

ESOL International
English Listening Examination
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.

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 **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 recording and select the best answer.

Mark the answer on the mark sheet.

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| <p>1. a. I am using your computer.
b. Is your computer working again?
c. It can't have been fixed correctly.</p> <p>2. a. Yes, I was at the cinema today.
b. No, I'll be babysitting.
c. No, I didn't go.</p> <p>3. a. The train was on platform 6.
b. Her train was late arriving.
c. She arrived at the station late.</p> <p>4. a. Have you been invited to the meeting?
b. We are meeting about the project.
c. The meeting is for the whole class.</p> <p>5. a. There are a lot of people here.
b. There's a big event taking place.
c. Are many people attending?</p> | <p>6. a. No, I don't have to work.
b. Yes, I'm on annual leave.
c. I don't like work.</p> <p>7. a. Dr King saw me last time.
b. I'd like to make an appointment.
c. It's with the doctor.</p> <p>8. a. There is space on the drive.
b. Do you park on the street?
c. Thank you; I'll park there.</p> <p>9. a. Yes, I've been accepted.
b. Yes, I'm going to college now.
c. College is too expensive.</p> <p>10. a. The homework was set yesterday.
b. It's due in tomorrow.
c. We have lots of homework.</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 and answers for both conversations.

Now listen to Conversation 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 1

- Which country does the recipe come from?**
 - Greece.
 - Britain.
 - France.
- Gemma states that the mixture should be:**
 - Lumpy.
 - Smooth.
 - Quite dry.
- How is the family recipe described?**
 - Original.
 - Traditional.
 - Impressive.
- Gemma advises against:**
 - Freezing the cake.
 - Using cream on the cake.
 - Serving the cake warm.
- Who is the dessert being cooked for?**
 - Parents.
 - Grandma.
 - Family friends.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to Conversation 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 2

- Which trail is suggested to Mr Jackson to explore first?**
 - Tree.
 - Bush.
 - Leaf.
- What is Mr. Jackson's main reason for staying?**
 - To visit his extended family.
 - To explore the countryside.
 - To do extreme sports.
- Mr. Jackson is staying in the hotel until:**
 - The end of the week.
 - He is picked up by his family.
 - The end of the month.
- What did Mr. Jackson ask about the room?**
 - Whether it was ready.
 - If it had been cleaned.
 - If it could be upgraded.
- What was Mr. Jackson offered free of charge?**
 - Dinner.
 - Breakfast.
 - Fresh coffee.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3

You will hear a debate and a discussion. You will hear them twice.

You have two minutes to read the questions and answers for both the debate and discussion.

Now listen to the **Debate**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. What worries the presenter about old cars?**
 - a. Reliability.
 - b. Affordability.
 - c. Carbon emissions.
- 2. When did Anne's passion for cars start?**
 - a. When she bought her first car.
 - b. When she was a child.
 - c. After passing her test.
- 3. The presenter describes older cars as:**
 - a. Fragile.
 - b. Identical.
 - c. Stylish.
- 4. What does Anne love about old cars?**
 - a. They are good for the environment.
 - b. They are easy to look after.
 - c. They have lots of character.
- 5. The presenter's first car:**
 - a. Gained in value.
 - b. Let in water.
 - c. Had the latest gadgets.
- 6. Why does the presenter suggest buying a modern car?**
 - a. They're cheaper to run.
 - b. They are interesting to drive.
 - c. They are sturdier.

Listen to the debate again and check your answers.

Now listen to the **Discussion**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. How does the councillor describe the studio?**
 - a. Forgotten.
 - b. Brand new.
 - c. Abandoned.
- 2. Why did the plans have to be resubmitted?**
 - a. Due to various regulations.
 - b. Due to negative feedback.
 - c. Due to issues with permission.
- 3. The new school should be open within:**
 - a. 2 years.
 - b. 5 years.
 - c. 3 years.
- 4. The studio is being developed into:**
 - a. A cinema.
 - b. Housing.
 - c. A school.
- 5. Who is constructing the cinema?**
 - a. Council workers.
 - b. Local respected builders.
 - c. A private company.

Listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

End of Examination.

