

ESOL International
English Listening Examination
Level B2 Independent User

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on the mark sheet.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

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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| 1. | a. Next month. b. Ten years old. c. In the morning. | 6. | a. Oh no, apple juice please. b. Oh no, a glass please. c. Oh no, a pineapple please. |
| 2. | a. 5:30pm b. 7:30am c. 4:30am | 7. | a. Yes, Thursday is fine. b. Yes, I like ballet. c. Yes, that would be great. |
| 3. | a. With the family. b. Second week in August. c. Last Thursday. | 8. | a. Next door's tractor. b. By bus. c. Skateboarding. |
| 4. | a. I prefer pepperoni. b. I don't prefer pizza. c. I prefer pasta. | 9. | a. I have got my hat. b. My alarm clock is broken. c. I late going to bed. |
| 5. | a. Congratulations! b. Better luck next time. c. Not bad. | 10. | a. I'd love to, thank you. b. They are unsafe. c. The noise hurts my ears. |

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. **How does Robert describe his activities?**
 - a. Extreme.
 - b. Mad.
 - c. Fantastic.

2. **Where did he advertise for suggestions?**
 - a. A local radio station.
 - b. Local charities.
 - c. The Samaritans.

3. **Which charity is he raising money for?**
 - a. Children's Society.
 - b. Children's Trust.
 - c. Children's Hospice.

4. **Where will he go white water rafting?**
 - a. Andalucia.
 - b. Clifton.
 - c. New Zealand.

5. **How much did he raise last year?**
 - a. £50,000.
 - b. £55,000.
 - c. £55.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. **What is the insurance company called?**
 - a. Trueman.
 - b. Instant.
 - c. Nigel.

2. **What is Louise's middle name?**
 - a. Sophia.
 - b. Sophie.
 - c. Steph.

3. **How old is Louise's car in 2018?**
 - a. 8 years old.
 - b. 10 years old.
 - c. 18 years old.

4. **How long has she had a licence?**
 - a. 10 months.
 - b. 17 months.
 - c. 3 months.

5. **How does she describe the price quoted?**
 - a. Best.
 - b. Excellent.
 - c. Okay.

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.

- How is the freelance economy described?**
 - Springing.
 - Booming.
 - Creative.
- Where is Canada's Crew Collective located?**
 - In an historical building.
 - On a rooftop.
 - On a boat.
- How is this building described?**
 - Stunning.
 - Shimmering.
 - Dazzling.
- Where could you locate to on the Thames?**
 - A ballroom.
 - A tube station.
 - A boat.
- What is sure to impress clients?**
 - Rest areas.
 - The office space.
 - The meeting room.
- How far away is the tube station?**
 - A fifteen minute walk away.
 - A five minute walk away.
 - A five minute drive away.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Broadcast 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- What kind of broadcast is this?**
 - Current affairs.
 - Scientific interest.
 - Travel information.
- What were scientists looking at?**
 - Painkillers.
 - Diet.
 - Teeth.
- Where have fossilised Neanderthals been found?**
 - Spain and Belarus.
 - Spain and Belgium.
 - Spain and Belgrade.
- What kind of animals did the Neanderthals eat?**
 - Wild sheep.
 - Boars.
 - Wolves.
- What do certain moulds contain?**
 - Mushrooms.
 - Penicillin.
 - Moss.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

End of Examination B2 Independent User.

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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on your mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use a pencil.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are 31 questions in this examination.

Answer 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.

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| <u>The Shipwreck Hunter</u> | 1 |
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| Before the 20 th century and the invention of the airplane, people navigated the world's seas on ships, boats and rafts. It was the only way to travel overseas | 3 |
| between countries. However, as long as there has been ocean travel, there have | 4 |
| been shipwrecks. It is thought that there are as many as three million sunken | 5 |
| ships beneath the waves, littering our seabeds. | 6 |
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| With these shipwrecks come shipwreck hunters, like Tom, who developed a | 9 |
| passion for fishing and the sea from an early age. He went to Southampton | 10 |
| University, which has easy access to mountain streams, freshwater habitats, | 11 |
| rocky reefs and a bay, that is home to the largest population of bottlenose | 12 |
| dolphins in the UK. Tom went on to ____ with the US navy, when leaving | 13 |
| University studies, with up to date technology skills, searching for crashed | 14 |
| airplanes. | 15 |
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| Many of the most important finds belong to the Second World War, which was | 17 |
| fought on land, sea and the air. In 2001, HMS Hood was discovered, a British | 18 |
| battleship sunk in 1941. Most discoveries are a celebration, with Tom jumping | 19 |
| up and down shouting, "We've found it!" and punching the air. | 20 |
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| Another, more ancient find, were a 16 th century Portuguese ship, part of a | 22 |
| fleet that had set out on a sea route to India from Portugal, all the way round | 23 |
| the south of Africa. | 24 |
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| Exciting as it is, Tom takes his job very seriously and is respectful of any | 26 |
| shipwreck found. His team try to put plaques on the wrecks to mark the | 27 |
| forgotten. | 28 |

