

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.

Complete the information above.

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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| <p>1. a. Yes, it will arrive in the afternoon.
b. Yes, I signed for it at 3pm.
c. Yes, I posted it myself.</p> <p>2. a. From that lovely little bakery on the square.
b. You can buy them fresh in the morning.
c. I'm new to the neighbourhood.</p> <p>3. a. Meetings always start on time.
b. The meeting starts at 9.30.
c. I'll let the manager know.</p> <p>4. a. I recommend the wildcat enclosure.
b. Usually in the spring.
c. When you have reserved your place.</p> <p>5. a. When I next get paid.
b. The travel agents is closed.
c. I haven't got my passport.</p> | <p>6. a. The luggage store is on your right.
b. Do you have much luggage?
c. Do you want me to pick it up?</p> <p>7. a. Does it feel too tight?
b. No, it looks fine.
c. I like a striped shirt.</p> <p>8. a. That is absolutely fine.
b. Are you bringing the food?
c. The doors open at seven.</p> <p>9. a. I went twice last month.
b. I don't like the theatre.
c. I could pay for the tickets.</p> <p>10. a. Sure, I'm good at arranging photos.
b. Sure, when do you need me?
c. I have a diploma in photography.</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 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. Who has an answering machine?**
 - a. Jack.
 - b. Kate.
 - c. Fran.
- 2. Where has Fran moved to?**
 - a. Queens Gardens.
 - b. Kew Gardens Road.
 - c. Queens Road.
- 3. What does Jack give?**
 - a. Good time frames.
 - b. A lot of his time.
 - c. Time-served work.
- 4. When will Fran call them?**
 - a. In the afternoon.
 - b. In the evening.
 - c. In the morning.
- 5. How does Fran describe the price they paid for the house?**
 - a. Like hen's teeth.
 - b. Knock down.
 - c. Ripe for development.

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 is Sylvia's lasting memory of Faro?**
 - a. The parades and bands.
 - b. The patterned cobbled streets.
 - c. The International Bike Rally.
- 2. Which transport was on strike?**
 - a. The taxis.
 - b. The buses.
 - c. The trains.
- 3. David describes Sylvia's trip to Portugal as:**
 - a. A whistle-stop tour.
 - b. A fantastic experience.
 - c. The finest visit.
- 4. Where is the Palace of Pena located?**
 - a. North of Sintra.
 - b. Above Sintra.
 - c. Around Sintra.
- 5. Where did Sylvia stay in Lisbon?**
 - a. The Faroma district.
 - b. The Pastel district.
 - c. The Alfama district.

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. What is the main point of this debate?**
 - Older people have more life skills.
 - Older people have more wisdom than younger people.
 - Evaluating research into the key to wisdom.
- 2. What does the host say takes copious years to gain?**
 - A deeper insight.
 - Moral guidance.
 - Life skills.
- 3. What did George Hegel believe?**
 - Nature gives us an advantage.
 - Older people are society's problem.
 - Age gives us the freedom to reflect.
- 4. What does Maryam suggest gives younger people more insight earlier?**
 - Life experiences.
 - The invention of the internet.
 - Going to university.
- 5. What does Maryam say is at our fingertips?**
 - Freedom from daily labours.
 - Previous generations.
 - Information about society.
- 6. Which university does Maryam attend?**
 - Leeds.
 - Chicago.
 - Germany.

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 point of the discussion?**
 - Creating a new business.
 - Training an entrepreneur needs.
 - Qualities that make a good entrepreneur.
- 2. What is the first suggested trait?**
 - Honesty.
 - Self-discipline.
 - Strength.
- 3. What do the best entrepreneurs want?**
 - To try new things.
 - To be able to change.
 - To learn more.
- 4. What should you read?**
 - Market research.
 - The latest news.
 - The delivery boxes.
- 5. What do you need self-discipline for?**
 - To stay motivated.
 - To go to bed early.
 - To control your money.

Now listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

End of Examination.

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English Reading Examination

Level C1 Advanced

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 **75 minutes** to finish the examination.

