

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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| <p>1. a. I have a dog.
b. I have one sister.
c. I love animals.</p> <p>2. a. Yesterday evening.
b. At the bus station.
c. At half past two.</p> <p>3. a. She is my best friend.
b. Next door to me.
c. I have a lot of friends.</p> <p>4. a. Once a month.
b. It was a good film.
c. It is in the town centre.</p> <p>5. a. It is open every day.
b. It is free.
c. I don't have any money.</p> | <p>6. a. I have a lot of books.
b. I don't like this book.
c. I love the first Twilight book.</p> <p>7. a. I don't like coffee.
b. Yes please.
c. I am not hungry.</p> <p>8. a. It was very busy.
b. It was my birthday.
c. It was delicious.</p> <p>9. a. Yes, they are over there.
b. You need some stamps.
c. Sorry, we are closed.</p> <p>10. a. I don't feel very well.
b. I passed my exams.
c. I have too much 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

- 1. Why is Michelle calling Lucy?**
 - a. Lucy has been ill.
 - b. She wants to go on holiday with her.
 - c. She would like to meet her.
- 2. Where do they decide to go?**
 - a. To the theatre.
 - b. To the cinema.
 - c. To the beach.
- 3. Why does Michelle have two tickets?**
 - a. They were a Christmas present.
 - b. They were a birthday present.
 - c. Her sister didn't want them.
- 4. What time do they arrange to meet?**
 - a. At seven o'clock.
 - b. At half past seven.
 - c. At eight o'clock.
- 5. What will they do after the play?**
 - a. They will go swimming.
 - b. They will go home.
 - c. They will go to a restaurant.

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. Which train does the passenger want to travel on?**
 - a. The 2 o'clock train.
 - b. The 3 o'clock train.
 - c. The 10 o'clock train.
- 2. How much does the ticket cost?**
 - a. £22.
 - b. £32.
 - c. £42.
- 3. What is the passenger's seat number?**
 - a. 24.
 - b. 34.
 - c. 44.
- 4. Is the train going to be on time?**
 - a. Yes, it will arrive on time.
 - b. Yes, it is already in the station.
 - c. No, it is running a few minutes late.
- 5. Why is it better to go by bus to the hotel?**
 - a. The taxi will be expensive.
 - b. There are no taxis at the station.
 - c. The taxi does not go to the hotel.

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 and answers for both broadcasts.

Now listen to Broadcast 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 1

1. **How old is Nancy?**
 - a. She is 102.
 - b. She is 104.
 - c. She is 79.
2. **How many bedrooms does the house have?**
 - a. One.
 - b. Two.
 - c. Three.
3. **What did Nancy watch on TV?**
 - a. The first moon landing.
 - b. The weather forecast.
 - c. A football match.
4. **How much did her parents pay for the house?**
 - a. £100.
 - b. £200.
 - c. £300.
5. **What has changed in the house?**
 - a. There is a modern bathroom.
 - b. There is a modern kitchen.
 - c. There is a modern bedroom.
6. **Who is John?**
 - a. He is Nancy's father.
 - b. He is Nancy's husband.
 - c. He is Nancy's son.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

Now listen to Broadcast 2.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 2

1. **What will the weather be like next week?**
 - a. There will be snow and ice.
 - b. There will be rain and fog.
 - c. There will be sunshine and showers.
2. **Who could be in danger in very cold temperatures?**
 - a. Young children.
 - b. Old people.
 - c. The fit and healthy.
3. **How warm should your house be?**
 - a. 16 degrees.
 - b. 17 degrees.
 - c. 18 degrees.
4. **What is the government's advice to drivers?**
 - a. Make sure you drive slowly.
 - b. Stay at home if possible.
 - c. Travel by rail.
5. **What should you remember to have in your car?**
 - a. Blanket or warm clothes.
 - b. A map and a phone.
 - c. Juice or bottles of water.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

End of Examination.

ESOL International
English Reading Examination
Level B1 Intermediate

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.

