

ESOL International

Listening

Level C2 Proficient

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. Thanks, I appreciate that.
b. Thanks, I look forward to receiving it.
c. Oh no! I've lost my ticket!</p> <p>2. a. It will cost €25.
b. It costs €25.
c. It cost €25.</p> <p>3. a. I'll make it for you.
b. I'll look at it for you.
c. I'll shut it for you.</p> <p>4. a. How do you know?
b. What time are you going?
c. Why not stay in, then?</p> <p>5. a. I'll do it tomorrow.
b. It's not a good idea.
c. No, they haven't phoned yet.</p> | <p>6. a. Do I have to cook tonight?
b. Oh yes, I like your cooking.
c. I'm eating fish and chips.</p> <p>7. a. He is a council worker.
b. Tell the police he's lost it.
c. He's climbing in the dustbin.</p> <p>8. a. Is it opposite the bakery?
b. Continue down this road; it's on the left.
c. Where are you going?</p> <p>9. a. Yes, I would like to go with you.
b. Are you going to the party, or not?
c. Probably not; I won't enjoy myself.</p> <p>10. a. Not yet.
b. Not really.
c. Not ever.</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.

1. **Why did they sleep well under the trees?**
 - a. It was shady.
 - b. It was warm.
 - c. It was peaceful.
2. **What were the photographs of?**
 - a. The clifftop views.
 - b. The beach.
 - c. The seals.
3. **What did they buy from the monastery?**
 - a. Bread, Eggs and meat.
 - b. Bread, cheese and fruit.
 - c. Bread, fruit and Milk.
4. **What does 'al-fresco' mean?**
 - a. Eating fresh food.
 - b. Eating fresh fish.
 - c. Eating outside in the fresh air.
5. **How many nights did they spend by the river?**
 - a. Two nights.
 - b. Three nights.
 - c. Four nights.

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. **What will the shop manager try to do?**
 - a. Refund the money.
 - b. Repair the CD player.
 - c. Remove the CD from the machine.
2. **Why do CDs sometimes skip?**
 - a. Because they are dirty.
 - b. Because they are old.
 - c. Because they are broken.
3. **What is the 'shop policy'?**
 - a. To replace a machine.
 - b. To send a machine away.
 - c. To repair a machine.
4. **Which sentence is true?**
 - a. The customer is going away for two weeks.
 - b. The CD is faulty.
 - c. The manager will repair the machine.
5. **Why is the customer entitled to a refund?**
 - a. Because the machine is broken.
 - b. Because they returned the machine within 14 days of buying it.
 - c. Because they have a receipt.

Listen to 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. Banning all motorised vehicles from using public roads.
 - b. Banning cycling completely.
 - c. Banning cyclists from using public highways.

- 2. According to the debate which sentence is true?**
 - a. It is illegal to ride a bicycle on the road.
 - b. Pizza couriers on bicycles cause accidents.
 - c. The government need to invest money in building new roads.

- 3. What are cyclists on the road required to do by law?**
 - a. Pay attention to traffic lights.
 - b. Pay road tax.
 - c. Wear cycle helmets.

- 4. In the debate, what should cyclists have?**
 - a. A tax certificate.
 - b. A bicycle test.
 - c. A proficiency licence.

- 5. Who should use cycle pathways?**
 - a. Motorcycles.
 - b. Electric scooters.
 - c. Wheelchairs.

- 6. In the discussion, what is the problem with cycle lanes on the road?**
 - a. They are too narrow.
 - b. They are dangerous.
 - c. They are over-used.

Listen to the debate again and check your answers.

Now listen to the **discussion**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. The main point of this discussion is to:**
 - a. Reduce the number of gas lights in Berlin.
 - b. Describe the World Monument Trust.
 - c. Discuss what is being done to save the gas lights in Berlin.

- 2. How many people signed the petition?**
 - a. Two hundred thousand.
 - b. Twenty thousand.
 - c. Two thousand.

- 3. According to the discussion, what is the main reason why the gas lights should be saved?**
 - a. They are old.
 - b. They work.
 - c. They are historically valuable.

