

ESOL International
English Listening Examination
Level C1 Advanced

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. Choose the best answer in each situation.

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

Now listen to the recording and select the best answer.

Mark the answer on the mark sheet.

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| <p>1. a. I've booked a flight to visit Amsterdam.
b. I shall be visiting in Amsterdam.
c. I had always wanted to visit Amsterdam.</p> <p>2. a. I believe so but I'm not sure about it leaving.
b. I think so, but I'm not entirely sure.
c. I understand it has left, but I may not be right.</p> <p>3. a. I think they had all been used.
b. Are you sure? I only bought it yesterday.
c. I needed them for a recipe.</p> <p>4. a. It's a useful thing to have.
b. What are you complaining about?
c. I don't like the noise.</p> <p>5. a. Tomorrow, in the morning.
b. On Thursday ready for 9am.
c. 2.30pm this afternoon.</p> | <p>6. a. It's all right, I've seen better ones.
b. Yes, it's a good fit.
c. Yes, can you return it?</p> <p>7. a. I can't believe it! It has only been installed 2 years ago!
b. Oh no! It's only been installed for 2 years!
c. Really? It was only installed recently!</p> <p>8. a. I shouldn't if I were you.
b. I would if I were you.
c. I could if I were you.</p> <p>9. a. Yes, he's had his food.
b. Yes, he doesn't like his food.
c. Yes, he's having his food.</p> <p>10. a. Oh no, I wonder why it's happened?
b. Oh no, I wondered what is happening?
c. Oh no, I wonder what has happened?</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 kind of flowers does Sacha's mother not like?**
 - Highly scented flowers.
 - Light pastel coloured flowers.
 - Brightly coloured flowers.
- 2. Which two flowers are suggested as 'accent' flowers?**
 - Pink lilies and red roses.
 - Green ferns and white gypsophilia.
 - Red carnations and roses.
- 3. Which flowers does Sacha buy?**
 - Pink lilies, red roses and red carnations.
 - Pink lilies, white lilies, red roses and red carnations.
 - Purple hyacinths, red roses and red carnations.
- 4. What is gypsophilia?**
 - Sprays of tiny green flowers.
 - Sprays of tiny pink flowers.
 - Sprays of tiny white flowers.
- 5. Which colour vase does Sacha choose?**
 - Clear glass.
 - White glass.
 - Pink glass.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

- 1. Does John enjoy his Italian classes?**
 - Yes.
 - Not always.
 - Definitely not.
- 2. What does John find difficult?**
 - Remembering what he has been taught.
 - Not making any progress at all.
 - Watching Italian films.
- 3. When exactly is John's Italian exam?**
 - In two weeks' time.
 - In one week's time.
 - In a few weeks' time.
- 4. May suggests John should:**
 - Practise speaking to Italian people online.
 - Practise listening to people speaking Italian online.
 - Practise reading Italian film subtitles online.
- 5. Which is true?**
 - May and John are planning to visit Italy soon.
 - May and John are both learning Italian.
 - May will translate Italian for John.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3 – Debate and discussion

You will now hear a debate and discussion. 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. The number of people going to hospital with diabetes.
 - b. Food safety guidelines.
 - c. Who should take responsibility for the amount of sugar people consume.
- 2. Which foods contain natural sugar?**
 - a. Dried fruit.
 - b. Bread.
 - c. Fruit juice.
- 3. According to the recording, which is false?**
 - a. A lot of adults are overweight.
 - b. Obesity causes different illnesses in the body.
 - c. Sugar is not addictive.
- 4. Which Government Department is responsible for regulating food?**
 - a. Food Safety Agency.
 - b. Food Standards Agency.
 - c. Food Statutory Agency.
- 5. Why do people get diabetes?**
 - a. There is not enough sugar in their diet.
 - b. It is not inherited from their parents.
 - c. They eat too much sugar and may have inherited diabetes.
- 6. What is a 'nanny' state?**
 - a. A government with no controls over what people do.
 - b. An over-protective government that interferes with people's choice.
 - c. A government that looks after people's health.

