.
 - 35 Euros.
 - 30 Euros.
- Which of these fillings will be between the vanilla and orange sponge layers?**
 - Buttercream.
 - Chocolate buttercream.
 - Orange buttercream.
- What type of cake is the customer ordering?**
 - Wedding.
 - Birthday.
 - Vegan.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- What tattoo does the friend have?**
 - A tiger.
 - An eagle.
 - An owl.
- Why did the friend change their job?**
 - They wanted to meet more people.
 - They wanted more responsibility.
 - They think swimming is more fun.
- What does an owl represent?**
 - Strength.
 - Wisdom.
 - Freedom.
- What did the friend offer to give?**
 - A free tattoo.
 - Free membership to the gym.
 - A discount voucher for a tattoo.
- Where is the friend's tattoo located?**
 - On the left arm.
 - On the right arm.
 - On both arms.

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. Teaching social media in schools.
 - b. Using social media in education.
 - c. Educating children online.
2. **Why would schools use YouTube in the classroom?**
 - a. For listening to songs.
 - b. For checking homework.
 - c. For explaining mathematics.
3. **What kind of YouTube videos should be used in the classroom?**
 - a. Short, precise and relevant videos.
 - b. Entertaining and fun videos.
 - c. Long, informative, news videos.
4. **What is the main issue when using Facebook in the classroom?**
 - a. Not everyone has access to the internet.
 - b. Facebook can be distracting.
 - c. Parents can watch children learning.
5. **What are schools trying to do?**
 - a. Ensure all children have access to the internet at home.
 - b. Make sure all children have a Facebook account.
 - c. Give all children access to a computer at home.
6. **Which of these are not 'extra-curricular' activities?**
 - a. Homework.
 - b. Drama clubs.
 - c. Football training.

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. To describe what to buy on EBay.
 - b. To explain what type of things are collectable.
 - c. To compare different games and gadgets.
2. **Which kind of board game is very collectable?**
 - a. An old game with missing pieces.
 - b. A new game with its original box.
 - c. A rare game in a tatty box.
3. **Which of these are antiques of the future?**
 - a. 1st Generation iPod.
 - b. Nintendo BX.
 - c. Dyson's Supersonic hair curler.
4. **What is true?**
 - a. The more there is of something, the more valuable it becomes.
 - b. The more valuable something is, the more collectable it becomes.
 - c. The less there is of something, the more valuable it becomes.
5. **Why is some technology collectable?**
 - a. Because designs and trends change.
 - b. Because it is expensive to buy.
 - c. Because people always want technology.

Now listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

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Reading

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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>Unusual Places to Visit in Europe</u>	1
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The Rio Tinto river flows through the city of Huleva in southwest Spain. It's water is red.	3
The area around the river contains a lot of iron and, over the years, the iron has dissolved into the water turning it red. The river got its name because 'Tinto', in Spanish, means 'painted'. The water is extremely acidic. You cannot drink it or swim in it; however, it is a beautiful place to photograph.	4
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The smallest town in the world is called Hum, in Croatia. It was first built in the 11th century and has only two streets and 30 _____. Hum is famous for making Mistletoe Schnapps; a brandy drink. The town is incredibly well preserved and very pretty.	9
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Green Lake in Austria is one of the most beautiful lakes to visit, because of its crystal clear, green water, which comes from melted winter snow off the Hochschwab mountains. Each summer the lake dries up, and every spring it fills up again to a depth of 12 metres.	13
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If you prefer a place with no roads at all, visit the beautiful, photographic, fairy tale village of Giethoorn, in the Netherlands. It is built entirely on tiny islands which are linked by canals and 180 wooden bridges. Villagers travelling around in boats and walk.	17
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Mont Saint Michel in France is a fortified town on an island because it used to be a prison in the Reign of Louis XI, however nowadays it is a monastery with a historic museum, shops and cafes. More than three million tourists visit there every year. It used to be only possible to get there when the sea was out at low tide. Nowadays, you can walk or drive there across a bridge.	21
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Holy Trinity Monastery in Kalabaka, Greece, is one of the highest monasteries you will ever visit, and one of the most photographed. It is built high up in the air on a tall rock. It is built so high because monks believe the higher they are, the closer to God they are. You can access the monastery by steps, road or cable-car.	27
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1. **The main purpose of the text is to:**
 - a. Persuade you to go on holiday.
 - b. Review holiday experiences.
 - c. Describe places of interest.
2. **What kind of text is this?**
 - a. An informative article.
 - b. A news story.
 - c. An advertisement.
3. **According to the text, which statement is true?**
 - a. You can't drive cars in Hum.
 - b. You can only walk across bridges in Giethoorn.
 - c. You can only travel to Mont Saint Michel at low tide.
4. **According to the text, which word means 'painted' on line 5?**
 - a. Tinta.
 - b. Tinte.
 - c. Tinto.
5. **When is there no water in Green Lake?**
 - a. Summer.
 - b. Winter.
 - c. Spring.
6. **What is the meaning of 'fortified' on line 21?**
 - a. It means the town has forty walls.
 - b. It means the town has strong walls around it.
 - c. It means the town has no walls around it.
7. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 10.
 - b. Line 18.
 - c. Line 22.
8. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 4.
 - b. Line 19.
 - c. Line 28.
9. **The most suitable word to fill the gap on line 10 is:**
 - a. Residents.
 - b. Humans.
 - c. Persons.
10. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 5.
 - b. Line 3.
 - c. Line 6.

