

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.

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, I heard it on the radio.
b) No, I couldn't go.
c) Yes, I enjoyed it very much.</p> <p>2. a) I bought them online.
b) They were really cheap.
c) They were made in England.</p> <p>3. a) That's great news.
b) Oh well, never mind.
c) That's not fair.</p> <p>4. a) Are you going?
b) Why do I have to go?
c) I'd like that.</p> <p>5. a) What do you want me to do?
b) Of course.
c) I'm really hungry.</p> | <p>6. a) Turn left at the post office.
b) I don't want to travel by train.
c) It's on platform four.</p> <p>7. a) Oh, do I have to?
b) Oh, no, me as well.
c) Oh, that's great news.</p> <p>8. a) Shall I try it?
b) They are small dishes.
c) Yes, when I was on holiday.</p> <p>9. a) Are you? It's a great place.
b) Which country are you going to?
c) I can help you choose a holiday.</p> <p>10. a) When are you buying it?
b) Why don't you save up for one?
c) It's cheap on the buses.</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. What is the student going to do after they finish university?**
 - a. Get a job.
 - b. Sing in the Eurovision Song Contest.
 - c. Go on holiday in Europe.
- 2. Who wrote the song 'Space Man'?**
 - a. Justin Bieber.
 - b. Sam Ryder.
 - c. Alicia Keys.
- 3. What did the friend say about the song 'Stefania'?**
 - a. It's a snappy song.
 - b. It's a happy song.
 - c. It's a catchy song.
- 4. What kind of songs does Sam Ryder sing on TikTok?**
 - a. Songs by famous artists.
 - b. His own songs.
 - c. Ukrainian songs.
- 5. Which song won the Eurovision Song Contest?**
 - a. Space Man.
 - b. Stefania.
 - c. Rap Man.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. How far is the beach from the house?**
 - a. It is 15 minutes by car.
 - b. It is 15 minutes by bicycle.
 - c. It is 15 minutes on foot.
- 2. Why did Sam move house?**
 - a. They wanted to meet new people.
 - b. They didn't enjoy living in the city.
 - c. They wanted to live near the beach.
- 3. What does Sam like doing now?**
 - a. Drawing landscapes.
 - b. Keeping animals.
 - c. Growing vegetables.
- 4. What was the first thing Jo was offered when they arrived at the house?**
 - a. A tour of the house.
 - b. A trip to the beach.
 - c. A drink.
- 5. How is life in London described?**
 - a. The fast race.
 - b. The rat race.
 - c. The mad race.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

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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 convenience of fast food restaurants.
 - b. Buying healthy fast food meals.
 - c. Why fast food is unhealthy to eat.
2. **Which of these are mentioned as being unhealthy?**
 - a. Vegetable curry.
 - b. Rapeseed oil.
 - c. Chips.
3. **What is a pescatarian?**
 - a. Someone who eats meat and vegetables.
 - b. Someone who eats fish and vegetables.
 - c. Someone who only eats vegetables.
4. **What is the problem with supermarket ready meals?**
 - a. They contain a lot of salt.
 - b. They contain harmful fats.
 - c. They contain too much oil.
5. **What would the guest like fast food restaurants to serve?**
 - a. Tofu and chicken.
 - b. More salads and fish.
 - c. Seafood and baked potatoes.
6. **Which of these did the guest eat as a child?**
 - a. Seafood.
 - b. Curry.
 - c. Kebabs.

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. Why learning English is important.
 - b. Learning other languages online.
 - c. Why we should learn different languages.
2. **Which language is not often thought about?**
 - a. Spanish.
 - b. Deaf Sign language.
 - c. Mandarin.
3. **Why is it very important to learn other languages?**
 - a. For international business.
 - b. For leisure.
 - c. We live in a multicultural world.
4. **According to the discussion, which statement is true:**
 - a. The older you are, the more difficult it becomes to learn another language.
 - b. The more languages you learn, the cleverer you become.
 - c. Younger brains can't cope with learning languages.
5. **Which language is allegedly difficult to learn?**
 - a. German.
 - b. English.
 - c. Mandarin.

Now listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

End of Examination

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Reading

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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

