

ESOL International
English Listening Examination
Level B1 Intermediate

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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| 1. | a. There are ten rooms in total. b. There are three bedrooms. c. We also have a big garden. | 6. | a. I am busy on Friday. b. I don't like that. c. The film is interesting. |
| 2. | a. It is the best restaurant in town. b. That is a good idea. c. I'd like to order steak and chips. | 7. | a. They are very old. b. Their house is in town. c. Usually every Saturday. |
| 3. | a. I would like a new shirt. b. It is too expensive. c. I think it is very nice. | 8. | a. I am going shopping. b. Yes, when is it? c. How old are you? |
| 4. | a. It finishes at 3 o'clock. b. It starts in 10 minutes. c. It is in this classroom. | 9. | a. Yes, we do sell them. b. Yes, that is a problem. c. I don't need any stamps. |
| 5. | a. Just go straight on. b. The market is very good. c. It takes a long time. | 10. | a. I am going to the theatre. b. I don't know what to do. c. I went to the beach. |

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.

Conversation 1

- 1. What is Tanya going to do at the weekend?**
 - a. She is going to work.
 - b. She is going cycling.
 - c. She is going to the cinema.
- 2. How will she travel from London to Carlisle?**
 - a. She will go by train.
 - b. She will go by car.
 - c. She will go by bike.
- 3. Where will she stay while she is there?**
 - a. In a tent.
 - b. In a hotel.
 - c. In a youth hostel.
- 4. What will she do if it is raining or windy?**
 - a. She will visit a castle or a museum.
 - b. She will watch a DVD.
 - c. She will stay at work.
- 5. When will she be back in London?**
 - a. On Saturday morning.
 - b. On Sunday evening.
 - c. The following weekend.

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. What does the customer want?**
 - a. To join the gym.
 - b. To cancel their membership.
 - c. To get information about the gym.
- 2. What are the opening and closing times of the gym?**
 - a. From 2 in the morning to midnight.
 - b. From 5 in the morning to midnight.
 - c. From 9 in the morning to midnight.
- 3. Why isn't the gym open 24 hours a day, according to the receptionist?**
 - a. People don't want to come at 2 am.
 - b. People are too busy to come to the gym 24 hours a day.
 - c. People don't want to pay.
- 4. What will a personal trainer do for the customer?**
 - a. Show them the facilities.
 - b. Teach them a new sport.
 - c. Show them what to do in the gym.
- 5. What does the receptionist give the customer?**
 - a. A membership card.
 - b. A free day pass.
 - c. A tour of the facilities.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3

You will hear two broadcasts. You will hear them twice.

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

Now listen to Broadcast 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 1

- 1. What sort of broadcast is this?**
 - a. It is a history programme.
 - b. It is a cookery programme.
 - c. It is a news programme.
- 2. What is the new McPlant burger?**
 - a. A vegetarian burger.
 - b. A sausage burger.
 - c. A Big Mac burger.
- 3. Why has McDonald's taken so long to start selling the McPlant burger?**
 - a. It has had problems with the recipe.
 - b. It has been doing a lot of research.
 - c. It didn't think it would be popular.
- 4. Which of these ingredients will be in the new McPlant burger?**
 - a. Cheese, ketchup and onions.
 - b. Cheese, chicken and lettuce.
 - c. Meat, pickles and mayonnaise.
- 5. People are unhappy with Burger King for:**
 - a. Not selling a vegetarian burger.
 - b. Cooking its vegetarian burger on the same grill as meat burgers.
 - c. Not making its vegetarian burger tasty enough.
- 6. How many vegetarians are there in the UK?**
 - a. Less than ten thousand.
 - b. Less than a million.
 - c. More than a million.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Now listen to Broadcast 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 2

- 1. How long has Ken Smith lived alone?**
 - a. For more than 4 years.
 - b. For more than 40 years.
 - c. All his life.
- 2. How long does it take to walk to the nearest road?**
 - a. 2 hours.
 - b. 10 hours.
 - c. 24 hours.
- 3. How old is Ken?**
 - a. He is 54.
 - b. He is 64.
 - c. He is 74.
- 4. How did Ken get from England to Scotland?**
 - a. He walked.
 - b. He went by bus.
 - c. He went by train.
- 5. What happened to Ken last year?**
 - a. He got lost in the woods.
 - b. He had to go to hospital.
 - c. He caught a big fish in the lake.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

End of Examination for B1 Intermediate Listening.

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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.