- 4. How many gas lights have been saved in Berlin?**
 - a. Three thousand three hundred.
 - b. Forty four thousand.
 - c. Eighty thousand.

- 5. According to the discussion, which of these is true?**
 - a. The gas lights have been in Berlin since 1926.
 - b. The savanna woodlands in Tanzania have been saved.
 - c. The money for the Gas Light Trust will pay for new gas lights.

Listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

End of Examination Listening - Level C2

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Reading

Level C2 Proficient

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.

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>Famous Fashion Designers</u>	1
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The fashion industry is highly competitive and there are many fashion labels. Some are expensive and others are affordable. Some have even become household names.	3
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Calvin Klein fashion began in 1968, in America. Its clothes are casual, simple, comfortable and affordable. It has its own fragrance, jewellery, spectacle frames, shoes and underwear for all ages and genders. The Calvin Klein logo is its name, with the initials 'CK'.	6
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In contrast to CK, Christian Dior fashion is expensive, elegant, tight-fitting and luxurious. Dior clothes are haute couture; high-end designs, custom-made. Dior began in Paris in 1946, and makes its own perfumes, skincare products and makeup for women. It uses its own name for the company logo.	10
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Coco Chanel has begun in Paris in 1910. Its fashion is casual, but elegant. It is famed for designing the 'little black dress' and the most popular fragrance of all time, 'Chanel No.5'. Chanel designs clothes for women, and makes costume jewellery and handbags. Although cheaper than Dior, it is expensive. Its double 'C' logo means wealth, prestige and class.	15
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Gianni Versace had its first fashion show in Milan, in 1978. Versace's logo is the head of Medusa, one of the three Gorgons in classical Greek mythology. Its fashion is glitzy, bold and glamorous, and includes footwear, handbags, fashion jewellery, spectacle frames, especially oversized sunglasses, and fragrance. It also makes skincare products for men.	20
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For men who enjoy the finer things in life, Ralph Lauren and Gucci both offer luxury men's fashion that rival the best brands in the _____. However, the leading name in men's clothing is Armani who caters to high-end customers who appreciate tailored, clean cut designs. All three brands initially designed menswear, but now make products for men and women. The Armani logo is a right looking eagle, symbolising supreme quality and excellence. They all make fragrance and clothing accessories which are quite expensive. Gucci was voted the most popular luxury brand online in 2021.	25
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- 1. The main purpose of this document is to:**
 - a. Describe some of the fashions and products made by world famous designers.
 - b. Give information about the life of famous fashion designers.
 - c. Describe how fashion logos are made.

- 2. Which fashion designer makes larger than usual sunglasses?**
 - a. Calvin Klein.
 - b. Versace.
 - c. Gucci.

- 3. Which fashion designer makes the most affordable clothes and products?**
 - a. Armani.
 - b. Ralph Lauren.
 - c. Calvin Klein.

- 4. What is Coco Chanel most popular product?**
 - a. Its handbags.
 - b. Chanel No.5 perfume.
 - c. Designing mostly black clothes.

- 5. According to the article, which statement is true?**
 - a. Calvin Klein makes clothes for adults and children.
 - b. Ralph Lauren designs cheap clothes.
 - c. Armani was voted the best overall fashion designer in 2021.

- 6. What is the best word to replace 'haute couture' on line 11?**
 - a. Handmade clothes.
 - b. Expensive, fitted clothes of an original design.
 - c. Stylish, comfortable clothes

- 7. There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 11.
 - b. Line 17.
 - c. Line 22.

- 8. There is a grammatical error on:**
 - a. Line 15.
 - b. Line 20.
 - c. Line 27.

- 9. The most suitable word to complete the sentence on line 26 is:**
 - a. Planet.
 - b. Earth.
 - c. World.

- 10. There is a punctuation mistake on line:**
 - a. Line 12.
 - b. Line 21.
 - c. Line 25.