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. How much time schools spend on teaching for exams.
 - b. How much time schools spend on teaching the curriculum.
 - c. How much time schools spend on teaching physical education.
- 2. According to the discussion, what do most young people prefer to do?**
 - a. Log on to their computers.
 - b. Run around in the fresh air.
 - c. Play sport.
- 3. Who decides what happens in the school timetable?**
 - a. Individual schools.
 - b. The Department of Education.
 - c. Individual teachers.
- 4. According to the discussion, which is true?**
 - a. After school clubs always work.
 - b. After school clubs have been proven to be popular in some schools.
 - c. After school clubs are not supported by parents.
- 5. If children do not like sport, what classes does the school offer as an alternative?**
 - a. Aerobics.
 - b. Gym.
 - c. Swimming.

Listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

End of Examination B1 Intermediate Listening.

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Level C1 Intermediate

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Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on your mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use a pencil.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are 31 questions in this examination.

Answer all the questions.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Total marks available: **31**

You have **75 minutes** to finish the examination.

Text 1

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

<u>Mardi Gras Festival</u>	1
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The annual Mardi Gras Festival in New Orleans is one of the world’s biggest festivals. It is scheduled 47 days before Easter, and can occur on any Tuesday from February to March. Last year it included 54 parades and featured	3
1,061 floats, 588 marching bands, and more than 135,000 participants. The parade lasted for 204 hours.	4
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The floats are gigantic, elaborately decorated themes on platforms which are placed on wheels or trucks. They are handmade, often mystical creatures, animals or clowns, which are funny. The artists ride their own floats throwing beads to cheering crowds providing an entertaining and colourful spectacle.	9
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Mardi Gras is French for ‘Fat Tuesday’, reflecting the practice of eating rich, fatty food on the last night before the ritual fasting during the Lent season.	14
In such as the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia and Canada, Mardi Gras is also known as Shrove Tuesday, which comes from the word shrove, meaning ‘confess’.	15
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King cake is closely associated with Mardi Gras traditions and are served throughout the carnival season, which lasts from Epiphany Eve to Fat Tuesday. Epiphany comes from a Greek word that means ‘to show’. Jesus first showed himself to the three wise men and to the world on this day. As a symbol of this Holy Day, a tiny plastic baby is placed inside the King Cake.	20
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The King Cake tradition is thought to have been brought to New Orleans from France in 1870 and is an oval-shaped cake, which is a mixture of a coffee cake and a French pastry. It can be made from sweet, dough topped with a glaze, dried or candied fruit, or puff pastry with various fillings, such as almond or chocolate. It is decorated in royal colours of purple, green and gold.	26
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1. **The main purpose of the document is to:**
 - a. Describe a Mardi Gras Float.
 - b. Provide general information about the Mardi Gras Festival.
 - c. Explain what happens during Easter.

2. **According to the article, which statement is true?**
 - a. Mardi Gras is also known as 'The Epiphany'.
 - b. Mardi Gras is also known as 'Easter'.
 - c. Mardi Gras is also known as 'Shrove Tuesday'.

3. **How many people took part in the Festival parade last year?**
 - a. More than 1,061.
 - b. More than 135,000.
 - c. More than 588.

4. **According to the text, what is 'a float'?**
 - a. A handmade mystical creature.
 - b. A decorated truck.
 - c. A themed platform on wheels.

5. **Why is a tiny plastic baby placed inside the King Cake?**
 - a. To represent the birth of Jesus into the world.
 - b. To represent the three Kings who visited Jesus.
 - c. To represent the three wise men who visited Jesus.

6. **Which phrase can best replace the words 'candied fruit' on line 29?**
 - a. Sugared fruit.
 - b. Dried fruit.
 - c. Fresh fruit.

7. **There is a spelling mistake on:**
 - a. Line 12.
 - b. Line 14.
 - c. Line 23.

8. **There is a grammar mistake on:**
 - a. Line 5.
 - b. Line 18.
 - c. Line 20.

9. **The most suitable word to complete the sentence in line 16 is:**
 - a. Counties.
 - b. Continents.
 - c. Countries.

10. **How would you describe the style of the text above?**
 - a. Formal.
 - b. Informative.
 - c. Persuasive.