Text 1

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

<u>Woodpeckers</u>	1
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If you are fortunate to be walking in the countryside on a sunny morning, you might hear a tapping sound. Believe it or not, this is a woodpecker. Amazingly, there are more than 200 species of woodpeckers across the world. Sadly, and rather dissapointingly, in the UK we only have three.	3
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Being tiny or large and found in an assortment of colours, they are certainly captivating to see. They have a round head, lengthy tongue and four divided toes. These allow them to hold onto branches better, as two face forwards and two face backwards.	8
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The Green Woodpecker is the most distinct sort. I recall the first occasion I came across one. I was taking a stroll in the woods near my house when I heard their striking call. This bizarre sound resembles a laughing noise. They are easily missed, but I had my trusty binoculars. I enjoy _____ through nature magazines and had recently discovered, that when locating a Green Woodpecker, always search for a dead tree. It's where they prefer to build their nests. If I didn't of remembered that, I never would have spotted the well camouflaged bird.	13
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Green Woodpeckers are the largest of their species and the most widespread in the UK. Luckily, they aren't endangered. Their choice of cuisine is solely ants, so they tend to be seen scuttling around on the ground. Make sure to look out for their black moustache. The males moustache contains a red centre. That's how you identify the difference in genders.	22
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Unlike other bird species such as geese, as a whole, woodpeckers don't migrate. They can be spotted all year round throughout England and Wales. On occasion, you can even find them as far north as Southern Scotland. Wherever there is short grass, you might get lucky, as it's the perfect habitat to witness these fascinating birds. You could also glimpse them in parks and even in your garden. Happy bird watching everyone.	29
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1. **Woodpeckers can be seen all year round in:**
 - a. England.
 - b. Scotland.
 - c. Ireland.

2. **How does the reader describe the sound of the woodpecker call?**
 - a. Noisy.
 - b. Scuttling.
 - c. Bizarre.

3. **How many types of food do Green Woodpeckers eat?**
 - a. One.
 - b. Two.
 - c. Three.

4. **Which identifying feature is mentioned?**
 - a. A narrow tongue.
 - b. Split toes.
 - c. A rectangular head.

5. **Which statement about Green Woodpeckers is true?**
 - a. They are hard to see.
 - b. They are easy to see.
 - c. They can be easily seen flying.

6. **What is the meaning of the word 'scuttling' on line 24?**
 - a. Walking.
 - b. Rambling.
 - c. Dashing.

7. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 14.
 - b. Line 17.
 - c. Line 25.

8. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 19.
 - b. Line 22.
 - c. Line 29.

9. **The most suitable word to fill the gap on line 16 is:**
 - a. Surfing.
 - b. Browsing.
 - c. Observing.

10. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 6.
 - b. Line 13.
 - c. Line 15.

Text 2

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

<u>Cadbury's taster</u>	1
Are you looking for a new dynamic and illustrious role? Have a passion for food? Think you'd excel at modifying a popular everyday product?	2
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We are delighted to announce a vacancy has arisen in our product team. Working closely with the design department and manufacturing unit, this is your chance to change a beloved British necessity. We are seeking an enthusiastic chocolate lover to sample and modify our 'Pluto' bars.	6
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Cadbury is an established company across the world. Our chocolate is like no other, from the 'Jupiter' white chocolate to the bars of 'Saturn.' Our factory, located just south of Birmingham, opened in 1990. We receive over 500,000 visitors a year. Imagine, you could be the first to sample these luscious new bars.	11
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Rather than offering our usual temporary contract, we are prepared to employ you on a permanent basis. To start with: it is part-time, but we hope it will have become a full-time role by 2025.	16
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Once your position has been confirmed, we will offer you specific role training. However, we will only accept applicants who have already completed a first aid training course.	20
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To be successful, you should have had experience working within the food and beverage industry in a non-customer-facing role. We require someone who has experience providing objective and constructive feedback.	24
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The closing date is 1 st February, with interviews taking place online the week after. The role will hopefully begin towards the end of the month.	28
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To apply for this position, you need to submit your application on our website. Please make sure you complete your application anonymously; you don't have to include any personal information. Make sure to answer all the questions, including why you wish to join the company and which chocolate is your favourite. The _____ word limit is 200 words for each question.	31
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Please note, it is impossible for us to contact every applicant due to overwhelming numbers.	37
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11. **What information should you include in the application?**
 - a. Name.
 - b. Experience.
 - c. Address.
12. **Which statement is true? The role is:**
 - a. Part-time and temporary.
 - b. Full time and permanent.
 - c. Part-time and permanent.
13. **Why can the company only respond to a limited number of applications?**
 - a. Due to a high volume of candidates.
 - b. They are on a tight deadline.
 - c. There's a maximum word count.
14. **What team will the applicant be working with?**
 - a. Manufacturing.
 - b. Design.
 - c. Product.
15. **What is the main purpose of the text?**
 - a. To tell you about Cadbury.
 - b. To advertise a vacancy.
 - c. To promote the company.
16. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 24.
 - b. Line 21.
 - c. Line 20.
17. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 6.
 - b. Line 12.
 - c. Line 16.
18. **Which word could replace 'like no other' on line 11?**
 - a. Unique.
 - b. Specific.
 - c. Identical.
19. **The most suitable word to fill the gap on line 34 is:**
 - a. Extreme.
 - b. Maximum.
 - c. Greatest.
20. **There is a punctuation mistake on:**
 - a. Line 3.
 - b. Line 9.
 - c. Line 17.

