

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.

Listen to the instructions.

Use black or blue 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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| 1. a. What's the weather like tomorrow?
b. Yes, it's likely to thunder later.
c. I don't know if it's likely to rain. | 6. a. No, we didn't finish it last Friday.
b. The project is behind schedule.
c. All being well, I think it's possible. |
| 2. a. From the hiking store in town.
b. The sack contains all the rubbish.
c. I'm going to buy a bag tomorrow. | 7. a. Yes, let's have a think about it.
b. It was considerate of them to ask.
c. Have you offered to do the work? |
| 3. a. Yes, I can't wait; I'm starving.
b. OK, we'll have a drink this afternoon.
c. No, I haven't been to the restaurant today. | 8. a. South Africa has many visitors.
b. Neither have I, but I'd love to go.
c. Yes, I travelled there last October. |
| 4. a. Yes, I heard about that yesterday.
b. I can be with you for a while later.
c. Sorry, I've been so busy. | 9. a. Where are all his documents?
b. OK, I will talk to him later.
c. Yes, he said it's fine to email him. |
| 5. a. When was the delivery completed?
b. Have you got the tracking number?
c. Is the order ready for me to collect? | 10. a. No, we didn't ask for more time.
b. They won't postpone the meeting.
c. It shouldn't be much of an issue. |

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 the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 1**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 1

1. **Bella describes planning a wedding as:**
 - a. A compromise.
 - b. A headache.
 - c. Demanding.
2. **Why does Andrea describe her life as hectic?**
 - a. She's been organising cultural events.
 - b. Her work has been demanding.
 - c. She is getting married.
3. **What is Andrea considering?**
 - a. A weekend away.
 - b. A spontaneous and fun day.
 - c. A trip to Edinburgh.
4. **Next time the friends meet, they will:**
 - a. Find time to relax.
 - b. Visit a cathedral.
 - c. Have a coffee together.
5. **For the wedding, Andrea is:**
 - a. Creating the itinerary.
 - b. Helping with the seating plan.
 - c. Writing a speech.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 2

1. **Jack's concern regarding the timeline is:**
 - a. The client will want clear deadlines.
 - b. It doesn't seem to be flexible.
 - c. It is lacking in detail.
2. **When should the summary report be sent?**
 - a. By 3 o'clock.
 - b. By tomorrow morning.
 - c. By 5pm tomorrow.
3. **What have Jack and Kasia agreed to do later?**
 - a. Check the launch plan.
 - b. Add final milestones.
 - c. Finalise the main points.
4. **What will Jack do with the charts?**
 - a. Update them.
 - b. Add them to the project.
 - c. Add them to the slides.
5. **Kasia wants Jack to present the timeline as:**
 - a. She is unclear of the costs.
 - b. The client values Jack's approach.
 - c. Alex's work is incomplete.

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. **Omar says space exploration is a valuable investment because:**
 - a. It helps humans to understand poverty.
 - b. It leads to technological advancements.
 - c. It solves problems on Earth.
2. **Omar says breakthroughs in space exploration:**
 - a. Will transform our lives.
 - b. Require time and effort.
 - c. Will help in the field of medicine.
3. **According to Omar, studying space helps to understand:**
 - a. Early aviation.
 - b. Uninhabitable planets.
 - c. Climate change.
4. **What criticism of space exploration does the host mention?**
 - a. The costs are too high.
 - b. It employs too many people.
 - c. Its future is uncertain.
5. **What is the host's overall view of space exploration?**
 - a. It drives innovation.
 - b. There are too many difficulties involved.
 - c. It is a complex issue with challenges.
6. **Omar believes space exploration will inspire future generations to:**
 - a. Invest in satellite companies.
 - b. Pursue careers in science and technology.
 - c. To keep learning about Earth's challenges.

