

ESOL International

English Listening Examination

Level C2 Proficient

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 **blue** or **black** 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. Why do you need a new one?
b. It's a new one.
c. Why don't you get a new one?</p> <p>2. a. They're full of sugar.
b. Yes they're not bad at all.
c. Yes, they're delicious cookies.</p> <p>3. a. I thought you'd paid it last month?
b. What's the bill for?
c. Is this the first bill you've had?</p> <p>4. a. Why do you want a CCTV camera?
b. Where do you want to put it?
c. Are you sure you want to do that?</p> <p>5. a. What do you want me to do?
b. I can't, I've hurt my arm.
c. Where shall I put them?</p> | <p>6. a. Oh no, can't you return them?
b. Be careful you'll break them!
c. They're nice, what's the problem?</p> <p>7. a. When do you want to go out?
b. Yes, Saturday is good.
c. Great idea! Where shall we go?</p> <p>8. a. We don't replace zips.
b. Yes, if you've got the original receipt.
c. When did the jumper break?</p> <p>9. a. I didn't know you could speak Spanish.
b. When did you decide to learn Spanish.
c. It's good to learn another language.</p> <p>10. a. You can use it now.
b. I've sent an email.
c. I haven't been using it.</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 **Conversation 1**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. **What does the customer want?**
 - a. To rent a flat.
 - b. To hire a flat.
 - c. To buy a flat.

2. **What is in the bathroom?**
 - a. A bath and shower.
 - b. A bath and toilet.
 - c. A toilet and shower.

3. **How old is the flat?**
 - a. It is a new flat.
 - b. It is a fairly new flat.
 - c. It is an old flat.

4. **Why is the flat a good price?**
 - a. Because it is in a good area.
 - b. Because the owners want to sell the flat quickly.
 - c. Because it is a modern flat.

5. **What would the customer like the owners to do?**
 - a. Sell the flat quickly.
 - b. Consider taking less money for the flat.
 - c. Meet them at the flat at 11 am.

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 main problem with the grass?**
 - a. It grows too quickly.
 - b. It has a lot of moss.
 - c. There are too many weeds.

2. **What is growing out of shape?**
 - a. The neighbour's hedge.
 - b. The neighbour's veg.
 - c. The neighbour's ledge.

3. **What colour is the shed going to be?**
 - a. It will be pink.
 - b. It will be green.
 - c. It will be brown.

4. **What is the problem with owning a shed?**
 - a. It gets filled up with junk.
 - b. It gets filled up with furniture.
 - c. It gets filled up with tools.

5. **Why does the neighbour want a shed?**
 - a. To make some furniture in it.
 - b. To put his tools in it.
 - c. To do a carpentry course in it.

Listen to 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 watch too much TV.
 - b. There are too many repetitious programmes on TV.
 - c. People don't like quiz programmes.
- 2. How many people enjoy watching cooking, crime and quizzes on TV?**
 - a. More than 400 out of 500 people.
 - b. 400 people.
 - c. Less than 400 out of 500 people.
- 3. What is the problem with trying to watch other non-mainstream TV channels?**
 - a. They are unavailable.
 - b. Not a lot of them are freely available.
 - c. There are too many of them.
- 4. What is wrong with mainstream TV?**
 - a. It isn't very intellectually stimulating.
 - b. The TV aerial reception is poor.
 - c. There are too many documentaries.
- 5. What is a history buff?**
 - a. Someone who hates history.
 - b. Someone who makes history programmes.
 - c. Someone who loves history.
- 6. In the discussion, who can enjoy watching 'University Challenge' on TV?**
 - a. Only university students can enjoy watching it.
 - b. A lot of people can enjoy watching it.
 - c. Everyone can enjoy watching it.

Now listen to the **Discussion**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. What is the main point of the discussion?**
 - a. To compare a paper book with a kindle.
 - b. To summarise the advantages of reading paper books.
 - c. To explore the problems with using a kindle.
- 2. According to the discussion, what can you do with a book that you can't do with a kindle?**
 - a. Turn a page.
 - b. Smell the new pages.
 - c. Carry it around with you.
- 3. According to the discussion, what does a kindle encourage people to do?**
 - a. Read more books.
 - b. Change their moods.
 - c. Not read a book from start to finish.
- 4. According to the discussion, what can you do with a kindle?**
 - a. Alter the colour of the pages.
 - b. Fold the corners of the pages down.
 - c. Write in the margins.
- 5. Which of these is true?**
 - a. You don't have to charge up a kindle.
 - b. You can't dip in and out of a book.
 - c. You can't display the books in a kindle on a shelf.

Listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

Listen to the debate again and check your answers.