In 2007, a 200 million year old dinosaur skeleton was discovered by a pet dog on a beach. The dog, called Raffle, was on a walk with his owner, Tracey. The skeleton is now on display at the Charmouth Museum on the south coast of England.	1
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Tracey is a dinosaur fossil hunter and quickly realised what her dog had found. She asked for permission to dig the skeleton up, which she did with the help of other fossil hunters. _____ then, it has taken experts sixteen years of preparation to get the skeleton of the dinosaur ready for display.	5
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The dinosaur, which is three metres long, is 70% complete, but the experts have made missing parts from the existing bones to create a complete skeleton. They have called the dinosaur Raffle, after the dog who found it.	10
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The dinosaur was a sea reptile with a long neck and powerful paddle-like flippers, which helped it to swim through water. It had very sharp teeth and mostly ate fish and shellfish.	14
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“There are only a few of these complete skeletons in the world, so this discovery was very important,” said Grant Field from the museum. “It’s the sort of thing you would see in the natural history museums in London or New York, so its amazing to have our own dinosaur here. Our centre is free to enter, so everyone can come and see Raffle the dinosaur.”	18
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1. **When did the dog find the skeleton?**
 - a. In 2000.
 - b. In 2017.
 - c. In 2007.

2. **Where did he find the skeleton?**
 - a. On the beach.
 - b. In the sea.
 - c. In a museum.

3. **How long did experts take to prepare the dinosaur for display?**
 - a. Fifteen years.
 - b. Sixteen years.
 - c. Twenty years.

4. **What is the name of the dinosaur?**
 - a. Raffle.
 - b. Grant.
 - c. Tracey.

5. **What does it cost to visit the museum?**
 - a. It costs €3.
 - b. It is free.
 - c. It is expensive.

6. **What word can replace 'discovered' on line 1?**
 - a. Found.
 - b. Damaged.
 - c. Displayed.

7. **Which line has a spelling mistake?**
 - a. Line 5.
 - b. Line 6.
 - c. Line 16.

8. **A word has been omitted from line 7. The word should be:**
 - a. However.
 - b. Although.
 - c. Since.

9. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 3.
 - b. Line 8.
 - c. Line 12.

10. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 11.
 - b. Line 20.
 - c. Line 21.

Text 2

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

Here are some interesting facts about the ancient historic city of York. It is located in the north of England and has a population of almost 200,000 people. It is about 280 kilometres north of London. The city was founded by the Romans almost two thousand years ago.	1
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York has a cathedral, which is known as York Minster. It is one of the biggest cathedrals in the world and took 250 years to build	6
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The narrow street, called the Shambles, is over one thousand years old. It is so narrow that the houses on either side nearly touch each other. The street is very popular with tourists because of its Harry Potter shop.	9
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The city has many museums, _____ the Jorvik Centre. This is home to exhibitions about the Vikings, who captured the city after the Romans had left.	13
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If you want somewhere to eat and drink, York has over 365 pubs and also the popular café called Betty's Tea Rooms, where you usually have to join a queue outside to wait for a table, because it is always busy.	16
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York is famous as an old railway city. It has a beautiful station building. Right next door to the station are the National Railway Museum, where you can find the world's largest collection of historic trains and engines. There you can see The Flying Scotsman, one of the most famous steam engines ever built.	20
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11. **How many people live in York?**
a. Nearly 200,000.
b. More than 200,000.
c. 200,000 people.
12. **What is York Minster?**
a. It is a museum.
b. It is a station.
c. It is a cathedral.
13. **Where is the Harry Potter shop?**
a. Near the cathedral.
b. In the Shambles.
c. Next to the station.
14. **You have to wait at Betty's because:**
a. It is very busy.
b. It is not popular.
c. It is occasionally open.
15. **The Flying Scotsman is:**
a. The station building.
b. A steam engine.
c. A railway museum.
16. **There is a spelling error on:**
a. Line 6.
b. Line 10.
c. Line 14.
17. **There is a punctuation error on:**
a. Line 3.
b. Line 7.
c. Line 16.
18. **'Narrow' on line 9 means:**
a. Not very wide.
b. Not very tall.
c. Not very small.
19. **Which word is missing from line 13?**
a. Obviously.
b. Indeed.
c. Including.
20. **There is a grammar error on:**
a. Line 3.
b. Line 16.
c. Line 21.

