

**ESOL International
English Listening Examination**

Level B2 Independent User

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: 30

You have **30 minutes** to finish the examination.

Part 1

You will hear ten sentences twice. Choose the best reply in each situation.

Now look at the answers. You have two minutes to read the answers.

Now listen to the sentences and select the best answer. Mark the answer on the mark sheet.

1.
 - a. I think the ability to work under pressure is essential.
 - b. I think being tall is essential.
 - c. I think being attractive is essential.
 - d. I think you need to be over thirty.

2.
 - a. What would you watch?
 - b. What did you watch?
 - c. What will you watch?
 - d. What had you watch?

3.
 - a. Yes, they are decreasing.
 - b. Yes, they are going down.
 - c. Yes, they are falling.
 - d. Yes, they are going up.

4.
 - a. I lent it from my sister.
 - b. I rented it from my sister.
 - c. I borrowed it from my sister.
 - d. I loaned it to my sister.

5.
 - a. They said they never won anything before.
 - b. They said they had never won anything before.
 - c. They said they never won nothing before.
 - d. They said they had never won nothing before.

6. a. Yes, the whole area was damaged.
 b. Yes, the whole area were damaged.
 c. Yes, the whole area are damaged.
 d. Yes, the whole area have been damaged.
7. a. If I will pass my exams, I will be so happy.
 b. If I pass my exams, I will be so happy.
 c. If I would pass my exams I will be so happy.
 d. If I could pass my exams I will be so happy.
8. a. I work here for five years.
 b. I worked here for five years.
 c. I am working here for five years.
 d. I've been working here for five years.
9. a. Yes, he likes it, isn't he?
 b. Yes, he likes it, doesn't he?
 c. Yes, he hates it doesn't he?
 d. Yes, he hates it, isn't he?
10. a. Really, I thought you liked them.
 b. Really? I thought you have liked them.
 c. Really I thought you are liking them.
 d. Really? I thought you were liking them.

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 to the questions on the mark sheet.

Conversation 1

1. What instrument has Chris invented?
 - a. Chromatic guitar
 - b. Chromatic harp
 - c. Chromatic saxophone
 - d. Chromatic violin

2. His piece The Wonderland was inspired by:
 - a. His daughter
 - b. His wife
 - c. His mother
 - d. His great grandchildren

3. According to the conversation, which sentence is true?
 - a. Chris has never performed before.
 - b. Chris has performed for small audiences.
 - c. Chris has performed with an orchestra.
 - d. Chris does not like performing.

4. How long has Chris worked on the Min?
 - a. One year
 - b. Five years
 - c. Seven years
 - d. Ten years

5. What do people think of his new instrument?
 - a. They do not accept it.
 - b. They are unsure about it.
 - c. They do not think it is a good idea.
 - d. They like the sound of it.

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to Conversation 2. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 2

1. Where is Shirley from?
 - a. France
 - b. The UK
 - c. The USA
 - d. Australia

2. Which statement is true?
 - a. She has four children.
 - b. She is married to a pop star.
 - c. She had four husbands.
 - d. She designed 500 dresses.

3. What is her favourite fragrance?
 - a. Roses
 - b. Primroses
 - c. Spring
 - d. Flowers

4. Shirley used to like playing tricks on her:
 - a. Sister
 - b. Grandfather
 - c. Dad
 - d. Grandmother

5. What does she mean by saying 'tenacity pays off'?
 - a. You should love your children.
 - b. You should pay your bills.
 - c. You should never give up.
 - d. You should never say sorry.

Listen the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3

You will now hear two radio broadcasts. You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to look at the questions for both radio broadcasts.

Now listen to Broadcast 1.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Broadcast 1

1. What does ONS stand for?
 - a. Official National State
 - b. Office for National Statistics
 - c. Office for Nation Status
 - d. Officer for National Security

2. How many divorces were noted in 2012?
 - a. 118, 114
 - b. 118, 140
 - c. 180, 114
 - d. 180, 140

3. The numbers quoted are for which region?
 - a. The UK
 - b. Great Britain
 - c. England
 - d. England and Wales

4. What is the average age of people getting divorced?
 - a. In their 30s
 - b. In their 40s
 - c. In their 50s
 - d. In their 60s

5. What is meant by 'empty nest syndrome'?
 - a. Feeling lonely after grown up children leave home.
 - b. Feeling lonely after a divorce.
 - c. Feeling lonely in a marriage.
 - d. Feeling lonely after 60 years of age.

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 kind of energy is wind energy:
 - a. Renewable
 - b. Non-renewable
 - c. Reusable
 - d. Recyclable

2. Which two objections against wind farms are true?
 - a. They spoil the countryside and they are not clean.
 - b. They are expensive to run and spoil the countryside.
 - c. They are high in maintenance and emit poisonous gases.
 - d. They are expensive to run and produce waste.

3. What argument supports building wind farms?
 - a. They need regular maintenance.
 - b. They can be built anywhere.
 - c. They do not produce waste.
 - d. All of the above.

4. Which of these is a financial benefit of wind farms?
 - a. We don't have to buy in as much oil, gas and coal.
 - b. Wind farms do not impact in climate change.
 - c. They are expensive to build and maintain.
 - d. Nuclear power is more expensive than wind power.

5. The phrase 'traditional generating methods' means:
 - a. Energy produced by people at home.
 - b. Energy produced by small companies.
 - c. Energy produced by power plants.
 - d. Energy produced by wind farms.

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

End of Examination

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