Text 3

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

A legend of the game

To any upcoming TV presenter, look no further than Sue Barker as a role model. She is a familiar household name, having worked for BBC Sport since 1993, covering a variety of sports including snooker and horse racing. Her friendly and enthusiastic approach has gained global admiration, particularly within the tennis world. As a former pro in the sport, she went on to be the face of Wimbledon, the UK's biggest tennis tournament. This is despite her not winning any tournaments during her playing career. She presented the programme for 19 years before retiring in 2022.

Eight-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer, a legend of the game, chatted with Barker during her final Wimbledon coverage. He emphasised how much she would be missed, at the same time mentioning the exceptional work she had done over the years. He also briefly referred to the impact Barker has had on his life. Barker, brought to tears by these thoughtful words, acknowledged it was the right time in her life to concentrate on other things.

It wasn't just tennis she presented however, she once hosted 'Question of Sport,' a quiz show with athletes from across the sporting world, including snooker and football. Sadly, after 24 years she was dismissed, as the producers had decided they needed to modernise the programme. Ultimately, this proved controversial. Barker's knowledge of sport is profound and not just confined to tennis. Participants on the show were all unanimous in praising her. Rugby star Matt Dawson claimed that Barker should have been given the chance to leave the programme when she was ready.

Meanwhile, in her personal life, Barker has been married to her husband since 1988 and is currently living in Cornwall, in the south of England.

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| <p>21. Why did the Question of Sport producers dismiss Barker?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. She had little sporting knowledge.b. To update the style of the show.c. She fell out with the guests. <p>22. Which kind of text is this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Explanatory.b. Persuasive.c. Biographical. <p>23. Which sport did Sue Barker play professionally?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Tennis.b. Snooker.c. Football. | <p>24. What was the focus of Roger Federer's comments?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Barker's interest in sport.b. How she would be missed.c. Her life in Cornwall. <p>25. Barker is respected across the world for her:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Knowledge of different sports.b. Famous professional career.c. Kind and passionate approach. |
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Text 4

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

London's museums

Of London's 170 museums, we've selected three that should be on everyone's itinerary.

The Tate Modern

There are many art galleries to choose from in the capital, but there aren't any more iconic than The Tate Modern. Having awe-inspiring modern exhibits such as sculptures, it's no wonder upwards of six million people visit it annually. Its fame is unmatched, with art from over fifty countries all placed together in chronological order. Over the years, the museum has contained statues, however they have recently been replaced by paintings. Every week, one painting is specially chosen and displayed outdoors to the public.

The National History Museum

If art isn't your thing, visit the renowned National History Museum. It contains eighty million items spread out across ten different sections based on their history.

If you are an exclusive member, you can access the Photography exhibit. As a result of extensive renovation, the permanent exhibition will be moving in 2025. Although it's estimated it will cost the museum millions, it will receive funding from the government. By the end of the decade, it's predicted the museum will have hit the government's six million visitors a year target.

The British Museum

If you are interested in Britain's lost treasures and its culture, make sure to visit The British Museum. The galleries are split up, with each section relating to a different location. The museum sees practically six million visitors a year. The museum also puts on free special events for the public.

If you'd like to receive more information about the museums in London, contact our products consultant, James Smith. He has been living in the capital for twenty years. He had previously been employed as a guide before starting work with us. He hopes in the future to become an exhibition designer.

26. **Why is one of the exhibits in the National History Museum relocating?**
- Upgrading of buildings.
 - Rising costs of the exhibit.
 - A lack of funding.
27. **Which museum is divided up geographically?**
- The National History Museum.
 - The Tate Modern.
 - The British Museum.
28. **Which museum receives the least amount of visitors each year?**
- The National History Museum.
 - The Tate Modern.
 - The British Museum.
29. **What did the Tate Modern use to exhibit?**
- Paintings.
 - Statues.
 - Sculptures.
30. **What was James Smith's first role?**
- Guide.
 - Consultant.
 - Designer.
31. **Who can access a special exhibit in The National History Museum?**
- The general public.
 - Exclusive members.
 - Government visitors.

End of Examination.



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English Writing Examination

Level C1 Advanced

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information above.

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 letter of complaint to the manager of your gym. You are unhappy that the price of your membership has increased, while the level of customer service has reduced.

You could write about:

- what the gym used to be like
- which facilities have not been repaired
- the change in attitude of staff
- improvements expected by your next payment.

OR

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

Your council want to close the local community centre. This is used by many groups. Write a report for your local council showing the benefits of keeping the centre open.

You could write about:

- who uses the centre
- the advantages of keeping the centre open
- the impact of the closure
- suggestions on how it could be saved.

Write 150 - 200 words.

(12 Marks)

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

Write an email to your friend and tell them about someone who has been inspirational in your life.

You could write about:

- who they are in relation to you
- what words or actions inspired you
- how they have had an influence on your life
- what you wish to achieve as a result of their influence.

Write 250 - 300 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 Writing – Level C1



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