

ESOL International
English Listening Examination
Level B2 Independent User

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

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

Please complete the information above.

Listen to the instructions.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

You must not use a dictionary.

Total marks available: 31

You have **35 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 recording and select the best answer. Mark the answer on the mark sheet.

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| <p>1. a. Yes, I was in town.
b. Yes, it was a new movie.
c. Yes, I will watch it soon.</p> <p>2. a. It's in the oven now.
b. Is it chocolate cake?
c. It's not a round cake.</p> <p>3. a. In the newsagents.
b. The Fishing Monthly.
c. Tomorrow's newspaper.</p> <p>4. a. I broke my arm.
b. The plasters are very good.
c. How did you do that?</p> <p>5. a. If I listen very carefully.
b. It's two kilometres from here.
c. I can see quite clearly.</p> | <p>6. a. I need a shopping bag.
b. I will let him know.
c. It's blue with handles.</p> <p>7. a. It has lots of books.
b. I go on a Friday.
c. When does it open?</p> <p>8. a. At the Alpine Ski Resort.
b. When it snows.
c. I went with the school.</p> <p>9. a. I have plenty of change.
b. Not if you book in advance.
c. Bus fares are cheap.</p> <p>10. a. Is there any milk?
b. There is enough in my tea.
c. Yes, of course.</p> |
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Part 2

You will now 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. What is the name of the sports shop?**
 - a. Sport Heroes.
 - b. Sporting Heroes.
 - c. Sporting Horses.
- 2. When was the European Championship?**
 - a. 1976.
 - b. 1977.
 - c. 1966.
- 3. Who picks David up from the ice rink?**
 - a. Coach.
 - b. Mum.
 - c. Cousin.
- 4. The first skates' blades were made of:**
 - a. Wood.
 - b. Bone.
 - c. Bronze.
- 5. When did he start skating?**
 - a. 15 months ago.
 - b. 4 months ago.
 - c. 5 months ago.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. Where were the cars found?**
 - a. In a barn.
 - b. In a garage.
 - c. In a garden.
- 2. How many jobs does Mateo have?**
 - a. Four.
 - b. Two.
 - c. Three.
- 3. What can't Mateo ignore?**
 - a. An opportunity.
 - b. An American Cadillac.
 - c. A true classic.
- 4. The video is on whose YouTube Channel?**
 - a. The Bearded Expiry.
 - b. The Beaded Explorer.
 - c. The Bearded Explorer.
- 5. Mateo would like to drive Sophia in a:**
 - a. Porsche 924.
 - b. Porsche 934.
 - c. Porsche 911.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3

You will now hear **two** radio broadcasts. You will hear them twice.

You have two minutes to read the questions for **both** radio broadcasts.

Now listen to **Broadcast 1**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. His parent's shop was a:**
 - a. Garden shop.
 - b. Grocer's shop.
 - c. Newspaper shop.
- 2. Which department was he promoted to?**
 - a. Advertising.
 - b. Business.
 - c. Telegraph.
- 3. How many feature films did he direct?**
 - a. Under 60.
 - b. Under 40.
 - c. Over 50.
- 4. What type of films did he start making?**
 - a. Silent.
 - b. Sound.
 - c. Moneymaking.
- 5. Which film won an Academy Best Picture Award?**
 - a. Vertigo.
 - b. Rebecca.
 - c. Rear Window.
- 6. Which film genre is he known for?**
 - a. Romance.
 - b. Comedy.
 - c. Thriller.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Broadcast 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. Hadid's projects involved:**
 - a. Concert, steel and glass.
 - b. Concrete, steel and glass.
 - c. Concrete, steel and grass.
- 2. Where did Hadid study mathematics?**
 - a. Beirut.
 - b. America.
 - c. London.
- 3. When did she receive her diploma?**
 - a. 1950.
 - b. 1972.
 - c. 1977.
- 4. What is the airport's design based on?**
 - a. Connected courtyards.
 - b. Chinese architecture.
 - c. Traditional terminals.
- 5. UNESCO named Hadid as:**
 - a. An Artist for Peace.
 - b. An Artist for Pace.
 - c. An Artisan for Peace

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

End of Examination

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English Reading Examination

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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 **60 minutes** to finish the examination.



