ESOL International

English Listening Examination

Level B1 Intermediate

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 Intermediate Level B1 Listening examination.

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 one minute to check your answers.

Play the sentences

1. What is your employee ID number?
2. Have you taken a break yet?
3. I would like to book a meeting.
4. Do you like your job role?
5. Can I get you a hot drink?
6. How often do you meet with your manager?
7. Have you ever visited this site before?
8. Excuse me, where's the staff room?
9. Ismail picked up his uniform yesterday.
10. Why were you late this morning?

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

Interviewer:	Good morning, Mr. Nasser. start by telling me a little about yourself.
Candidate:	Certainly. My name is Azim Nasser, and I have over six years of experience in manufacturing. Most recently, I was a production supervisor at ABC Manufacturing.
Interviewer:	Why are you interested in this position?
Candidate:	I am excited about the opportunity to work with more modern machinery. I am ready for a new challenge.
Interviewer:	What do you think are your greatest strengths?
Candidate:	My attention to detail and ability to lead a team well. I also have a strong track record of having a safe working environment. I believe safety on the factory floor is most important.
Interviewer:	Can you give me an example of a difficult situation you faced and how you managed it?
Candidate:	Of course. Last year, we had a major machinery breakdown. I worked with the maintenance team to quickly repair everything, keeping lost work time to a minimum.
Interviewer:	What do you hope to be paid for this role?
Candidate:	Based on my experience, I am looking for a salary in the range of 22 Lakh to 30 Lakh per year. Can you tell me more about the team I would be working with?
Interviewer:	Yes, you would be working with a team of 15 production workers.
Candidate:	Thank you, that is good to know.
Interviewer:	Thank you for coming in today. We will be in touch before the end of the week.

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

Omar:	Hi, Amina! How was your weekend?
Amina:	Hi, Omar! It was good, thanks. I was with my family. How about you?
Omar:	I went walking with some friends. The weather was perfect for it. By the way, I've almost finalised the new customer plan. I just need to confirm the pricing details.
Amina:	Great! I looked at the sales figures, and we need to change our plan for the end of the year. I'll update our spreadsheet with the figures ready for your meeting with the new customer this afternoon.
Omar:	Perfect. I'm ready for the call. I have all the necessary documents and the presentation is fully prepared. Here it is. See? I've included the new product details and highlighted the discount offer.
Amina:	I like your analysis; it shows that our pricing is competitive. Don't forget to ask about their budget and timeline.
Omar:	Got it. I'll make sure to follow up with an email to the team sharing what was said in the call. Let's close this deal by the end of the week.
Amina:	Agreed. I also saw the new sales plan that Amal, one of the new managers, sent us. It looks good. We should discuss how to use it in our team.
Omar:	Definitely. Let's have a meeting on Thursday afternoon to go over it. I'll send out an invite.
Amina:	Sounds good. By the way, did you hear about the new software update? It should make our work much easier.
Omar:	Yes, I did. I'll explore it this week.

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

Welcome to AJ's podcast. Today we're talking about electricians. If you're an electrician looking to start your own business, this is for you.

First, let's talk about your business plan. This should include your goals, target market, and the services you offer. Think about whether you want to focus on homes, office, or industrial work.

Before you start work, you need to have the right licences and certifications. You can't do anything without these. Check the rules in your area to make sure you have everything.

Now, let's discuss equipment. Your tools are essential for doing a good job, and working transport will help you get to your customers on time. So, make sure you buy high-quality tools and a good van.

Finally, remember insurance. Having the right insurance will protect you and your business in case of accidents or damages.

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

Welcome everyone to your first training day at our warehouse. I'm Priya, your supervisor. You must wear your safety equipment at all times—helmets, gloves, and safety shoes.

Now, let's move on to the practical training. This morning, I will teach you how to drive a forklift. It might seem difficult at first, but with practice, you will be able to do it.

Next, we'll cover item management. My co-worker, Bilal, will show you how to use our warehouse management system to track products. This technology helps us stay organised.

During lunch, take the opportunity to get to know your colleagues. They can share useful information and experiences with you.

In the afternoon, we will work on packing and shipping. I'll show you how to pack items and label them correctly.

Please ask questions if you're not sure about anything. Here are your ID badges. Keep them safe and make a note of your employee number, as you'll need it to log in to the system.

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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