

**ESOL International**

**English Listening Examination**

**Level B2 Independent User**

**Texts to be used with the examination.**

**These will be recorded and sent to the centre on a disk prior to the examination.**

**Instructions are written in underlined italics and should not be recorded.**

**The recording must be played to learners in full from start to finish.**

This is the NOCN ESOL International Independent User Level B2 Listening examination.

Please check that your name and other details are on your mark sheet.

The invigilator will have explained how to fill in the mark sheet.

Do not write on your examination paper.

Put your answers on the mark sheet.

The Listening examination will now begin.

## **Part 1**

You will hear ten sentences. Read the replies on your examination paper.

You have two minutes to read the replies on your examination paper.

### **Pause for two minutes**

Listen to the sentences. You will hear the sentences in full twice. Choose the best reply for the situation.

You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

### **Play the sentences**

1. Which anniversary are you celebrating?
2. What time is the morning train?
3. What pet are you getting?
4. The weather is cold.
5. I failed my driving test.
6. What kind of pasta do you like?
7. Would you like milk in your tea?
8. Which way is the train station?
9. I have lost my identity card. What should I do?
10. Would you like to come to my Halloween party?

### **Pause for five seconds after the first reading**

Now listen to the sentences again.

### **Play the sentences again**

Now check your answers. You have two minutes to check your answers.

### **Pause for two minutes after the second reading**

## Part 2 – Conversations

You will hear two conversations. Read the questions and answers on your examination paper for both conversations. You have two minutes to read them.

### Pause for two minutes

Listen to **Conversation 1**. You will hear the conversation twice. Answer the questions.

You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

### Play the conversation

<b>Interviewer:</b>	I'm pleased to welcome a special woman and amateur golfer to the studio today. Kim Seng, welcome to Radio Chatter.
<b>Kim:</b>	Hello David, it's a privilege to be here.
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Well Kim, you have some great achievements under your belt and you're only 17. When did this love of golf start?
<b>Kim:</b>	(Giggles) Thank you. Well...I loved watching golf on the television, back home in South Korea. Then my dad bought me some plastic golf clubs for Christmas when I was six.
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Did you just play in the garden or did you start having lessons?
<b>Kim:</b>	Initially, I just putted around the garden and then when my parents saw I was doing it every day for a few hours, they decided to send me for lessons at a local sports centre.
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Great! So when was your first junior tournament?
<b>Kim:</b>	I was fourteen when I won the Clubcorp Desert Junior, on Mother's Day. It was such a buzz! And then I became the first player to win both the U.S. Women's Amateur and U.S. Girl's Junior, last year. I started with a number 6 club when I began to play golf.
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Wow! A superstar in the making Kim. So what world ranking do you currently hold?
<b>Kim:</b>	I'm ranked second in the world after Sam Park, the American golfer. But the fantastic French golfer, Karine Penne, is snapping at my heels. (Giggles)
<b>Interviewer:</b>	You turn eighteen on Halloween, what does that mean for you as a golf amateur?
<b>Kim:</b>	I will be able to turn professional and compete in tournaments with the greatest women players in the world and hopefully start earning a living.
<b>Interviewer:</b>	Well Kim, thank you for coming in and I wish you all the luck in the world.

### Pause for five seconds after the first reading.

Now listen to the conversation again.

### Play the conversation again.

Now check your answers. You have two minutes to check your answers.

### Pause for two minutes after the second reading.

## **Part 2 – Conversations**

Listen to **Conversation 2**. You will hear the conversation twice. Answer the questions.