1. **In which century was the airplane invented?**
 - a. 19th century.
 - b. 20th century.
 - c. 21st century.

2. **How did Tom feel about fishing at an early age?**
 - a. That it is a good habit.
 - b. Passionate.
 - c. Interested.

3. **What did his studies give him?**
 - a. An interest in freshwater habitats.
 - b. Ability to travel the oceans.
 - c. An understanding of technology.

4. **Where are the most important finds from?**
 - a. The Second World War.
 - b. The 16th century.
 - c. The Portuguese War.

5. **How are forgotten shipwrecks marked?**
 - a. By the wrecks given a nickname.
 - b. By a celebration.
 - c. By plaques put on the wrecks.

6. **A word has been omitted from line 13. The word should be**
 - a. Play.
 - b. Work.
 - c. Stay.

7. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 4.
 - b. Line 10.
 - c. Line 17.

8. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 6.
 - b. Line 18.
 - c. Line 22.

9. **The best word to replace 'littering' on line 7 is:**
 - a. Cluttering.
 - b. Tidying.
 - c. Cleaned.

10. **The word 'respectful' on line 26 means:**
 - a. Dutiful.
 - b. Rude.
 - c. Affectionate.

Text 2

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

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| <u>Sir Anthony Mark David Gormley OBE</u> | 1 |
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| Born 30 th August 1950, the youngest of seven children to a German mother and Irish father. Gormley is a British sculptor, best known for his sculpture of the <i>Angel of the North</i> , a public sculpture in Gateshead, in the north of England. It was commissioned in 1994 and erected on site in 1998. | 3 |
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| His career began with a solo exhibition at the Whitechapel Gallery in 1981. Most of his works use the human body as its subject, using his own or his wife's – Vicken Parson – as a basis for the metal casts. | 8 |
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| In 2007, Gormley _____ the <i>Event Horizon</i> , which consisted of 31 life size figures, cast from his body, four in cast iron and 27 in fibreglass. These were installed on the top of buildings along the London's South Bank of the Thames River and around locations in New York City's, Madison Square in 2010. | 12 |
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| In 2009, he presented <i>One & Other</i> , where a plinth was placed in Trafalgar Square, London, for anyone to come and stand on it for an hour, creating a "living art" sculpture. It attracted a lot of media attention and became a topic on a long running BBC radio drama series, <i>The Archers</i> . | 17 |
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| He has won many prizes for his sculptures, including the Turner prize in 1994 with the <i>Field for the British Isles</i> and the South Bank Prize for Visual Art in 1999. | 22 |
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11. **The text is about a:**
- A British screenwriter.
 - A British sculptor.
 - A British artist.
12. **Where is the sculpture he is best known for?**
- London.
 - Cambridge.
 - Gateshead.
13. **What does he use as the subject for most of his works?**
- Buildings.
 - Nature.
 - The human body.
14. **According to the text what was created in Trafalgar Square, London?**
- A living art sculpture.
 - A plinth.
 - A drama series.
15. **Which sculpture attracted a lot of media attention?**
- One & Other.
 - Event Horizon.
 - Angel of the North.
16. **Why have italics been used in parts of this text?**
- To show the places of the sculptures.
 - To show the names of the sculptures of Gormley.
 - To show the names of prizes won by Gormley.
17. **The word that best fills the gap in line 12 is:**
- Showed.
 - Built.
 - Created.
18. **Which line has a spelling error?**
- Line 10.
 - Line 19.
 - Line 23.
19. **In the text, which word could best replace "installed" on line 14?**
- Positioned.
 - Settled.
 - Invested.
20. **Which word has the opposite meaning of "attracted" on line 19?**
- Charmed.
 - Tempted.
 - Repelled.