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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>Dragnet</u>	1
<p>This exciting comedy released in 1987 was, Tom Mankiewicz’s first film as a director and one of his finest. His first few films used to focus on criminal activity, but with a subtle hint of humour.</p> <p>The film was based on a TV series by the same name. The screen play of the movie was co-written by Mankiewicz, Dan Ayckroyd and Alan Zweibel. It had entertained audiences and been a success throughout the early 1980’s. When he decided to make the movie, his aim was to gently poke fun at the TV programme, whilst at the same time showing it respect.</p> <p>From the start, Mankiewicz found it extremely tough to locate a suitable actor to replicate the lead character, Joe Friday. Joe is a casual policeman in his hometown of Los Angeles. Eventually, he opted for Dan Ayckroyd. At that stage, no-one could have imagined this quiet but enthusiastic man would _____ a global star, frequently winning awards for his performances.</p> <p>Working alongside his co-star and fellow policeman, Pep Streeback, portrayed by the modest Tom Hanks, Joe tries to bring to justice Emil Muzz and his gang. It doesn’t always go to plan, but they are determined to prevent the group from continuing.</p> <p>You would never have imagined this film was set in the 80’s. This is due to the magnificent editorial work carried out by Richard Halsey. The quality of the graphics is also a pleasant surprise. However, if Mankiewicz could remake it, I believe he would delete the awful soundtrack in the first scene. It is unnecessary and adds nothing to the overall quality.</p> <p>This masterpiece are available to watch via online streaming services. As a whole, the film is a must watch. It is a refreshing contrast to the complex and over-edited movies today.</p>	2
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1. **Which character does Dan Aykroyd play?**
 - a. Joe Friday.
 - b. Emil Muzz.
 - c. Pep Streeback.

2. **What does the writer believe Mankiewicz would change if he remade the film?**
 - a. Some of the music.
 - b. The lead character.
 - c. The editorial work.

3. **The author thinks films these days are:**
 - a. High quality.
 - b. Refreshing.
 - c. Over-edited.

4. **What was Mankiewicz's role in the making of the film 'Dragnet'?**
 - a. Director and co-writer.
 - b. Writer and lead actor.
 - c. Director and musician.

5. **What was Mankiewicz's aim when making the movie?**
 - a. To entertain audiences.
 - b. To make fun of the TV series.
 - c. To win awards.

6. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 3.
 - b. Line 4.
 - c. Line 7.

7. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 25.
 - b. Line 29.
 - c. Line 30.

8. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 21.
 - b. Line 24.
 - c. Line 26.

9. **What word can replace 'imagined' on line 23?**
 - a. Remembered.
 - b. Dreamed.
 - c. Assumed.

10. **The best word to fill the gap on line 16 is:**
 - a. Change.
 - b. Remain.
 - c. Become.

Text 2

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

<u>Kermit the Frog</u>	1
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Kermit the Frog, a green puppet that resembles the animal, has been an iconic star for nearly fifty years. A puppet is a fake object, that looks like an animal, human or mythical character. Its features, including the hands and arms are controlled by a person, known as a puppeteer. The puppeteer also talks, _____ the puppet with a voice. Generally, they can be seen in theatres or during pantomime season, when childrens’ stories are brought to life. In addition, they can occasionally appear in films and on TV.	3
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Kermit and his puppeteer have been entertaining and making children and adults laugh since 1955. The puppet used to be voiced by its creator, Jim Henson, until he chose to retire after thirty-five years. Steve Whitmire, a veteran puppeteer took over, but was fired after 27 years in the role. At present, Kermit is voiced by Matt Vogel, who in a recent interview recalled his shock at being offered the role. He emotionally went on to say, ‘After years of hard work, I’m beginning to feel relaxed as the lead puppeteer.’	10
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Kermit is the leader of ‘The Muppets,’ a group of puppets who have had their own TV show, as well as numerous films. Kermit entertainingly tries to bring the group, formed of a variety of characters and ‘animals’, together. Kermit and Miss Piggy, his long-term girlfriend, are the main characters, along with Fozzie Bear, Gonzo and a very challenging chef, who burns everything.	17
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Nobody is quite sure why the character is called Kermit. Some people claim it has been named after one of Henson’s childhood friends. His daughter, on the other hand claims it actual comes from Henson’s father. It’s certainly unique, and is possibly one of the reasons why the puppet has become so famous. He even has his own star on the Walk of Fame, in Los Angeles. The Walk of Fame is a tribute to some of the world’s most prominent actors.	23
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11. **How long did Jim Henson voice Kermit for?**
 - a. Nearly fifty years.
 - b. Thirty-five years.
 - c. Twenty-seven years.
12. **Where can you typically see puppets?**
 - a. On TV.
 - b. In films or movies.
 - c. At the theatre.
13. **How did Matt Vogel react when he was made Kermit's puppeteer?**
 - a. He was shocked.
 - b. He was relaxed.
 - c. He was emotional.
14. **Henson's daughter suggests that the name Kermit comes from:**
 - a. Henson's friend.
 - b. Henson's father.
 - c. A famous actor.
15. **Which Muppet is said to be hard to handle?**
 - a. The chef.
 - b. Gonzo.
 - c. Fozzie Bear.
16. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 3.
 - b. Line 8.
 - c. Line 12.
17. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 18.
 - b. Line 25.
 - c. Line 26.
18. **What word can replace 'controlled' on line 5?**
 - a. Created.
 - b. Served.
 - c. Operated.
19. **The best word to fill the gap on line 6 is:**
 - a. Providing.
 - b. Allowing.
 - c. Delivering.
20. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 4.
 - b. Line 7.
 - c. Line 14.