Text 2

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

<u>Vatican City</u>	1
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Vatican City is not only the smallest city in the world, but also the smallest country. It is encircled by Rome, Italy, and is 44 square kilometres. It has a population of about 800 people. Most of these are clergy; nuns, priests and cardinals. The most famous resident is the Pope, who also serves as the tiny country's monarch. He lives in the Apostolic Palace surrounded by beautiful gardens. Vatican City has been protected by the Pontifical Swiss Guard since 1506. Each of the 135 guards wears an orange and blue striped uniform, and resides in the city. An additional 2,500 employees of 'The Holy See' travel into Vatican City every day. 'The Holy See' is the central governing body of the worldwide Catholic Church.	3
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Vatican City prints its own stamps, souvenir coins, medals and has its own flag. It uses the euro, and tourism helps to generate an income for the country and boost its _____.	12
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Vatican City is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its cultural and artistic importance. The Vatican Museum and Art Gallery houses the Sistine chapel; one of the greatest treasures of Vatican City. Michelangelo painted the Chapel's frescoes during 1508-1512. There is also the sumptuously decorated Chapel of Beato Angelico, and four Raphael Rooms which display stunning collections of priceless statues, and Renaissance and Baroque art.	15
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St. Peter's Basilica, located in St. Peter's Square (Piazza San Pietro), was first built by Emperor Constantine between 324 and 325 AD, and was later rebuilt in the 17 th century. It is one of the largest churches in the world.	21
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No-one is born in Vatican City because there are no hospital's or facilities to cater for the birth of children, and people rarely get married there. If you wish to get married there, you must to submit detailed documentation and pay substantial administrative costs. The overall cost to just get married in one of its two churches is around €1,500.	25
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11. According to the text, which statement is true?

- a. Vatican City is not a country.
- b. Emperor Constantine built St. Peter's Basilica in the 17th century.
- c. The Pontifical Swiss Guard lives inside the city.

12. Where did Michelangelo paint his frescoes?

- a. In the Chapel of Beato Angelico.
- b. In the Sistine Chapel.
- c. In the Raphael Rooms.

13. How many Pontifical Swiss Guards are there?

- a. 800.
- b. 2,500.
- c. 135.

14. What currency does Vatican City use?

- a. Dollars.
- b. Euros.
- c. It has its own money.

15. What is around Vatican City?

- a. Rome.
- b. Beautiful gardens.
- c. Roads.

16. There is a grammatical mistake on:

- a. Line 8.
- b. Line 16.
- c. Line 26.

17. There is a spelling mistake on:

- a. Line 10.
- b. Line 12.
- c. Line 15.

18. The best word to complete the sentence on line 13 is:

- a. Economical.
- b. Economic.
- c. Economy.

19. The best word to replace 'priceless' on line 19 is:

- a. Expensive.
- b. Invaluable.
- c. Overpriced.

20. There is a punctuation mistake on:

- a. Line 5.
- b. Line 17.
- c. Line 25.

Text 3

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

Nestor, King of Pylos

The tale of Nestor is a Greek myth, written by Homer. Homer portrayed Nestor in two different ways. On the one hand, Nestor was a wise man who was often asked for advice. On the other hand, his advice was seen as old fashioned and outdated, and sometimes it led to disaster.

Nestor was the son of Neleus and Chloris, and King of the city of Pylos. He became King of Pylos when Heracles, strongest of all mortals, killed Nestor's father, Neleus, and all his brothers.

Nestor originally came from Gerenia, and was an Argonaut. He took part in Jason's expedition to find the Golden Fleece in the land of Colchis. The Golden Fleece was a symbol of authority and kingship. Nestor also participated in the hunt for the Calydonian Boar, which was sent by Artemis to destroy the region of Calydon in Aetolia.

Nestor, and his sons, participated in the Trojan War on the side of the Achaeans, when he was 110 years old. He was too old to fight in the war, but he acted as peacemaker, and advised Agamemnon and Achilles to restore their friendship. He led the Pylian soldiers into battle on his chariot, carrying a solid gold shield. However, one of his horses was killed with an arrow by Paris, son of the King of Troy.

Homer writes that Nestor's advice may not have always been good, but he always gave it with stories and examples of his own heroic actions in similar situations. He boasted too much about his own adventures, but he was 'a man of sweet words' whose 'voice flows sweeter than honey'.

21. What kind of text is this?

- a. A film review.
- b. A story.
- c. A news report.