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 topic of the discussion?**
 - a. Time management skills.
 - b. Overcommitting at work.
 - c. Taking breaks at work.
2. **The guest recommends breaking tasks into smaller steps to:**
 - a. Maintain focus.
 - b. Save time.
 - c. Tackle goals.
3. **What type of goals should you set?**
 - a. Essential.
 - b. Specific.
 - c. Clear.
4. **The host thinks taking regular breaks:**
 - a. Helps with prioritising tasks.
 - b. Enhances productivity.
 - c. Is counterproductive.
5. **What does the guest say about delegation?**
 - a. It takes a significant amount of time.
 - b. It helps to overcommit.
 - c. It is often underestimated.

Now listen to the discussion 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.

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>The Fascination with Urban Farming</u>	1
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Urban farming has become an increasingly popular trend in cities around the world,	3
transforming the way we think about food production. This practice, which involves	4
growing crops and raising animals in urban environments, is not a new	5
phenomenon. In-fact, it originated from ancient civilisations, where city dwellers	6
cultivated small gardens to supplement their diets. However, modern urban farming	7
has evolved into a sophisticated and innovative approach to addressing	8
contemporary challenges.	9
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The main reason for urban farming's revival is the growing awareness of	11
environmental issues. As cities expand, agricultural land shrinks and food production	12
becomes more resource-intensive. Urban farms offer a sustainable alternative by	13
making efficient use of available space such as rooftops, abandoned land and even	14
vertical walls. By doing so, they help reduce the carbon footprint associated with	15
transporting food over long distances.	16
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Another benefit of urban farming is its potential to improve food security. In highly	18
populated areas, access to fresh and affordable produce can be limited, especially	19
for lower-income communities. Urban farms will have help solve this problem by	20
bringing food production closer to consumers, often at a lower cost. Additionally,	21
community projects give residents the chance to take part in growing their own	22
food, helping them feel more in control and connected to nature.	23
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Technological advancements have also played a significant role in the growth of	25
urban farming. Hydroponics, aquaponics and aeroponics are just a few examples of	26
systems that enable crops to grow without soil, using nutrient-rich water or mist	27
instead. These methods not only save space but also require less water than	28
traditional farming, making them _____ for urban settings where resources	29
may be limited.	30
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Urban farming is more than just a practical solution; it's also a cultural movement. It	32
encourages people to rethink their relationship with food, their communities and	33
the planet. As cities continue to grow, urban farming offers a promising way to	34
create greener, healthier and more self-sufficient urban environments.	35

1. **What is the main reason for the growth in urban farming?**
 - a. Increased awareness of environmental issues.
 - b. Expansion of agricultural land.
 - c. Advances in farming techniques.
2. **Urban farming began in:**
 - a. Modern cities.
 - b. Lower-income communities.
 - c. Ancient civilisations.
3. **Which space can be used for urban farming?**
 - a. Land soil.
 - b. Rooftops.
 - c. Hydroponic walls.
4. **Urban farming, as well as being a practical solution, is:**
 - a. A cultural movement.
 - b. A farming challenge.
 - c. An unsustainable approach.
5. **Community projects help residents by:**
 - a. Giving them the chance to grow their own food.
 - b. Allowing them to live in greener areas.
 - c. Reducing the cost of water.
6. **What is the meaning of the word 'advancements' on line 25?**
 - a. Appearance.
 - b. Reversal.
 - c. Progression.
7. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 6.
 - b. Line 27.
 - c. Line 32.
8. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 15.
 - b. Line 20.
 - c. Line 26.
9. **The most suitable word to fill the gap on line 29 is:**
 - a. Ideal.
 - b. Satisfactory.
 - c. Necessary.
10. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 8.
 - b. Line 12.
 - c. Line 14.