Text 3

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

The Mississippi river

The Mississippi river is just over 2,000 miles long and runs through the heart of the USA. Starting off in the north at Lake Itasca, it meanders across ten states via cities including Memphis and New Orleans before joining The Gulf of Mexico. There are two uniquely separate sections. The northern part winds its way through breathtaking scenery. It's home to a vast amount of wildlife including bears and eagles. It's no wonder thrill seekers, hikers and fishermen come from across the world to explore this region. The south is more populated and used to be the only transport route to cities in Central America.

The past

Before European settlers had arrived seeking gold, the river was home to Native Americans. In 1927, as a result of a monumental flood, major reconstruction took place. Walls were constructed along the banks of the river to prevent any repetition of this flooding. Sadly, it also resulted in the destruction of the natural flooding area, majorly impacting regional wildlife. Man-made damage to the local environment continued for many years after the flood, as trees were cut down and factories were built alongside the Mississippi.

The future

All this damage has led to New Orleans, the southernmost city on the river, becoming extremely vulnerable to future natural disasters, such as hurricanes. American Stream is an organisation dedicated to the maintenance of the country's rivers. Their long-term goal is to have restored the region back to its original natural state by the end of the decade. This involves buying the previously-mentioned factories and encouraging recycling. The giant, captivating, and world-famous river hasn't finished its story. The Mississippi will keep shaping our lives for many years to come.

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| <p>21. New Orleans is left vulnerable to possible damage in the future caused by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Humans.b. Flooding.c. Hurricanes. <p>22. The northern part is famous for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Being a transport link to cities.b. Its population.c. Having an incredible landscape. <p>23. Who were the first group to live by the river?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Native Americans.b. Europeans.c. Settlers from Mexico. | <p>24. According to the author, the river's story is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Captivating.b. Finished.c. Incomplete. <p>25. What is American Stream's ultimate aim?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. To buy factories along the river.b. To return the area back to nature.c. To encourage recycling. |
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Text 4

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

A food excursion through Thailand

This excursion will take you through the unique tastes of Thailand's homemade cuisine whilst experiencing authentic culture.

Commencing in Bangkok, the magnificent capital of Thailand, your tour starts with a welcome meeting on the first night. This is a chance for your guide to introduce themselves and your fellow passengers. The following morning, after breakfast, you'll venture out to the floating market on the river Chao, to browse handmade produce, whilst observing fishermen selling their freshly-caught fish.

You'll be staying in Bangkok for two nights in a hotel with dinner included. The tour then sets off by private vehicle for the tiny village of Khan Tok. Keep your eyes peeled, as you wouldn't want to miss the mushroom farms that are frequently located throughout the area. Along the way, you will sample traditional delicacies when you stop off at a popular Thai cafe.

Local resident Aoi and his family, who you'll be staying with for a night, will greet you upon arrival at the village. We want you to experience and participate in the preparation of traditional dishes, before joining the family for an evening meal. The next morning, your guide will accompany you to the King Temple, on the outskirts of the village; religious values form a principal part of Thai culture.

You've got just about enough time to visit the town of Kao Long, before heading back to the capital, where the journey terminates. We hope the excursion will be everything you wished for.

26. The trip is primarily focused for people who are interested in:

- a. Food.
- b. Culture.
- c. Religion.

27. Where is the King Temple?

- a. By the River Chao.
- b. On the edge of a village.
- c. In the capital city.

28. What kind of market can be found in the capital?

- a. Floating market.
- b. Mushroom market.
- c. Fish market.

29. One of the stops on the way to Khan Tok is:

- a. A temple.
- b. A farm.
- c. A cafe.

30. What is central to Thai culture?

- a. Farming.
- b. Religious values.
- c. Evening meals.

31. Who will meet you on arrival in Khan Tok?

- a. A tour guide.
- b. A local fisherman.
- c. A local resident.



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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.

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

A conservation group is asking for applicants to volunteer in helping to protect endangered species. You decide to apply. Write a letter of application to the manager.

You could write about:

- why you wish to volunteer
- the skills you have to offer
- your experience of working in a team
- what you expect to gain from the experience.

OR

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

Write an article for your local newspaper about how life would be different without mobile phones or computers.

You could write about:

- how you would communicate
- how you would find out news
- how you would use any extra free time
- the advantages/disadvantages of not having technology.

Write 150-200 words.

(12 Marks)

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

You have been planning a surprise party for your best friend's birthday. Write an email to another friend informing them of the details.

You could write about:

- the person you are surprising
- what you have organised for the surprise
- why you think the person will like the surprise
- what your friend could do to help.

Write 250-300 words.

(12 Marks)

You will be assessed on:

- content
- use of appropriate tenses
- word order
- use of conjunctions
- legibility of writing
- adjectives and vocabulary

End of Examination for Writing – Level C1



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