Text 2

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

<u>Famous Rappers</u>	1
<p>Peter Panagiotis Anastasopoulos was an American-Greek rapper, known as ‘MadClip’. In 2020, he was voted the most famous Greek music artist of the year, and his net worth was \$140.3K. Dimitris Giannoulis, known as SNIK, is the most popular Greek online rapper, having more than 200 million views on his YouTube channel, and has made \$120.5K from his online music career.</p>	2
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<p>Psy is the second South Korean rapper to appeared at the MTV Europe Music Awards and has amassed \$60 Million from singing.</p>	9
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<p>Will.I.Am, from Los Angeles, started his career with the successful hip hop group ‘Black Eyed Peas’. He later became a successful solo artist and British television music host, and is now worth \$75 million.</p>	12
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<p>Nicki Minaj is a female Trinidadian-born American rapper, songwriter, model and actress. She has made \$85 million during her career.</p>	16
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<p>Snoop Dogg is an American rapper and actor whose career began in 1992. He has sold over twenty-three million albums in the United States and thirty-five million albums worldwide, and has made \$150 million. Dr. Dre, who is one of the best hip-hop producers of all time, helped Snoop Dogg start his music career. Dre also co-founded the music audio brand ‘Beats by Dr. Dre’, which developes headphones, earphones and speakers. His current net worth is \$780 million.</p>	19
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<p>Jay-Z, from New York, amassed his fortune of \$1.4 billion from investments in record Companies, nightclubs and clothing line’s.</p>	26
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<p>Kanye West is an American rapper, songwriter, record producer and fashion _____. He is the richest rapper in the world and his net worth is \$6.6 billion.</p>	28
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<p>Eminem is the most successful, and richest, white hip-hop artist of all time. When he first started rapping in Detroit, he suffered a lot of racial hate as a white rapper. His net worth is currently \$230 million.</p>	31
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<p>Aubrey Drake Graham is a Canadian rapper, songwriter, record producer and actor. He is worth \$180 million, and has the most number one songs in the rap charts. He has won a Grammy Award, three Juno Awards and six BET (Black Entertainment TV) Awards.</p>	35
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11. **The phrase 'net worth' on line 30 means:**
 - a. How much money you have spent.
 - b. How much money you have got.
 - c. How much money you have lost.

12. **According to the text, who has won the most awards?**
 - a. Psy.
 - b. Snoop Dogg.
 - c. Aubrey Drake Graham.

13. **According to the text, who is the richest rapper in the world?**
 - a. Eminem.
 - b. Kanye West.
 - c. Jay Z.

14. **According to the text, which of these sentences is true?**
 - a. Dr. Dre is a film producer.
 - b. Will.I.am is an actor.
 - c. SNIK is the most popular online rapper in Greece.

15. **The best phrase to replace 'solo artist' on line 13 is:**
 - a. A double act.
 - b. A single act.
 - c. A group act.

16. **There is a grammatical mistake on:**
 - a. Line 9.
 - b. Line 21.
 - c. Line 33.

17. **The best word to complete the sentence on line 29 is:**
 - a. Sculptor.
 - b. Designer.
 - c. Artist.

18. **What does 'amassed' mean on line 10?**
 - a. It means invested money.
 - b. It means saved money.
 - c. It means earned money.

19. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 27.
 - b. Line 32.
 - c. Line 38.

20. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 13.
 - b. Line 23.
 - c. Line 33.

