

**NOCN ESOL International Listening
Level B1 Intermediate Paper AA
Sample Examination Mark Scheme**

NOCN USE ONLY	
Question	Answer
1.1	D
1.2	A
1.3	B
1.4	B
1.5	A
1.6	B
1.7	D
1.8	A
1.9	B
1.10	C
2.1.1	C
2.1.2	C
2.1.3	B
2.1.4	B
2.1.5	D
2.2.1	C
2.2.2	C
2.2.3	D
2.2.4	D
2.2.5	B
3.1.1	A
3.1.2	B
3.1.3	B
3.1.4	C
3.1.5	C
3.2.1	D
3.2.2	B
3.2.3	B
3.2.4	B
3.2.5	A
Total	30

**ESOL International
Sample English Listening Examination**

Level B1 Intermediate

Texts to be used with the examination

The texts are to 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.

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This is the NOCN ESOL International Intermediate Level B1 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.

The Listening examination will now begin.

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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. Then you will have two minutes to check your answers.

Record the sentences (three seconds between each sentence)

1. You are 15 minutes late!
2. I have received good news.
3. Are you going on holiday tomorrow?
4. I passed an exam.
5. My friend is in hospital.
6. It is your mother's birthday.
7. Thank you for the gift.
8. Thank you for your help.
9. Your company has not delivered my order on time.
10. Would you like to come to a party?

Pause for five seconds after the first reading

Now listen to the sentences again.

Record 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. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

Record the conversation

- Good Morning, Mrs. Thompson. What can I do for you?
- Good morning, Dr Green. I haven't been feeling very well recently.
- And what seems to be the problem?
- I have been getting out of breath easily and I feel tired all the time.
- Do you smoke?
- No, I don't.
- How about alcohol?
- Not really.
- Do you exercise?
- I haven't got time for it, doctor. You know, running a restaurant, children.
- I think you may be out of condition. How about your diet? Do you get your 5 a day?
- 5 a day? What do you mean?
- 5 portions of fruit or vegetables a day.
- Not every day, I'm afraid.
- Mrs. Thompson, I think you need to change your lifestyle. More exercise like simple walking and a healthy diet should improve your condition. In the meantime, I'm going to prescribe some vitamins and iron. Please see me immediately if your symptoms get worse.
- Thank you, Doctor Green.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading

Now listen to the conversation again.

Record the conversation again

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

Pause for two minutes after the second reading

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Part 2 – Conversations

Listen to Conversation 2. You will hear the conversation twice. Answer the questions. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

Record the conversation

F - Peter? Hi, how are you? I haven't seen you for ages!

P - Hello Fiona! Wow, yes, it must be at least 5 years. What are you doing here?

F - I came for a conference, business trip, you know. Anyway, how are you?

P - I'm good, thanks. I still work in a school. What about you? You are looking great.

F - Thank you, Peter. I have a new job now so I have to travel a lot.

P - What do you do?

F - I work for a travel agency. Working in a restaurant was just too boring.

P - That sounds fascinating. Listen, have you got time for a coffee so we could catch up?

F - Sure, why not. Do you know a nice place?

P - Yes, there is a nice, cosy cafe, just round the corner, about two minutes from here.

F - Let's go, then.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading

Now listen to the conversation again.

Record 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. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

Record the broadcast

Walking is underrated as a form of exercise, but it's one of the essential ways to get more activity into your day, lose weight and become healthier. Research shows that people who fit moderate activity, such as walking, into their daily life burn more energy than those who make weekly visits to the gym.

Try to fit walking into your routine by ditching the car for short journeys, walking all or part of your journey to work, getting off the bus or train one stop early and planning longer walks at weekends. To reap the health benefits, aim to walk 10,000 steps a day. This can burn up to 400 calories. To keep track of your walking, use a pedometer.

Pause for five seconds after the first reading

Now listen to the broadcast again.

Record 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 – Broadcasts

Listen to Broadcast 2. You will hear the broadcast twice. Answer the questions. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

Record the broadcast

Angelina Jolie’s surgery to ‘reduce breast cancer risk’

Writing in the New York Times, actress Angelina Jolie has announced that she has recently undergone a double mastectomy (where both breasts are surgically removed) followed by breast reconstruction surgery.

She writes that this is because genetic testing revealed she had an 87% chance of developing breast cancer in later life, as well as a 50% risk of ovarian cancer. This means she took a decision to have ‘preventative surgery’.

Jolie explained: "I decided to be proactive and to minimize the risk as much I could. I made a decision to have a preventive double mastectomy.

"Cancer is still a word that strikes fear into people’s hearts, making you feel powerless. But today it is possible to find out through blood testing whether you are highly susceptible to breast and ovarian cancer, and then take action."

Pause for five seconds after the first reading

Now listen to the broadcast again.

Record 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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