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 Weather</u>	1
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We are all fascinated by the weather and wake up each day wondering if today will be hot or cold, but sometimes nature surprises us.	3
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In 2001, between July and September, people in India witnessed an extraordinary weather event. It started to rain, but this was not usual rain; it was red rain. Scientists were perplexed, but interested in finding out what caused it. It seems the rain was stained with dust from deserts and red algae, which is common in waters and plants all over the world. Scientists are not sure how algae gets into clouds, but dust is stirred up by wind and blown into the atmosphere, so this could be the _____.	6
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Another weird weather event occurred in 2005, in Serbia, when people reported thousands of frogs falling from the sky. A tornado sucked up the frogs from lakes and carried them over land. Once the tornado lost its energy, it dropped the frogs onto the ground. This has also been known to happen with fish.	13
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Also falling from the sky are gigantic hailstorms that can cause damage to people, buildings and aircraft. Hail is formed when raindrops are carried by thunderstorms into extremely cold areas of the atmosphere. The rain freezes and falls to the ground as hail. Some hailstones have been the size of golf balls.	18
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But some of the scariest weather is lightning. In Venezuela, lightning can occur for ten continuous hours, 150 nights of the year. It originates from storm clouds that float around 5,000 kilometres above the earth. Ball lightning is one of the weirdest things people have seen. They are red, yellow and orange balls of fire that come down from the sky and bounce off objects burning them. Considered dangerous, scientists are not sure what causes them, but believe they could be being related to thunderstorms.	23
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Clouds can also produce an amazing variety of shapes. Sometimes people mistake them for alien aircraft, particularly Lenticular clouds which form circles above mountains and hills. Mammatus clouds look like rows of giant white bubble balls in the sky, and Morning Glory clouds look like long tubes.	30
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1. **The main purpose of the text is to:**
 - a. Describe strange weather events.
 - b. Give a weather forecast.
 - c. Report a dangerous weather event.
2. **What kind of text is this?**
 - a. A review.
 - b. A news story.
 - c. An informative article.
3. **According to the text, which statement is true?**
 - a. Gigantic hailstorms are dangerous.
 - b. Ball lightning is dangerous.
 - c. Red rain is dangerous.
4. **How does dust get into clouds?**
 - a. The wind picks algae up and blows it into the sky.
 - b. It floats up from lakes into the atmosphere.
 - c. The wind picks dust up and blows it into the atmosphere.
5. **What kind of clouds are mistaken for alien spaceships?**
 - a. Mammatus clouds.
 - b. Lenticular clouds.
 - c. Morning Glory clouds.
6. **What is the meaning of 'perplexed' on line 7?**
 - a. Worried.
 - b. Curious.
 - c. Confused.
7. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 9.
 - b. Line 19.
 - c. Line 23.
8. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 16.
 - b. Line 20.
 - c. Line 28.
9. **The most suitable word to fill the gap on line 11 is:**
 - a. Answer.
 - b. Query.
 - c. Question.
10. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 7.
 - b. Line 24.
 - c. Line 25.

Text 2

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

<u>Johnny Depp</u>	1
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Depp was born in 1963 in Kentucky, USA. In 1970, his family settled in Florida after moving around several times. At the age of 12, his mother has given him a guitar and when he was 16, he left school to pursue a career in music playing for different bands in Los Angeles.	3
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In 1983, he was introduced to actor Nicolas Cage. They soon became good friends and Cage advised Depp to pursue a career in acting. Depp auditioned for a film director and was offered a role in 'A Nightmare on Elm Street', in 1984.	8
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Depp's real acting break came in 1987 when he starred in an American television police series called '21 Jump Street'. The show was a big hit and Depp became an overnight celebrity.	12
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In 1990, Depp left the TV series to star in the film 'Edward Scissorhands', written by Tim Burton. This film led to a long-term working friendship between Burton and Depp. Burton subsequently offered Depp starring roles in his other films, such as 'Sleepy Hollow', in 1999, and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', in 2005.	15
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Depp's most famous role though, was in 2003, when he starred as Captain Jack Sparrow in Walt Disney's 'Pirates of the Caribbean – The Curse of the Black Pearl', which was a major box office success. Depp earned widespread acclaim for his comic performance and won a Screen Actor's Award as well as an MTV Movie Award. There were four more sequels of 'Pirates of the Caribbean', all starring Depp, which made Disney over three billion dollars.	20
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Depp also voiced the _____ of Jack Sparrow in the video game 'Pirates of the Caribbean - The Legend of Jack Sparrow'.	26
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In 2007, he again collaborated with Burton for their sixth film together, playing the murderous barber 'Sweeney Todd' and, again, in 2010 with 'Alice in Wonderland', which was the second highest grossing film of 2010, earning over one billion dollars in the box office.	29
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In total; Depp has made at least ninety films and has received multiple acting awards, and is now one of the biggest stars in Hollywood.	33
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11. **What is the main purpose of this text?**
 - a. To describe the films of Johnny Depp.
 - b. To persuade you to watch the films of Johnny Depp.
 - c. To examine the film career of Johnny Depp.
12. **What did the film 'Edward Scissor Hands' lead to?**
 - a. A long-term TV series.
 - b. A long-term working friendship.
 - c. A starring role in a major film.
13. **Who persuaded Johnny Depp to become a film actor?**
 - a. Nicholas Cage.
 - b. Tim Burton.
 - c. Walt Disney Pictures.
14. **According to the text, which of these sentences is true?**
 - a. 'Alice in Wonderland' was the highest grossing film of 2010.
 - b. Johnny Depp first appeared on television in 1984.
 - c. There were five 'Pirates of the Caribbean' films.
15. **Which of these made Johnny Depp an acting celebrity?**
 - a. 'Pirates of the Caribbean'.
 - b. '21 Jump Street'.
 - c. 'Sleepy Hollow'.
16. **There is a grammatical mistake on:**
 - a. Line 4.
 - b. Line 16.
 - c. Line 22.
17. **The best word to complete the sentence on line 26 is:**
 - a. Personality.
 - b. Character.
 - c. Actor.
18. **What does 'acclaim' mean on line 22?**
 - a. It means praise.
 - b. It means love.
 - c. It means privilege.
19. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 3.
 - b. Line 23.
 - c. Line 33.
20. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 15.
 - b. Line 20.
 - c. Line 24.

