

ESOL International

English Listening Examination

Level C2 Proficient

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 **40 minutes** to finish the examination.

Part 1

You will hear ten sentences twice.

Look at 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. I had no idea it was famous.
b. I'm sure it happened like it did last time.
c. I think it will be sometime next month.</p> <p>2. a. No, it was before the summer.
b. No, not even when I'm on summer holiday!
c. Yes, it's never been this like this!</p> <p>3. a. The weather makes it grow so quickly!
b. Is it because of the rain we are expecting?
c. The lack of rain has stopped it growing.</p> <p>4. a. The washing machine is empty.
b. I will put them in the washing machine now.
c. Can I put it in the washing machine for you?</p> <p>5. a. The nurse has finished for the day.
b. The nurse is nearly ready and will call for you soon.
c. The nurse is unavailable at the moment.</p> | <p>6. a. Of course, did you buy a lot?
b. It looks like there was a sale on.
c. There is so much shopping, will you manage by yourself?</p> <p>7. a. Not at all, it is quite warm isn't it.
b. Yes, I wish it would rain.
c. No problem, as it is locked.</p> <p>8. a. Good idea, I would like to go.
b. No, I don't like getting hot!
c. Yes, I would like to take a walk.</p> <p>9. a. Yes, are you studying together!
b. Yes, do you have a lot to do?
c. Yes, I am too eager to learn!</p> <p>10. a. Are you sure it is on?
b. I did switch it on.
c. Sorry I thought I had turned it off!</p> |
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Part 2

You will now hear two conversations. You will hear them twice.

You have two minutes to look at the questions for both conversations.

Now listen to **Conversation 1**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. **What does Rosie want to buy her sister?**
 - a. A carved wooden box.
 - b. A piece of jewellery.
 - c. A lime cake.

2. **What does Bella's brother like?**
 - a. Handcrafted balls.
 - b. Handcrafted bells.
 - c. Handcrafted bowls.

3. **Why doesn't Bella want to eat Sushi?**
 - a. It's not filling.
 - b. It's not appetising.
 - c. It's raw.

4. **Why is Rosie keen to go to the Spanish olive bar?**
 - a. She hasn't eaten anything Spanish for a long time.
 - b. She fancies eating some olives and garlic bread.
 - c. She hasn't eaten her breakfast yet.

5. **What do Bella and Rosie both need?**
 - a. Breakfast.
 - b. Money.
 - c. A lift.

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. **Which model of caravan is heavier?**
 - a. The Deluxe model.
 - b. The Supreme model.
 - c. They both weigh the same.

2. **Why is the Supreme caravan longer?**
 - a. It has additional storage space in the bedroom.
 - b. It has a bigger kitchen.
 - c. It has a storage compartment at the back.

3. **How much does the delivery cost?**
 - a. 750 Euros including VAT and connection of services.
 - b. 715 Euros including VAT and connection of services.
 - c. 715 Euros including VAT only.

4. **How much discount is being offered on fixtures and fittings?**
 - a. 5%.
 - b. 9%.
 - c. High percentage.

5. **Which of these additional fixtures and fittings is not mentioned?**
 - a. Caravan steps and cooling boxes.
 - b. Gas fire and cooking boxes.
 - c. Window blinds and Fire safety equipment.

Listen the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3 – Debate and Discussion

You will hear a debate and a discussion.

You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to 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?**
 - a. People's misuse of American and British English.
 - b. People's disregard for the rules of written language.
 - c. People's avoidance to write letters.
2. **What does Mike say about punctuation?**
 - a. We should make sure the comma and apostrophe are in the right place.
 - b. We should put a lot of effort into mixing American and British spellings.
 - c. We should relax spelling rules.
3. **What was the problem with writing, before we had spelling rules?**
 - a. Everyone spelt words exactly how they sounded.
 - b. People didn't know how to write.
 - c. People couldn't read the writing.
4. **According to Mike, what should people do?**
 - a. Not worry about grammar and punctuation.
 - b. Embrace the rules of grammar and punctuation.
 - c. Self-correct our emails and texts.
5. **What makes Jenny really angry?**
 - a. When people misunderstand what she is writing.
 - b. When people don't use possessive apostrophes correctly.
 - c. When people confuse American and English spellings.
6. **What contributes towards lazy grammar and spelling?**
 - a. People are short-sighted.
 - b. Technological software checks it for us.
 - c. We don't use a pen to write anymore.

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?**
 - a. The definition of art.
 - b. The production of art.
 - c. The importance of art.
2. **According to the discussion, what is art?**
 - a. Something that you can admire and put on display.
 - b. Something that you can see the beauty in.
 - c. Something that you can relate to emotionally.
3. **Which art is classed as 'low art'?**
 - a. A Constable painting of the countryside.
 - b. A black square in a yellow circle.
 - c. A pile of bricks.
4. **According to the discussion, which is true about art?**
 - a. We have to see it to understand it.
 - b. We have to look beyond what we see to understand it.
 - c. We have to compare it with something else to understand it.
5. **What does the black square in the yellow circle signify for Alex?**
 - a. Escapism.
 - b. Freedom.
 - c. Entrapment.

Listen to the discussion again and check your answers.