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| <u>A New Tennis Star</u> | 1 |
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| Emma Raducanu has made history by becoming the youngest British tennis player to reach the US Open final. The 18-year-old beat Maria Sakkari of Greece in New York in the semi-final on Thursday. She will now play the 19-year-old Canadian Leylah Fernandez in the final on Saturday. | 3 |
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| Raducanu moved to the UK from Toronto when she was two years old and started to play tennis when she was five? She is currently ranked 150 th in the world. The US Open is only her second Grand Slam and it is the second time she facing a player in the top 30. | 8 |
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| At Wimbledon earlier in the summer she became the youngest British woman in over 40 years to reach the fourth round of the competition. She beat three of the world's best players to reach the last 16. _____, she was unable to progress any further but she became an overnight star. | 13 |
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| She recieved excellent grades in her final school exams this summer too. James Carlton, the manager of Bromley Tennis Centre, where Raducanu trained from the ages of 10 to 16, said, "Emma works very hard. The centre is next to her school so she would be here before and after school. We would often see her working on her schoolwork in between training sessions." | 18 |
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| Despite being a full-time student, the tennis star's training schedule would be three or four hours on the tennis court each day followed by extra time in the gym. | 24 |
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1. **According to the text, what will Emma Raducanu be doing on Saturday?**
 - a. She will be going to Canada.
 - b. She will be playing in the final.
 - c. She will be studying history.

2. **When did Raducanu start playing tennis?**
 - a. When she was two.
 - b. When she was five.
 - c. When she was eighteen.

3. **What did Raducanu do at Wimbledon?**
 - a. She won the competition.
 - b. She progressed to the final.
 - c. She beat 3 of the best players in the world.

4. **What does James Carlton say about Raducanu?**
 - a. She is very hard-working.
 - b. She trains at his centre every day.
 - c. She asks for help with her schoolwork.

5. **According to the text, what would Raducanu do after her training?**
 - a. She would go home.
 - b. She would go to sleep.
 - c. She would go to the gym.

6. **A word has been omitted from line 15. The word should be:**
 - a. Unfortunately.
 - b. Especially.
 - c. Suddenly.

7. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 5.
 - b. Line 18.
 - c. Line 24.

8. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 3.
 - b. Line 8.
 - c. Line 10.

9. **The word “currently” on line 9 means the same as:**
 - a. At the present time.
 - b. Sometimes.
 - c. Fortunately.

10. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 4.
 - b. Line 9.
 - c. Line 22.

Text 2

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

| <u>A German Record</u> | 1 |
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| The Germans are good at many things, such as build motorways, producing cars and scoring football penalties. But few people would expect them to have set a new record for tea drinking. | 3 |
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| The German coastal region of East Frisia has just claimed the world record in tea drinking, according to the Records Institute for Germany. The British are well known for drinking a lot of tea, but some Germans drink even more. Annual tea consumption in East Frisia is about 300 litres per person. which is 100 litres more than a British person drinks each year. | 7 |
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| People in East Frisia say that their love of tea developed _____ they found that a cup of tea made them feel better when a cold rain was blowing inland from the North Sea. Tea first arrived in this region of Germany nearly three hundred years ago from Asia. Now tea drinking is part of the cultural heritage of the region and tea breaks are an important part of daily life. | 13 |
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| The people of East Frisia prefer to drink their tea strong and black, unlike in the UK where it is usually drunk with milk. The tea is prepared in a teapot and served in porcelain cups with a cube of sugar in the bottom. You can add a drop of cream but you must not stir it. If you are invited to someone's house in East Frisia, it is bad manners to leave before you have drunk at least three cups of tea. | 19 |
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11. **The East Frisians have set a new world record for:**
- Producing cars.
 - Scoring the most penalties.
 - Drinking the most tea.
12. **Where is East Frisia?**
- It is in the UK.
 - It is in Asia.
 - It is in Germany.
13. **How much tea is drunk per person in the UK?**
- Less than in East Frisia.
 - More than in East Frisia.
 - The same as in East Frisia.
14. **When did tea first arrive in East Frisia, according to the text?**
- More than 300 years ago.
 - Almost 300 years ago.
 - Exactly 300 years ago.
15. **How do most people in the UK like to drink tea?**
- With milk.
 - Strong and black.
 - With sugar and cream.
16. **Which line has a grammatical error?**
- Line 3.
 - Line 14.
 - Line 19.
17. **Which is the best word to fill the gap on line 13?**
- Nevertheless.
 - Because.
 - However.
18. **Which line has a spelling error?**
- Line 7.
 - Line 10.
 - Line 20.
19. **The word 'annual' on line 9 means the same as:**
- Average.
 - Yearly.
 - Total.
20. **There is a punctuation error on:**
- Line 10.
 - Line 19.
 - Line 22.