Text 2

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

<u>Ladybirds</u>	1
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There are about 5,000 different species of ladybirds in the world. They are also	3
known as lady beetles or ladybugs, and in many cultures they are considered good	4
luck. They come in different colours and patterns, but the most familiar in Europe	5
is the seven-spot ladybird, which has a shiny, red and black body. Most people like	6
ladybirds because they are pretty, graceful and harmless to humans. Farmers love	7
them because they eat insects and other plant-eating pests. They live for 12 months	8
and a single ladybird's can gobble more than 5000 insects during their lifetime!	9
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Most ladybirds have oval bodies with six short legs. Depending on the species,	11
they can have spots, stripes or no markings at all. Seven-spotted ladybirds are	12
black and red (or sometimes black and orange) with three spots on each side and	13
one in the middle. Their head is black with white patches. The ladybirds' bright	14
colours act as an important defence mechanism, warning animals not to eat them.	15
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When threatened, the bugs release an oily, yellow fluid from the knee joints in	17
their legs which tastes disgusting.	18
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These brilliant bugs have another trick to avoid danger; they remain still and	20
pretend to be dead. The main hunters of ladybirds' are birds, but they also fall	21
victim to frogs, wasps, spiders and dragonflies.	22
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Ladybirds lay their eggs in clusters or rows on the underside of a leaf. Larvae, which	24
vary in shape and colour depending on the, emerge in a few days. When they	25
reached full size, they attach to a leaf by their tail, and a 'pupa' is formed. In a	26
couple of weeks, the pupa becomes an adult ladybird.	27
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Ladybirds are happy in many different habitats, including grasslands, forests,	29
cities, suburbs and along rivers. They are active during spring and summer, but	30
when the weather turns colder in autumn, they look for a warm, secluded place to	31
hibernate, under rotting logs, under rocks or inside houses.	32

11. **The word 'gobble' in line 9 means?**
- To remove quickly.
 - To kill quickly.
 - To eat quickly.
12. **According to the text, which statement is true?**
- Ladybirds are poisonous to other insects.
 - Ladybirds are dangerous to birds.
 - Ladybirds are harmless to humans.
13. **The best word to replace 'insects' in line 8 is:**
- Greenflies.
 - Birds.
 - Mice.
14. **Which of these is the ladybird's main hunter?**
- Wasps.
 - Birds.
 - Dragonflies.
15. **The text states that?**
- Ladybird eggs change into pupa.
 - Ladybird eggs change into larvae.
 - Ladybird pupa changes into larvae.
16. **There is a grammatical mistake on?**
- Line 26.
 - Line 17.
 - Line 27.
17. **The best word to complete a sentence in line 25 is:**
- Gender.
 - Race.
 - Species.
18. **What does 'hibernate' mean on line 32?**
- Go to sleep in the autumn and winter months.
 - Keep warm in the autumn and winter months.
 - Lay eggs in the autumn and winter months.
19. **What is the most common colour of the seven-spot ladybird?**
- Orange and black.
 - Black and white.
 - Red and black.
20. **There is a punctuation mistake on line:**
- Line 9.
 - Line 11.
 - Line 24.

Text 3

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

The Tallest Living Man in the World

The tallest man in the world is Sultan Kösen, from Ankara in Turkey who is 2.51 metres tall.

Sultan was born on 10 December 1982, and was not a particularly large baby but he started growing very tall when he was 10 years old. The rest of his family, including his parents and four siblings, are all average size.

Sultan's massive height is caused when the body produces an excess of growth hormone, resulting in the overgrowth and thickening of bones and muscles which after time causes painful joints and enlarged hands and feet.

He loves basketball and as a teenager, Sultan was signed to the Galatasaray basketball team, but unfortunately was too tall to play. Due to his extreme size, Sultan wasn't able to finish school and so became a farmer in order to support his family.

He says one of the advantages of being tall is being able to change an electric light bulb, paint a ceiling and hang curtains without ladders. He doesn't mind being tall but finds it difficult to buy clothes or shoes that fit and says it is extremely hard to fit into a regular-size car.

He said "I'd also like the chance to find some decent clothes that fit! I've already had a suit made for me, and at least one dream has come true: I now own a pair of jeans made especially for me!"

Sultan also holds the record for having the largest hands on a living person; each hand measures 28.5cm from the wrist to the tip of the middle finger. His left foot measures 36.5cm and his right foot measures 35.5cm.

21. What kind of text is this?

- a. A film review.
- b. A fictional story.
- c. A short biography.

22. According to the text, which statement is true?

- a. Sultan's height started increasing at the age of ten.
- b. Sultan's family are also very tall.
- c. Sultan was a big baby when he was born.

23. What is Sultan's real job?

- a. An electrician and painter.
- b. A farmer.
- c. A basketball player.