Text 1

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

<u>The Wonder of the Seas</u>	1
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'The Wonder of the Seas' is the largest cruising ship, that weighs 236,857 tons.	3
It is able to carry up to 6,988 passengers and 2,300 crew members. The ship was	4
built at a shipyard in Saint Nazaire, France. It was sent to the company, ready for	5
its first sailing from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on 4 th March 2022.	6
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It is now Orlando's best new family holiday ship, sailing from the port in Cape	8
Canaveral, America, giving guests a wonderful experience while sailing between	9
each destination.	10
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The speed of ships is less important now, as guests care more about the	12
experience, than how fast it is. On the ship is _____ of entertainment and	13
activities to create the best adventure for the guests. This huge ship has casinos,	14
a running track, various spas and even a zip wire that people can slide down from	15
from one part of the ship to another.	16
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The most expensive bedroom is the Ultimate Family Suite. Here, passengers will	18
find a private games room, a hot tub on the balcony and a slide from the bedroom	19
to the living area.	20
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For the eating, the ship has 21 restaurants, such as, El Loco Fresh, Boardwalk	22
Doghouse and Windjammer. Along with 11 themed restaurants like, Luigi's	23
Kitchen, Hooked Seafood and Coastal Kitchen. Each restaurant has been	24
decorated to the type of food that's being served by over 27 waiters.	25

1. **According to the text, how many passengers can the ship carry?**
 - a. 236,857.
 - b. 2,300.
 - c. 6,988.
2. **Where did the ship sail from first?**
 - a. Fort Lauderdale.
 - b. Saint Nazaire.
 - c. Cape Canaveral.
3. **According to the text, what do guests care about?**
 - a. The entertainment.
 - b. The experience.
 - c. The bedrooms.
4. **What can be found in the Family Suite?**
 - a. A hot tub.
 - b. A private spa.
 - c. A games track.
5. **The seafood restaurant is called:**
 - a. Coastal.
 - b. Loco fresh.
 - c. Hooked.
6. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 3.
 - b. Line 4.
 - c. Line 9.
7. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 5.
 - b. Line 12.
 - c. Line 18.
8. **The best word to fill the gap on line 13 is:**
 - a. Bunch.
 - b. Mass.
 - c. Lots.
9. **What word can replace 'expensive' on line 18?**
 - a. Costly.
 - b. Steep.
 - c. High.
10. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 15.
 - b. Line 22.
 - c. Line 25.

Text 2

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

<u>Marco Polo and the Silk Route</u>	1
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Marco Emilio Polo was a traveller, born on 15 September, 1254, in Venice, Italy. He was a Venetian explorer and writer. He travelled from Europe to Asia along the North Silk Road, between 1271 to 1295.	3
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The Silk Road was a network of trade routes from the second century until the mid-15 th century, over 6,400 kilometres long. It played a central role in the economic, cultural, political and religious interactions between the East and West.	7
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Marco’s family had traded with the Middle East for a long time gaining much wealth and status. In 1271, Marco _____ them as they travelled overland through countries such as, Turkey, Afghanistan and Pakistan to get to China. Along the way, they met many religions like Christians, Muslims and Buddhists and learnt diferent languages. It is thought that he could speak Turkish and Mongol, but not Chinese, after the twenty-four years he spent living in the East.	12
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Whilst living in Mongolia, he became an advisor of the Emperor Kubilai Khan and went on many journeys for him to places like Yunnan, in South Western China and Myanmar. Marco wrote about his travels in a book called, ‘Book of the World’s Marvels’, which was published around the year 1300.	19
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He finally returned to Venice in 1295 to the surprise of much relatives and neighbours, who thought he had died, after being away for 24 years.	24
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11. **The text is about:**
 - a. The travels of Marco Polo.
 - b. The family of Marco Polo.
 - c. The religions along the Silk Route.

12. **When did he travel along the Silk Route?**
 - a. Between 1254 to 1295.
 - b. Between 1271 to 1295.
 - c. Between 1271 to 1285.

13. **The Silk Road was a network of:**
 - a. Trade roles.
 - b. Cultural routes.
 - c. Trade routes.

14. **It is thought Polo could speak:**
 - a. Mongol.
 - b. Chinese.
 - c. Burmese.

15. **According to the text, his book was published around:**
 - a. 1295.
 - b. 1300.
 - c. 1271.

16. **Name the punctuation used on Line 12?**
 - a. Apostrophe.
 - b. Colon.
 - c. Full stop.

17. **The best word to fill the gap on line 13 is:**
 - a. Listened.
 - b. Returned.
 - c. Joined.

18. **Which line has a spelling error?**
 - a. Line 5.
 - b. Line 16.
 - c. Line 19.