Text 3

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

An Interesting Job

If you've always wanted to be an actor, but never had the training, why not become a costume character actor? Costume character actors dress up as famous children's characters or historical figures and entertain or scare people visiting tourist attractions.

You will need great interpersonal skills, lots of energy and confidence and a good sense of humour.

There might be times when you will have to work long hours, weekends and evenings, but you will have a lot of fun. You may have to work on your feet for long periods of time, sometimes in hot and heavy costumes. But if you love entertaining people and want to bring your favourite characters to life, then this is the dream job for you.

You do not need any formal qualifications, but you will need to be able to act. The pay is not bad either. You could earn up to €35,000 euros working in some of London's top tourist destinations, such as the London Dungeon. There are also benefits, such as free admission to events, food vouchers and paid holidays.

There are many different kinds of costume character actors, such as dressing up as a Disney character, a football mascot, a famous historical person or even as a Christmas character.

If you want to gain experience before applying for a paid job, you could volunteer to work in a costumed living museum or historical house showing visitors around and demonstrating how people lived in times past. Or, you could work for an agency and earn €20-35 an hour.

21. What kind of text is this?

- a. A job advertisement.
- b. A careers leaflet.
- c. A news report.

22. In the text, which statement is true?

- a. Some costumes are heavy to wear.
- b. You need formal qualifications to be a costume character.
- c. The pay is bad.

23. What kind of person would this job suit?

- a. Someone who wants to be a celebrity.
- b. Someone who enjoys entertaining people.
- c. Someone who doesn't like acting.

24. In the text, which statement is false?

- a. You can be a team mascot.
- b. You can volunteer to work in a museum.
- c. You don't have to work long hours.

25. Which of these do you need to become a costume character?

- a. Lots of confidence.
- b. Years of training.
- c. Work experience in London.

Text 4

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

The Republic of Bulgaria

Bulgaria is one of the oldest states on the European continent. It gained its independence in the late 19th century and became part of the European Union in 2007.

The country has rugged, snowy mountains, attracting skiers in the winter, relaxing Black Sea traditional fishing villages, sandy beaches and hotels for tourists in the summer. Nessebar is one of the best places to visit. Known as the Pearl of the Black Sea, it is an ancient town with cobblestone streets, and the remnants of 40 brick churches, dating back to the 5th century. Another beautiful ancient seaside town, located on the Black Sea coastline, is Sozopol. In the 6th century it was called Apollonia and had a temple _____ to Apollo.

Bulgaria's famous monastery is Rila Monastery, also known as the Jerusalem of Bulgaria. It is located within forested mountains and is less than two hours south of Sofia. The monastery is constructed in black and white brick, with graceful arches and five domes reaching up to the sky.

Plovdiv, the second largest city in Bulgaria, has a 2,000 year old Roman Amphitheatre in the centre of its old town, which is one of the best-preserved Amphitheatres in the world.

Sofia is Bulgaria's capital city and is not the most beautiful city, but the countryside surrounding it is stunning. Within Sofia there is an ancient bath house, where locals take their water bottles and fill them up with fresh mineral water springing up from the ground. During the winter, steam rises off the warm water as it hits the cold air. The Thracians, ancient ancestors of present-day Bulgarians, built some of Bulgaria's oldest settlements around these hot springs, and tourists visit these sites to soak in hot mud and water to restore their aching bones and muscles.

26. Which of these has a natural mineral water spring?

- a. Nessebar.
- b. Plovdiv.
- c. Sofia.

27. What is the ancient name for Sozopol?

- a. Pearl of the Black Sea.
- b. Apollonia.
- c. Nessebar.

28. Who originally settled next to hot water springs?

- a. The Romans.
- b. The Bulgarians.
- c. The Thracians.

29. What does the word 'remnants' mean?

- a. Ruins.
- b. Relics.
- c. Rocks.

30. Which building is located south of Sofia?

- a. A temple.
- b. A bath house.
- c. A monastery.

31. Which word has been omitted in the 2nd paragraph?

- a. Allocated.
- b. Dedicated.
- c. Given.

End of Examination



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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 the manager of a computer shop, complaining about a laptop you recently bought.

You could write about:

- what you bought and when
- the problems you have had with the laptop
- how you feel about what has happened
- what you want the manager to do.

OR

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

Write a review, for a tourist magazine, about a leisure centre you recently visited.

You could write about:

- where you went and when
- the leisure facilities available
- the cleanliness and cost of the centre
- how helpful the staff were.

Write 150 - 200 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Write an email to a friend telling them about being interviewed on a television programme after winning a poetry competition.

You could write about:

- which programme you appeared on
- why you entered the competition
- what the poem was about
- how you felt being interviewed.

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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