

**ESOL International
English Writing Examination**

Level C2 Proficient

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on your answer booklet.

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

There are two tasks. You must attempt both tasks.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

Total marks available: 40

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

You can ask for more writing paper if you need it.

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

Formal Writing Task 1 - Allow around 40 minutes for this task.

A series of budget cuts has meant that local services are being affected. One of the planned cuts is to close the local hospital. People will have to go to a new, larger, regional hospital if they are not well, which is at least an hour's travel away. Write a letter to the authorities to explain why you think this is or is not a good idea.

You could write about:

- what you expect the impact might be on the local community.
- the advantages and disadvantages of people going to the new, larger hospital.
- how the local hospital benefits the community.
- why the changes could be detrimental to local people and why.

Write 200-250 words.

You will be assessed on:

- content
- format and structure
- accuracy of the use of grammar and punctuation
- use of vocabulary for the specific context and purpose

(20 Marks)

Informal Writing Task 2 - Allow around 35 minutes for this task.

Write an email to a friend to raise their awareness of homelessness in your community. You are thinking of volunteering with a local charity which supports homeless people by providing them with food. Persuade your friend to go with you to volunteer with the charity.

You could write:

- a summary of the level of homelessness currently in your local area and your feelings about it.
- about the benefits of volunteering with the charity that works with homeless people.
- about what support you and your friend could give to the charity.
- about how homeless people's lives may be changed because of the charity's work.
- why your friend should volunteer, justifying your reasons

Write 250-300 words.

You will be assessed on:

- content
- format and structure
- accuracy of the use of grammar and punctuation
- use of vocabulary for the specific context and purpose

(20 Marks)

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