Text 3

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

Climbing Kilimanjaro for charity

Friends and family, I would like to invite you to a fund raising night, on Saturday 18th August at the Biscuit Factory, Sandyford at 7:30pm. As some of you know, I, with three friends from the hospital I work in, are going to take on the challenge of a lifetime and climb Mount Kilimanjaro for the British Heart Foundation.

We are holding a charity ball, in order to raise the funds. There will be an auction of donated gifts from local companies, which include a fantastic day at a health spa for two, family of four cinema tickets for a year and an off peak membership at the local gym.

We are now in training for the 42 mile, 8 day, round trip, due to start next March, on Thursday 16th and finish on 23rd March. The trip will start at the western base of the mountain, giving us sunny views from all angles. The first day will be a rest day at Ndoro Waterfalls, Marangu, followed by a 5 hour climb, crossing streams and climbing rocky, barren terrain on the next day. The most challenging day will be our last, starting at midnight, we will climb for 6 hours through snow and finishing in the rain forest.

So come and join us and learn more about this exciting expedition. Tickets are £50, which includes a 3 course meal and bottle of wine per table.

Email me, Amanda at mandyrent@yaboo.co.uk or call on: 074551 335 3336

21. **The purpose of the text is to:**
- Advise you of the event.
 - Persuade you to attend the event.
 - Inform you of the climb.
22. **In the text, which word has a similar meaning to “demanding”?**
- Training.
 - Challenging.
 - Climbing.
23. **In the text, the word ‘exciting’ is used to mean:**
- Brave.
 - Shy.
 - Productive.
24. **According to the text, what will be happening on the charity night?**
- A cinema show.
 - A health spa.
 - An auction.
25. **What date is the charity climb due to finish on?**
- 30th March.
 - 21st March.
 - 23rd March.

Text 4

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

How do hurricanes form?

Hurricanes form over the warm ocean water of the tropics. When warm moist air over the water rises, it is replaced by cooler air. The cooler air will then warm and start to rise. This cycle causes huge storm _____ to form. These storm clouds will begin to rotate with the spin of the Earth forming an organised system.

Parts of a Hurricane

- Eye - At the center of the hurricane is the eye. The eye is an area of very low air pressure. There are generally no clouds in the eye and the wind is calm. Don't let this fool you, however, the most dangerous part of the storm is at the edge of the eye called the eye wall.
- Eye wall - Around the outside of the eye is a wall made up of very heavy clouds. This is the most dangerous part of the hurricane and where the highest speed winds are. The winds at the eye wall can reach speeds of 155 miles per hour.
- Rainbands - Hurricanes have large spirally bands of rain called rainbands. These bands can drop huge amounts of rainfall causing flooding when the hurricane hits land.
- Diameter - Hurricanes can become huge storms. The diameter of the hurricane is measured from one side to the other. Hurricanes can span a diameter of over 600 miles.
- Height - The storm clouds that power hurricanes can become very tall. A powerful hurricane can reach nine miles into the atmosphere.

26. What does the cycle cause?

- High winds.
- The sun to shine.
- Huge storm clouds.

27. What is the centre of the hurricane called?

- Wall.
- Eye.
- Rainbands.

28. The text suggests the storm clouds that power hurricanes can become:

- Very tall.
- Very windy.
- Very weak.

29. How far can a hurricane reach into the atmosphere?

- Nineteen miles.
- Nine miles.
- 600 miles.

30. The word 'rotate' in the first paragraph could be replaced by:

- Turn.
- Bend.
- Fall.

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

- Snow.
- Rain.
- Clouds.

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English Writing Examination
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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 **one hour** 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 an article for a school/college magazine about your views on internet shopping compared to shopping in a department store or mall.

You could write about:

- What products you prefer to shop for, on line and in stores
- How you feel about sales people helping you
- What makes a pleasant shopping experience
- What is your favourite internet site for shopping and why

OR

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

Write a letter to the manager of the local indoor swimming pool complaining about the facilities.

You could write about:

- When you visited the swimming pool and who you went with
- What problems you experienced
- What you did to address the problems while you were there
- The response of the staff towards your complaint
- How you felt
- What you would like the manager to do

You must write 100 – 150 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Write an email to your friend to tell them about your new weekend job.

You could write about:

- What type of job it is and what you have to do
- Where it is
- The hours you have to work
- What difference it will make to you

You must write 150 – 200 words.

(12 Marks)

You will be assessed on:

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

End of Examination for Writing – Level B2

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