22. In the text, which statement is false?

- a. Paris's father was the King of Troy.
- b. The sons of Nestor fought in the Trojan War.
- c. Chloris was Nestor's father.

23. Who fell out and were no longer friends?

- a. Achilles and Agamemnon.
- b. Neleus and Cloris.
- c. Homer and Nestor.

24. Who led the expedition to find the Golden Fleece?

- a. Nestor.
- b. Paris.
- c. Jason.

25. Which of these was Nestor good at?

- a. Fighting.
- b. Speaking.
- c. Leadership.

Text 4

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

Fun Facts about Ants

There are more than 12,000 species of ants around the world and they have been with us since the cretaceous period, around 130 million years ago! They are incredibly strong and can lift 10 to 50 times their own body weight. They do not have ears; they hear by feeling vibrations in the ground through their feet. They also do not have lungs. Oxygen enters through tiny holes all over their bodies, and carbon dioxide leaves through the same holes.

A colony of ants is run by a queen, who lives for many years and has millions of babies. There are three kinds of ants in a colony; the queen, female workers and male workers. The queen and males have wings and only the queen can lay eggs. Soldier ants protect the queen and defend the colony. They gather food and attack enemy colonies. If they defeat another colony, they steal the eggs and when the eggs hatch, the new ants become 'slaves'. These ants take care of the eggs, babies and food, and build new ant-hills. When the queen dies, the colony only survives a few months. She is not replaced as the workers are unable to have babies.

Ant nests are underground and in your garden, but can be found in houses behind the wall, under floorboards or behind fridges. All ants love greasy and sweet food, and kitchens are great places to find these things. They also eat insects, worms, spiders, ticks, dead birds, and rodents like mice. Some ants are vegan, preferring seeds, grains, leaves and sweet flower nectar. All ants have two stomachs; one for storing food to be shared with other ants, and the other for consuming food. When searching for food, they leave pheromone trails, so they know where they have been.

26. How long have ants been with us?

- a. Approximately 130 million years.
- b. Less than 130 million years.
- c. More than 130 million years.

27. When a queen ant dies, what happens?

- a. They eat her.
- b. The colony disappears.
- c. The ants choose a new queen.

28. How do ants breathe?

- a. Through their mouths.
- b. Through lungs.
- c. Through holes in their bodies.

29. Which part of the body do ants use to hear?

- a. Feet.
- b. Legs.
- c. Ears.

30. What do all ants eat?

- a. Insects.
- b. Seeds.
- c. Sweet food.

31. Who looks after the eggs and babies?

- a. Slave ants.
- b. Soldier ants.
- c. Female worker ants.

End of Examination– Level C2 Proficient



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Writing

Level C2 Proficient

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.
Please complete the information above.

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.

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

You are organising a musical fund raising concert for a charity. You will sell tickets to raise money. Write a letter of invitation to a celebrity of your choice asking them to perform at the charity event.

You could write about:

- which charity you are supporting
- what you would like the celebrity to do, and for how long
- what other things will be taking place on the day
- what you are hoping to do with the money that you raise from ticket sales.

OR

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

Write a short report to give to your local council office about crime in your neighbourhood.

You could write about:

- what kind of crimes are committed in your neighbourhood
- the action the neighbours have taken to protect the neighbourhood
- what you would like the council, and the police, to do to help
- inviting the council, and the police, to a meeting to discuss how to tackle crime.

You must write a minimum write 200 – 250 words.

(12 Marks)

Informal Writing Task 2 – Allow 35 minutes for this task

Your friend has got a river boat and has asked you if you would like to go on holiday with them.

Write an email to your friend.

You could write about:

- accepting/declining the offer of going on holiday with them
- reasons why you have decided to go/not to go on holiday with them on their boat
- how you feel about their kind offer and their friendship
- meeting them for dinner soon.

You must write a minimum write 250 - 300 words.

(12 Marks)

You will be assessed on:

- **use of conjunctions, adjectives and vocabulary**

- **Content**
- **use of appropriate tenses**

- **word order**
- **legibility of writing**

End of Examination for Writing – Level C2



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