24. What dream has come true for Sultan?

- a. He has a new suit.
- b. He has a new pair of shoes.
- c. He has a new pair of jeans.

25. What records does Sultan hold?

- a. He is the tallest living man with the biggest feet.
- b. He is the tallest living man with the largest hands.
- c. He is the tallest living man with the longest fingers.

Text 4

Read the text. Answer the questions on your mark sheet.

Mobile Phone Apps

Chatting and Gaming: PlayJ is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family who don't live near you. It also helps you have fun at the same time while chatting with your friends and family, you can play games and watch videos.

Music, TV and Movies: Netflix is one of the best video-streaming services. There's a huge selection of movies and TV shows for subscribers. You can watch movies anywhere at any time.

Bandcamp's mobile App allows you to stream music from your collection, as well as buy thousands of tunes from artists who sell and stream their music on Bandcamp. You don't need lessons to use it. It's one of the easiest and fastest ways to buy music directly from the artists you like.

Health, Food and Relaxation: Headspace is a meditation App. You can choose between different meditation techniques to focus on your health, creativity, and relaxation. The App requires a subscription, but offers a free 10-day guided lesson pack to get you started.

Yummly enables you to browse more than a million different recipes to find exactly the meal you're craving. You can even set dietary preferences. Once you find a recipe, you can add all the ingredients to a shopping list.

Yelp will help you find the right place to eat and drink and it's packed with user reviews and directions for almost every place around.

Hobbies and Interests: Pinterest is a social network App that helps you find and share your creative projects, hobbies and fashion. You can "pin" images or videos to your own board or to another person's board.

Kindle is for people who love reading. You can read your ebook directly on your smartphone by downloading a Kindle App. From best sellers to the classics, it's all here, with more than 900,000 titles available.

Comixology's free App gives you a staggering library of more than 40,000 titles, including all the big names from Marvel and DC. It's the comic book reader out there right now.

26. **In the text Kindle is for people who love:**

- a. Singing.
- b. Reading.
- c. Dancing.

27. **What can you not do with the PlayJ App?**

- a. Speak to your family and play games at the same time.
- b. Chat to friends and watch movies at the same time.
- c. Play games and take photos at the same time.

28. **Which App helps you to stay healthy?**

- a. PlayJ.
- b. Yummly.
- c. Yelp.

29. **Which App helps you to exchange ideas and things you are interested in?**

- a. Bandcamp.
- b. Pinterest.
- c. Kindle.

30. **A word has been omitted in the last paragraph. It should be?**

- a. Oldest.
- b. Smallest.
- c. Biggest.

31. **Which App gives you free lessons?**

- a. Netflix.
- b. Headspace.
- c. Comixology.



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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

You must write a minimum of 150 -200 words for Task 1 and 250-300 words for Task 2.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use a pencil.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are two tasks. You must attempt both tasks.

Formal writing Task 1, you must complete **either** Option 1

OR Option 2.

Informal writing Task 2, you must complete the set task.

Total marks available: **24**

Allow time to check your work before the end of the examination.

You have **75 minutes** to finish the examination.

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Question	Mark
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Option 1 Formal Writing Task 1 – Allow 35 minutes for this task.

Write a letter to your teacher explaining why you cannot attend your school or college today.

You could write about:

- Why you are not able to attend
- Which classes you will be missing
- How you are going to catch up on your missed work
- When you hope to be back to school/college.

OR

Option 2 Formal Writing Task 1 – Allow 35 minutes for this task.

You bought a new printer recently online, but when it arrived the glass under the lid was cracked and two of the coloured ink cartridges were missing. Write an email to the online company, complaining about their service.

You could write about:

- What was missing from the ordered items
- The damaged item
- The make of the printer and when you received it
- What action you expect, and why.

Write 150 - 200 words.

(12 Marks)

Informal Writing Task 2 – Allow 35 minutes for this task.

Write a letter to your friend inviting them to a family occasion that will be taking place in the summer where you live.

You could write about:

- What the occasion is
- Where and when it will be held
- Where they can stay; with your family or at a local hotel
- How long they can stay for
- Other activities you may wish to do together

Write 250 - 300 words.

(12 Marks)

You will be assessed on:

- **content**
- **use of appropriate tenses**
- **word order**
- **use of conjunctions, adjectives and vocabulary**
- **legibility of writing**

End of Examination for Writing – Level B1



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