Text 2

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

<u>The Eco-Friendly Travel Consultant</u>	1
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Are you passionate about sustainable travel? Do you want to help others explore the	3
world responsibly while reducing their impact on the environment! If so, keep	4
reading to find out more, as this could be the perfect opportunity for you.	5
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We are excited to offer a new position as an Eco-Friendly Travel Consultant at Eco	7
Expert Travel, a growing company focused on responsible tourism. This role is based	8
in our London office, though we also offer flexible and remote working options.	9
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As part of your role, you will create personalised travel plans for clients, focusing on	11
eco-friendly options. This includes suggesting low-carbon transportation,	12
environmentally friendly hotels and restaurants that use fresh, locally sourced	13
ingredients. You will work closely with international partners and suppliers to	14
ensure all trips meet high sustainability standards.	15
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Eco Expert Travel had been a leader in sustainable travel since 2010. Our company	17
specialises in organising trips for individuals and small groups that balance	18
enjoyment with care for the planet. Our London office is also one of the most	19
environmentally friendly in the UK, with solar-powered energy, recycling facilities	20
and a zero-waste policy.	21
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This full-time position offers a competitive salary, opportunities for training and	23
occasional travel to assess eco-friendly destinations. The _____ for applications is	24
15th February, and interviews will take place the following week, either in person or	25
online.	26
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To succeed in this role, you need at least two years of experience in travel and	28
hospitality. A degree in tourism, environmental science or a similar subject is helpful	29
but not necessary. More importantly, we are looking for someone who is passionate	30
about sustainable travel and skilled at working with clients.	31
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To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter of up to 250 words. Tell us about	33
your experience and suggest an eco-friendly destination you think would inspire our	34
clients.	35

11. **What does Eco Expert Travel specialise in?**
 - a. Organising trips for solo travel and small groups.
 - b. Providing restaurant applications.
 - c. Offering work experience opportunities.
12. **The Travel Consultant will:**
 - a. Suggest recycling facilities.
 - b. Work closely with international partners.
 - c. Design hospitality options.
13. **What should be included in the cover letter?**
 - a. Interview availability.
 - b. Preference for remote or in-person working.
 - c. A suggestion for an eco-friendly destination.
14. **The job offer includes:**
 - a. Flexible working options.
 - b. Frequent overseas travel.
 - c. Training to be a leader.
15. **Applicants should have two years' experience in:**
 - a. Sustainability.
 - b. Environmental science.
 - c. Travel.

16. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 5.
 - b. Line 14.
 - c. Line 25.
17. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 8.
 - b. Line 17.
 - c. Line 30.
18. **Which word could replace 'skilled' on line 31?**
 - a. Accomplished.
 - b. Adequate.
 - c. Average.
19. **The most suitable word to fill the gap on line 24 is:**
 - a. Ending.
 - b. Closure.
 - c. Deadline.
20. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 4.
 - b. Line 12.
 - c. Line 20.

Text 3

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

The Rise of Music Streaming

The way people listen to music has changed a lot in recent years. In the past, music was mainly enjoyed through physical formats like vinyl records, cassette tapes and CDs. Later, with the development of digital technology, people started downloading MP3 files and songs. However, the biggest change in how we listen to music has come from streaming services, which allow users to access huge libraries of music with just a click.

Streaming platforms like Spotify and Apple Music have transformed the music industry. Instead of buying individual albums or songs, users now pay a monthly subscription to access an almost unlimited amount of music. This has made music more accessible, but it has also changed how artists and record labels do business. With physical sales and digital downloads declining, streaming has become the main source of income for many musicians, although some argue that the pay they receive is not fair, especially for less well-known artists.

One major advantage of streaming services is the chance to discover new music. Playlists made by algorithms or expert editors introduce users to artists and styles they might not have heard before. On the downside, some people complain that streaming platforms tend to favour popular songs over lesser-known ones, leaving little room for smaller, emerging artists.

Despite these issues, music streaming is likely to stay. As technology improves, streaming services will offer even more personalised ways for listeners to enjoy their favourite music and discover new artists. With the growing number of platforms, the future of music streaming looks bright and full of possibilities.

