

**NOCN ESOL International Listening
Level B1 Intermediate Paper BB
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	D
1.9	B
1.10	C
2.1.1	C
2.1.2	C
2.1.3	B
2.1.4	A
2.1.5	D
2.2.1	C
2.2.2	B
2.2.3	D
2.2.4	D
2.2.5	B
3.1.1	A
3.1.2	B
3.1.3	D
3.1.4	C
3.1.5	C
3.2.1	D
3.2.2	D
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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Sample Examination Recordings**



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 an hour early!
2. I was invited to a party.
3. I will take the train tomorrow.
4. I got a present.
5. My friend likes you.
6. It is my friend's birthday.
7. Thank you for taking me home.
8. Do you want to go shopping?
9. I have a complaint about these shoes.
10. Do you want some chocolate?

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

- Hello, Jill. Where are you going?
- Hi, Cathy. I am going shopping at Brown's.
- Do you want to buy something special?
- I am going to a party at the weekend for Jane's birthday and I want to buy some new clothes.
- What sort of clothes?
- I can't decide.
- How about a new dress?
- I don't know. I do like jeans.
- But you have lots of jeans.
- I know, Cathy, but I think jeans are comfortable and I have lots of tops that I can wear with the jeans.
- Jill, I think you should buy a dress. Parties are special.
- Special? Why are they special?
- Because you don't go to parties every day.
- No, you are right, Cathy.
- Jill, I think you must buy a dress. You look lovely when you wear a dress. A little black dress with a few shiny beads. You can wear your new shoes and necklace with it. If you want I will come with you. It is difficult to choose clothes on your own. I can tell you what I think of the dresses that you try on. I will let you borrow my bag.
- OK, Cathy. Come on, let's go. The shops close in an hour.

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 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

T - What did you watch on TV last night, Patrick?

P - I watched the football match, Tracy. What about you?

T - I watched a concert - Robbie Williams, you know. I love him! He was fantastic. Was the match good?

P - Not bad. It was a bit slow. Only one goal and that was in the last ten minutes. At least my team won. Have you watched any matches this year?

T - Not really, Patrick. I'm working hard. I haven't watched much TV in the past few weeks and I can't afford to go to a live match at the football stadium.

P - What have you been doing?

T - I have had a lot of homework. It is my exams next month and I want to pass so that I can go to college. I want to study sciences at college.

P - That sounds really interesting, Tracy, but a lot of hard work. Listen, have you got time for a coffee so we could catch up?

T - 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.

T - 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 – Radio 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 it twice. Answer the questions. Then you have two minutes to check the answers.

Record the broadcast

The British Museum in London has now been open for two hundred and fifty five years and is a major attraction in the city. The museum opened in 1759. On the first day there were around 75 people going through the doors. In 2013, almost seven million people visited the museum. The museum has a wide range of special attractions including art, ancient history and science and nature.

The museum opens a new attraction 'The Vikings are Coming' in March 2014. There will be many objects that the museum has not shown to the public before, including a 37 metre long Viking ship. The ship was built in 1025. It is so big that it is probably a royal war ship. You can also see a huge amount of Viking coins and jewellery that was found near York.

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 – Radio Broadcasts

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

Record the broadcast

Heat stops play

Tennis officials stopped matches on Thursday at the Australian Open when the temperature reached 42C (108F). There is an Extreme Heat Policy that means if temperatures are too high, play can stop.

They stopped matches on some courts at the end of sets. Matches played on the show courts did not stop, but the roofs on the Rod Laver and Hisense arenas closed.

Women players had a longer break than normal after the second set and players wore ice vests during rests. Alize Cornet of France cried on court after her 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 victory on Thursday over Italian Camila George, which lasted two and a half hours.

"I think I spent enough time on this court for today," she said in an interview after the match. "It was really hot, that's why I'm crying." She said that playing tennis in such high temperatures was very difficult. She also praised the people who watched the match in burning sunshine.

Cornet will play Maria Sharapova on Saturday, when the temperatures may be 21C (70F). This temperature is much lower. Cornet says that temperature is much better.

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.

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End of Examination

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