Text 3

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

Becoming a Chef

Working in a kitchen is fast, exciting and very demanding work. A cook is an entry-level employee who works in a fast food restaurant and follows recipes without deviation. A chef, on the other hand, is a cook who has attended culinary school to learn about food and is trained to work in a high-quality kitchen. It can take up to four years to become a chef, depending on what kind of chef you want to be, and once you graduate from school, you continue learning in kitchens with experienced chefs.

There are many different kinds of chef. A head chef monitors kitchen activities, orders food and trains new employees. They also instruct staff and talk to managers and customers about the menu.

A sous chef is the second-highest ranking person in a kitchen. They work directly with the head chef and communicate constantly with other chefs, making sure they follow instructions and have all the ingredients and tools they need.

The third highest-ranking chef is a saucier. This chef follows the instructions of head chefs and sous chefs and creates sauces, salad dressings, gravy, soups and stews.

There are other chefs that work with specific food, such as the meat chef who is responsible for ordering, storing, preparing and cooking meat. A fish chef decides which fish is the best fish to buy at particular times of the year, and makes all fish recipes. Vegetable chefs cook vegetables with sauces as well as vegetarian soups and egg dishes.

If you enjoy eating desserts, a pastry chef makes all baked desserts. They have a high position within the kitchen and are their own boss.

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| <p>21. What kind of text is this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A careers leaflet.b. A job advertisement.c. A news report. <p>22. In the text, which statement is true?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A saucier works alone.b. A sous chef works alone.c. A pastry chef works alone. <p>23. Who is responsible for planning the menu?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A pastry chef.b. A head chef.c. A sous chef. | <p>24. In the text, which statement is false?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A sous chef trains new chefs.b. A chef trains for up to four years in a culinary school.c. A cook works in a fast food restaurant. <p>25. Who reports directly to the head chef?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The pastry chef.b. The saucier.c. The sous chef. |
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Text 4

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

Century Eggs

According to legend, Century Eggs have existed for centuries. They are also called 'thousand year eggs' but, they are not a thousand years old; they are a few weeks old. The eggs are soaked in a water solution of lye and salt, which turns the egg whites into a black jelly, and the yellow yolk of the egg becomes dark green.

To make your own Century Eggs, boil one litre of water with 42 grams of lye and 72 grams of salt. Cool the solution. Put your fresh duck or chicken eggs (with shells) into a glass jar and pour over the cooled water solution. Completely submerge the eggs. Seal the jar and keep it in a safe place at 15-20°C for two weeks. Do not open the jar. Make sure the eggs stay in the solution and do not float above the water.

After two weeks, pour away the water and remove the eggs. Rinse them in fresh water and dry them with a towel. The shells should still be hard and may have changed colour. Do not eat them.

After drying the eggs, wrap each egg in cling film and seal it in modelling clay. The clay will stop oxygen from reaching the eggs while they cure. Be very careful not to break the eggs. Keep them in a safe place for another two weeks. After the two weeks, carefully remove the clay and cling film, and tap the eggs to peel their _____.

After four weeks, the eggs may look and smell strange. Be prepared for a completely different taste. They can be eaten on their own but are often served with pickled ginger root. You may, or may not, like them, but at least you can say you have tried Century Eggs!

26. **How long does it take to make a century egg?**
- Two weeks.
 - Four weeks.
 - Six weeks.
27. **What should you never do?**
- Eat the eggs directly from the jar.
 - Wrap the clay around the eggs in cling film.
 - Rinse the eggs in fresh water.
28. **What does the cling film and clay do?**
- Changes the colour of the eggs.
 - Stops oxygen from reaching the eggs.
 - Pickles the eggs.
29. **What does 'submerge' mean?**
- Putting something under water.
 - Floating something on top of water.
 - Cooking something in water.
30. **What is usually served with Century Eggs?**
- Salad.
 - Salt.
 - Pickled ginger root.
31. **Which word has been omitted in the fourth paragraph?**
- Yolks.
 - Shells.
 - Clay.

**End of Examination – Level C1
Advanced**



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Writing

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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 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 a letter to a local college, requesting information about a college course of your choice.

You could write about:

- the course you are interested in, and why
- your current education
- the information you want to know about the course
- how you found out about the course.

OR

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

Write a restaurant review about a meal you had recently.

You could write about:

- where you went for the meal / the kind of restaurant you visited
- how helpful the waiters / waitresses were
- any comments about the visit (food, environment, cost etc.)
- any recommendations for visiting the restaurant, and why / why not.

Write 150 - 200 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Write a thank you email to a friend who organised a surprise birthday party for you at home.

You could write about:

- how you felt when you went home that day and saw the party
- what you thought about the food and the decorations
- what you enjoyed most about the party
- how you feel about your friend.

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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