19. **In the text, the best word to replace 'journeys' on line 20 is:**
 - a. Trips.
 - b. Patrols.
 - c. Fares.

20. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 16.
 - b. Line 20.
 - c. Line 24.

Text 3

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

How to pack a suitcase

No-one looks forward to the task of packing their luggage to go on holiday. So, take the stress out of the holiday preparation with these handy tips from the travel industry experts.

- Avoid bags with interior pockets, as they take up more space and add weight, but exterior ones are fine.
- Buy a portable luggage scale to check the weight before going to the airport.
- Take a collection of basic clothes, like black trousers, blue jeans, neutral t-shirts and a jacket. Items that can be easily mixed and matched and can be worn multiple times.
- Wear your bulkiest items on the plane to free up space in your luggage.
- Plan your outfits before packing. Don't be a last-minute packer!
- Roll your clothes to fit more in and to reduce the wrinkles on them.
- Pack chargers and leads in a container to keep them tidy and together.
- Fill empty spaces, like shoes, with socks and pants.
- Keep toiletries in a Ziploc bag to prevent any spills or leakages.
- Take a laundry bag to keep dirty clothes separate for your return journey.

21. **The purpose of the text is to:**

- a. Instruct you on what luggage to buy.
- b. Advise you how to pack luggage.
- c. Persuade you to go on holiday.

22. **According to the text, what should you buy?**

- a. Black trousers.
- b. Chargers and leads.
- c. Portable luggage scale.

23. **In the text, an example of a command is:**

- a. Take.
- b. Going.
- c. Spills.

24. **According to the text, what should you not be?**

- a. Late for the airport.
- b. A last-minute packer.
- c. Tidy when packing.

25. **What should you fill empty spaces with?**

- a. Socks and pants.
- b. T-shirts.
- c. Dirty clothes.

Text 4

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

Icebergs

Icebergs are large chunks of ice that break off from glaciers. This process is called calving. Icebergs float in the ocean, but are made of frozen freshwater, not saltwater.

Most icebergs in the Northern Hemisphere break off from glaciers in Greenland. Sometimes they drift south and with currents, into the North Atlantic Ocean. Icebergs also break off from glaciers in Alaska, but in the Southern Hemisphere, they break off from the continent of Antarctica.

Some icebergs are small and are called Bergy bits, which are floating sea ice that are no more than 5 metres (16.5 feet) above the ocean. The ones smaller than this have been named Growlers. Some of the huge icebergs, near Antarctica, can be as big as Sicily, the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, off the coast of Italy.

As little as 1/8th of an iceberg is _____ above the water. Most of the mass of an iceberg lies below the surface of the water. This is where the idiom "tip of the iceberg" came from, meaning only part of an idea or problem is known.

26. According to the text, icebergs are made from:

- a. Icewater.
- b. Saltwater.
- c. Freshwater.

27. The word 'chunks' in paragraph one could be replaced by:

- a. Blocks.
- b. Squares.
- c. Bricks.

28. The smallest icebergs are called:

- a. Antartics.
- b. Growlers.
- c. Bergy bits.

29. Bergy bits are no more than:

- a. 5 metres above the ocean.
- b. 5 metres below the ocean.
- c. 16 metres above the ocean.

30. The word 'huge' in paragraph three could be replaced by:

- a. Minor.
- b. Giant.
- c. Limited.

31. Which word would best fill the gap in the last paragraph?

- a. Plain.
- b. Hidden.
- c. Seen.

End of Examination



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Writing

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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

You must write a minimum of 100 – 150 words for Task 1 and 150 - 200 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 **60 minutes** to finish the examination.

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Question	Mark
1	
2	
Total	

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

Write a letter to the manager of a local book shop thanking them for allowing you to work there to gain work experience during the summer holidays.

You could write about:

- the experience you gained
- the customers you met
- the people you worked with
- how the experience has helped you.

OR

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

You were chosen to be the reporter by your college tutor. Write an article for the college magazine about a sports competition that took place in your town.

You could write about:

- where it took place
- the type of sport it was
- who was involved in the competition
- how you enjoyed being a reporter.

Write 100 – 150 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Write a letter to your friend to tell them about volunteering at a summer camp after you finished college.

You could write about:

- where the summer camp was
- what work you did there
- any new experiences that you enjoyed; rock climbing, boating etc.
- how volunteering made you feel.

Write 150 – 200 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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