

**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: 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 replies. You have two minutes to read the replies.

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

1.
 - a. I can see it's not rocket science.
 - b. I can see it's not science fiction.
 - c. No, I can see it's not too straightforward.
 - d. No, it's not a walk in the park.

2.
 - a. I told you it's the end of the rainbow.
 - b. You see every cloud has a silver lining.
 - c. Yes, the sky has no limit.
 - d. As I said let be gones be by gones.

3.
 - a. Yes, I think I'm getting down with flu.
 - b. Yes, I think I'm looking down with flu.
 - c. Yes, I think I'm setting down with flu.
 - d. Yes, I think I'm coming down with flu.

4.
 - a. I think his father tongue is Greek.
 - b. I think his mother tongue is Greek.
 - c. I think his country tongue is Greek.
 - d. I think his proper tongue is Greek.

5.
 - a. He can't have been at work, then.
 - b. He must have been at work, then.
 - c. He should be at work, then.
 - d. He may have been at work, then.

6. a. He got a golden beautiful box.
 b. He got beautiful golden box.
 c. He got a beautiful golden box.
 d. He got golden beautiful box.
7. a. I can't figure it down.
 b. I can't figure it on.
 c. I can't figure it over.
 d. I can't figure it out.
8. a. Yes, she takes after her.
 b. Yes, she looks down on her.
 c. Yes, she looks after her.
 d. Yes, she takes on her.
9. a. Me, too.
 b. Me, neither.
 c. Me, either.
 d. Me also.
10. a. Yes, he was furious.
 b. Yes, he was ecstatic.
 c. Yes, he was confused.
 d. Yes, he was devastated.

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 is Nina's childhood recollection?
 - a. Merging with nature.
 - b. Eating rye bread.
 - c. Travelling to kindergarten with her grandparent.
 - d. Meeting people.

2. What feature does Nina dislike in herself?
 - a. Her integrity
 - b. Being a perfectionist
 - c. Her humour
 - d. Being humble

3. According to the conversation, which statement is true?
 - a. Nina is allergic to cats.
 - b. Nina is allergic to dogs.
 - c. Nina is allergic to animals.
 - d. Nina is allergic to rhubarb.

4. Why does Nina like watching films?
 - a. Because she has nothing else to do.
 - b. Because she had no TV as a child.
 - c. Because her children like it.
 - d. Because she dislikes music.

5. Which of the following statements is true?
 - a. Nina hates music.
 - b. Nina dislikes children.
 - c. Nina dislikes nature.
 - d. Nina dislikes travelling.

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

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

Conversation 2

1. Jenifer is famous because she is:
 - a. A film star
 - b. A pop star
 - c. A comedian
 - d. A TV presenter

2. What challenge did Jenifer do?
 - a. 500 km of swimming.
 - b. 500 miles of cycling.
 - c. 500 miles of swimming, cycling and running.
 - d. 500 km of running and swimming and cycling.

3. What was Jenifer's most horrifying moment?
 - a. Swimming in the river.
 - b. Climbing a mountain.
 - c. Swimming in the lake.
 - d. Cycling in bad weather conditions.

4. What happened at Lake Windermere?
 - a. She had to go to hospital.
 - b. The weather conditions were treacherous.
 - c. Her husband came to stay with her.
 - d. Jenifer fainted.

5. Jenifer feels that:
 - a. Celebrities should not do challenges.
 - b. Celebrities should continue raising money this way.
 - c. It's too dangerous.
 - d. She regrets doing it.

Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3 - Debate and Discussion

You will now hear a debate and a discussion. You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to look at the questions for both the debate and the discussion.

Now listen to the Debate. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Debate

1. According to the conversation, why is there a congestion problem?
 - a. There are too many cars in our cities.
 - b. The streets are too wide.
 - c. Modern cities are badly designed.
 - d. People don't use their bicycles.

2. The councillor suggests that the most obvious solution to the problem is:
 - a. Do not drive any vehicles.
 - b. Use horses.
 - c. Build more roads.
 - d. Introduce one-way systems in all cities.

3. Which solution to traffic congestion is not mentioned?
 - a. Introduction of one-way systems.
 - b. Using public transport.
 - c. Riding bicycles.
 - d. Building more roads.

4. What is understood by a 'park and ride' scheme?
 - a. Leave your vehicle at home and use public transport.
 - b. Leave your car at the car park outside the town and use public transport.
 - c. Leave your car at the car park outside the town and use a bicycle.
 - d. Leave your car at home and use a bike or motorcycle instead.

5. Which statement, according to the councillor, is true?
 - a. Traffic congestion leads to pollution.
 - b. Traffic congestion makes people aggressive.
 - c. Everyone living in a city has to pay a congestion charge.
 - d. Everyone in a city has to use public transport.

Listen to the Debate again and check your answers.

Now listen to the Discussion. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. What is Crisis, as mentioned in the discussion?
 - a. A children's organisation
 - b. A charity organisation
 - c. A bankers' organisation
 - d. An organisation organising parties

2. How can people raise money for the cause?
 - a. Organise parties
 - b. Give donations at the parties
 - c. Organise events
 - d. Work at the shelter

3. Why does Jo support Crisis?
 - a. Because she was homeless once
 - b. Because she used to help in shelters
 - c. Because she thinks it's important to share with less fortunate
 - d. Because she likes parties

4. What is Jo's next project?
 - a. Perform in a play
 - b. Organise a party
 - c. Write a play
 - d. Work for the homeless

5. What makes Jo nervous?
 - a. Living in South London
 - b. Acting on the stage
 - c. Being booed off
 - d. Walking home at night

Listen to the Discussion again and check your answers.

End of Examination

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