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| <p>21. Some people are critical of streaming services because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. They offer limited choices for listeners.b. They favour popular songs over others.c. The playlists are made by algorithms. <p>22. How have streaming services revolutionised the music industry?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. They provide edited songs.b. They offer exclusive physical albums.c. They allow access to a vast music library. <p>23. What impact has streaming had on artists?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. They pay a monthly subscription.b. Streaming is their main income source.c. They are paid per download. | <p>24. What are streaming services likely to offer in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. More personalised experiences.b. Fewer well-known artists.c. Fairer pay for musicians. <p>25. What has happened to physical music sales?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. They've developed.b. They haven't changed.c. They have declined. |
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Text 4

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

The Popularity of E-Sports

E-sports, or competitive video gaming, has grown from a niche pastime into a multi-billion-pound industry. In the past decade, the sector has seen an explosion in popularity, with millions tuning in to watch professional gamers compete in tournaments across the globe. Games like League of Legends, Dota 2 and Counter-Strike have become major spectator events, drawing audiences that rival traditional sports.

One of the key reasons behind the rise of e-sports is accessibility. Unlike traditional sports, which often require expensive equipment and facilities, gaming can be done with just a computer or console and an internet connection. This has enabled people from diverse backgrounds to participate and even turn professional. Many top players train for hours each day, refining their strategies and reaction times in a highly competitive environment.

Another factor is the rise of streaming platforms, such as Twitch and YouTube Gaming. These allow players to broadcast their gameplay to a global audience, creating opportunities for sponsorships and advertising revenue. Some professional gamers earn millions each year through tournament winnings, brand deals and streaming subscriptions.

Despite its success, e-sports faces challenges. Critics argue that spending long hours in front of a screen can have negative effects on players' health. There are also concerns about the lack of regulation in some areas, particularly regarding player contracts and fair wages. However, many organisations are working to introduce standards that protect players and ensure fair competition.

With continued investment from major brands, e-sports is set to expand further. It has become a legitimate career path and a key part of the entertainment industry.

26. **What is one reason for the rise of e-sports?**

- a. The decline of traditional sports.
- b. Accessibility for players from diverse backgrounds.
- c. The invention of video games.

27. **How can professional gamers earn money?**

- a. By selling gaming equipment.
- b. Through tournament winnings.
- c. By advertising on streaming platforms.

28. **What concern is raised about e-sports?**

- a. The lack of regulation in contracts.
- b. The standards of professional players.
- c. The lack of major e-sports tournaments.

29. **Streaming platforms allow players to:**

- a. Access competition facilities.
- b. Play without an internet connection.
- c. Broadcast games to global audiences.

30. **Which streaming platform has increased in popularity?**

- a. Dota 2.
- b. Twitch.
- c. Counter-Strike.

31. **According to the text, in the future, e-sports will:**

- a. Continue to grow further.
- b. Become more expensive to participate in.
- c. Replace more traditional sports.

End of Examination.

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English Writing Examination

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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

You must write between 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.

Write a formal letter to the manager of a recruitment agency regarding a job application you recently submitted. You have not received a response within the expected timeframe and you are concerned about the delay.

You could write about:

- when and how you submitted your application
- why you are interested in the position
- your concerns about the delay in response
- what action you would like the agency to take.

OR

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

Your local library is facing closure due to budget cuts. Write a formal report for your local council explaining why the library should remain open.

You could write about:

- who benefits from the library
- the advantages it gives to the community
- the negative effects of closing it
- alternative ways to fund the library or reduce the costs.

Write 150–200 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Your friend would like to go travelling but is unsure of whether it is a good idea or not. Write an email persuading them to travel.

You could write about:

- why travelling is a good use of time
- experiences you've had while travelling
- the different people they could meet along the way
- how they can make the most of travelling.

Write 250–300 words.

(12 Marks)

You will be assessed on:

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| • content | • use of appropriate tenses | • word order |
| • use of conjunctions, adjectives and vocabulary | • legibility of writing | |

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