Text 3

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

Sleep Well

Research shows that we already know enough about sleep to be able to improve the quality of our lives. Many studies show that sleep is very important for mending our body and improving our memory and ability to learn. The best thing we can do is keep a daily routine, which means going to bed and getting up at the same time every day.

Professor James Goodwin, one of the world's leading scientists in the study of the human brain, has been looking at how the way we sleep can affect our brain and our health. He says that people have started to have problems with sleep in the last fifty years as artificial light and technology became more common. He believes there are ten times more people nowadays getting less than six hours sleep a night compared to fifty years ago.

Seven or eight hours a night is the ideal amount of sleep. Professor Goodwin has some tips to help improve the quality of our sleep. He suggests getting some daily exercise, turning off our computer screens and phones before bedtime, avoiding coffee after 2pm and even going to bed earlier if we feel tired!

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| <p>21. According to the text, how does sleep help us?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. It helps us to keep a routine.b. It helps our memory and learning.c. It helps us to use technology. <p>22. When did sleep problems begin, according to Professor Goodwin?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. In the last five years.b. In the last fifteen years.c. In the last fifty years. <p>23. What does the professor think is the cause of sleep problems?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Artificial light and technology.b. Going to bed late.c. Eating before bedtime. | <p>24. How much sleep should we get, according to the article?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Less than six hours.b. Seven or eight hours.c. It doesn't matter. <p>25. What can we do to improve our sleep?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Switch off our computers before bedtime.b. Drink coffee before bedtime.c. Do some exercises at bedtime. |
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Text 4

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

Kielder Water and Forest Park

Kielder Water lies close to the Scottish border, in the north of England. It is surrounded by Britain's largest forest. Kielder Water is the biggest man-made lake in the UK. As well as offering wonderful scenery, peace and quiet, Kielder provides a wide range of leisure opportunities to suit the interests of every visitor.

The beautiful lakeside and forest paths can best be explored on foot, bicycle or horseback and there are many routes to choose from. There is a programme of events and activities at Kielder throughout the year.

There are three main centres to visit as part of your Kielder experience. Leaplish Waterside Park is the main centre for most of Kielder's activity. As well as a lakeside restaurant, Leaplish offers an indoor swimming pool, crazy golf, cycle hire, a children's play area and a water sports centre.

At Tower Knowe Visitor Centre there is a shop and an exhibition which provides information on the fascinating history and development of the area.

Kielder Castle, which used to belong to the Duke of Northumberland, is now the Forest Visitor Centre with a craft shop and restaurant. The castle provides information on the forest.

26. **Where is Kielder Water, according to the text?**
- In the north of Scotland.
 - In the south of England.
 - In the north of England.
27. **The word "man-made" in paragraph 1 means?**
- Natural.
 - Artificial.
 - Beautiful.
28. **What does Kielder offer the visitor?**
- Beautiful scenery.
 - Wonderful food.
 - Good parking.
29. **Where could you hire a bike at Kielder?**
- Kielder Castle.
 - Tower Knowe Visitor Centre.
 - Leaplish Water Park.
30. **Where could you eat at Kielder, according to the text?**
- At Leaplish and Kielder Castle.
 - At all three visitor centres.
 - At Tower Knowe Visitor Centre only.
31. **Which word or phrase could best replace "fascinating" in paragraph 4?**
- Unbelievable.
 - Very interesting.
 - Exciting.



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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 75 - 100 for Task 1 and 100 - 125 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 |
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| 2 | |
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Option 1 Formal Writing Task 1 – Allow 30 minutes for this task.

Write an email to the local newspaper about your idea for a 10-kilometre walk which people could take part in to raise money for a local children's charity.

You could write about:

- when and where the walk could take place
- who could take part in the walk and how much it would cost to take part
- how the money raised could be used by the charity
- why you think such a charity event would be a good idea.

OR

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

Write an article for your school or work magazine about what they can do to become more environmentally friendly.

You could write about:

- recycling at school or work
- saving energy
- reducing litter
- travelling to school or work.

Write 75 - 100 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Write a letter to a friend about a recent holiday you had with your family.

You could write about:

- where and when you went on the holiday
- who went with you and how you got there
- what you did during the holiday
- your feelings about the time you spent on holiday with your family.

Write 100-125 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 B1



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