You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

### **Play the conversation**

<b>Officer:</b>	Good morning, what service do you require?
<b>Customer:</b>	The benefits office please.
<b>Officer:</b>	Is that the child, family or pension benefits office?
<b>Customer:</b>	It's the child benefits office, as I think my child benefit has been underpaid this month.
<b>Officer:</b>	OK, I'll just put you through to the right department.
<b>Customer:</b>	Thank you.
<b>Officer:</b>	Hello, you are through to Elaine, can you explain what the issue is?
<b>Customer:</b>	Yes. Well, usually I receive £120.00 a month for my two children and last month in July, I only received £68. I don't understand why there was a change.
<b>Officer:</b>	Ok. Can I just ask you a few security questions to confirm your identity first?
<b>Customer:</b>	Yes, sure.
<b>Officer:</b>	Could you tell me your mother's maiden name, your first pet's name and your favourite country?
<b>Customer:</b>	My mother's name was Wright. My first pet was called Tara and the country is Portugal.
<b>Officer:</b>	That's fine. Ok you have two children aged 12 and 16, is that correct?
<b>Customer:</b>	Yes.
<b>Officer:</b>	Ah. I can see where the issue is. Because your eldest has now reached 16 years of age, you are not able to claim child benefit for them anymore.
<b>Customer:</b>	But, she is still in full time education.
<b>Officer:</b>	Did you let the benefit office know that she was still in full time education?
<b>Customer:</b>	No. I just assumed they would know, as she hadn't started paying tax.
<b>Officer:</b>	Ok, not a problem. If you can send me written proof of her attending school to, 15 Charing Cross, Dundee, Scotland, we will reimburse you any money owing, which should be mmm...£52.00. If you haven't received it within two weeks, please let us know.
<b>Customer:</b>	That's fantastic! Thank you very much for all your help.

### **Pause for five seconds after the first reading.**

Now listen to the conversation again.

### **Play the conversation again.**

Now check your answers. You have two minutes to check your answers.

### **Pause for two minutes after the second reading.**

### **Part 3 – Broadcasts**

You will hear two broadcasts. Read the questions and answers on your examination paper for both broadcasts. You have two minutes to read them.

#### **Pause for two minutes**

Listen to **Broadcast 1**. You will hear the broadcast twice. Answer the questions.

You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

#### **Play the broadcast**

World Health Day is on 7<sup>th</sup> April and is celebrated all around the planet. An international agency, called, World Health Organisation, (WHO), is devoted to improving people's health all over the world and they have been doing this for over 60 years.

Today, in the UK, almost everyone has access to showers, toilets and water, enabling them to stay clean by the turn of a tap or the flush of a toilet. But in the past, staying clean was not that easy.

From 500BC to AD500, the Romans built public baths and communal public toilets, which were supplied with fresh water, along water channels, called aqueducts. But when the Roman Empire fell, a lot of their knowledge and skills were lost and for more than a thousand years, Europe had no proper sewers and limited clean water.

Towns and cities in historic Europe were some of the dirtiest in history, with waste being dumped in the streets, ditches and rivers, poisoning the water supply. Most towns did have public bathhouses, with people washing in huge wooden tubs, although some of the poorest would still wash in the rivers, when the weather was warmer, or after a particularly dirty job.

#### **Pause for five seconds after the first reading**

Now listen to the broadcast again.

#### **Play the broadcast again**

Now check your answers. You have two minutes to check your answers.

#### **Pause for two minutes after the second reading**

### **Part 3 – Broadcast 2**

Listen to **Broadcast 2**. You will hear the broadcast twice. Answer the questions.

You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

#### **Play the broadcast**

Spring sunshine this year has broken all records, which is good news for our solar energy suppliers.

On the afternoon of 25<sup>th</sup> March, the demand for electricity from fossil fuels such as coal and oil, was lower during the day than during the night. The reason for this is that solar panels had been able to supply more electricity than usual, because of the beautiful sunny weather across the country.

The bright sunshine on 25<sup>th</sup> March resulted in six times more electricity being produced by solar power, than the amount made by coal-fired power stations on this day. The National Grid, who oversees the supply around the UK, described this record as a ‘huge milestone’ for renewable energy.

March is one of the best times for collecting solar energy, this is because of the angle of the sun’s rays on the panels. The panels work best when they are not too hot.

In 2016, Europe’s biggest floating solar farm, around the same size as eight football pitches, was built on a reservoir near London’s Heathrow airport, taking advantage of that sunshine.

#### **Pause for five seconds after the first reading**

Now listen to the broadcast again.

#### **Play the broadcast again**

Now check your answers. You have two minutes to check your answers.

#### **Pause for two minutes after the second reading**

That is the end of the Listening examination.

Please check your mark sheet is completed correctly.

Put your pens down.

**End of Examination**

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