Text 3

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

Job Opportunity

We are looking for a hardworking and keen person to join our team at our restaurant in Greendale Garden Centre. In this role, the successful candidate will play an important part in the daily running of the restaurant service.

The main duties will be to take customers' orders for food and drinks and to serve them at the tables. You will also help with clearing the tables and washing dishes.

We have part-time and full-time positions available. We pay a salary of £11 an hour. A full-time position will be 40 hours a week.

The ideal candidate will have previous experience of working in a bistro, café or restaurant, although this is not essential as full training will be provided when you start the job. You must be able to work alone and as part of a large team and be a friendly, honest and reliable person. You will sometimes have to work at the weekend.

To apply for this job, please send us a copy of your CV together with a letter explaining why you would be a good candidate for this job. Please address your letter to The Manager at Greendale Garden Centre. You can also apply online, via our website.

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| <p>21. Where is this job?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. In a restaurant.b. In a garden.c. In a shopping centre. <p>22. How much will you be paid?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. £10 an hour.b. £11 an hour.c. £14 an hour. <p>23. What will be provided when you start?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Food.b. Workwear.c. Training. | <p>24. What kind of person must you be?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Friendly and reliable.b. Experienced.c. A manager. <p>25. How can you apply for this job?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. By telephone.b. By letter or online.c. By letter only. |
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Text 4

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

My Move to England

Hello, my name is Maria. I was six years old when my parents decided to move to England with me and my sister. I was born in Madrid in Spain.

Although I speak Spanish with my family, when I came to England, I had to learn English because I had to go to school and get used to living here.

When I came to England for the first time, it was really different because I had been used to the hot climate in Spain. It was raining and cold in England.

The first place we lived was a little flat in Manchester, but when my brother was born, we had to move to a bigger flat. I started going to high school when I was 12, and there I met my best friend, who is from Venezuela. She couldn't speak English very well at first, so my teacher asked me to help her. I had to translate from English into Spanish for her, and when she spoke to me in Spanish, I would tell the teacher what she said.

I would love to visit Spain one day, but I don't think I want to live there now because I would miss Manchester and all the friends that I have made here.

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| <p>26. How old was Maria when she came to England?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">One.Six.Twelve. <p>27. Does she speak English with her family?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">No, she speaks Spanish.No, she speaks French.Yes, she speaks only English. <p>28. What did she find out about England?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">It was very hot.It was raining and cold.The climate was different to Spain. | <p>29. When did they move to a bigger flat?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">When they first came to England.When Maria started school.When Maria's brother was born. <p>30. She had to help her friend at school because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">She was her best friend.Her friend didn't speak English.Her friend was from Spain too. <p>31. What would she miss if she went back to Spain?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">All her friends.Her family.Her teacher at school. |
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End of Examination.



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English Writing Examination
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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information above.

You must write 75 - 100 words 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.

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

You and your family have recently enjoyed a lovely holiday at a hotel in London. Write a review about your stay in this hotel.

You could write about:

- where the hotel was and why the area was good
- how many nights you spent there
- what the food was like
- why you would recommend this hotel to other visitors.

OR

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

You have not been able to complete your homework. Write an email to your teacher and explain why.

You could write about:

- the reason you are writing the email
- why you could not finish your work
- what help you may need
- how much extra time you need.

Write 75 - 100 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Write a letter to your friend in England. Tell them about your favourite place to visit at the weekend.

You could write about:

- what type of place it is
- what you like to do there
- who you like to go with
- what is the best thing about it.

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.



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