ESOL International

English Listening Examination

Level C1 Advanced

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Do not open the paper until you are told to do so.

Complete the information above.

Listen to the instructions.

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

You must not use a dictionary.

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 sentences and choose the best answer.

Mark the answer on the mark sheet.

1.
a. Neither have I.
b. I don't like sleeping all day.
c. You should get up early.

2.
a. That's a brilliant idea.
b. When are you coming?
c. You're welcome any time.

3.
a. Is it true you want to study abroad?
b. Have you also decided what to study?
c. I'm going to study a broad topic, too.

4.
a. It's not for everybody, as it's a very stressful job.
b. I've been working as a writer for the last seven years.
c. I like meeting and interviewing new people.

5.
a. There are tests to check your progress.
b. Don't worry, you'll soon pick it up.
c. These days, I'm thinking about signing up for a course.

6.
a. I agree. She's very talented.
b. So she's already won the prize?
c. It seems like she's proud to win.

7.
a. Yes. I can't think of a better one.
b. You're right. Our ad was by far the best.
c. Let's see how we can improve next time.

8.
a. Yes, I'd definitely say so.
b. He'd absolutely want the job.
c. He probably did the right thing.

9.
a. You should use more secure passwords.
b. I've already regretted sharing some details.
c. I always check if my language is appropriate.

10.
a. OK, I'll try to be more open.
b. I don't say much about what I think.
c. Right, I do need to be more cautious.

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 the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 1.**
Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 1

1. **What is a major advantage of the office on High Street?**
   a. Its space.
   b. Its location.
   c. Lunch options.

2. **What concern does Vicky express about the High Street office?**
   a. It's in a noisy area.
   b. It is far from the centre.
   c. There isn't enough room for growth.

3. **Why does Vicky suggest dropping the Crescent Road office?**
   a. It is too small to expand.
   b. The rent isn't attractive enough.
   c. It is located in a confined corner.

4. **What is a negative aspect of the office by the river?**
   a. The office is bigger than needed.
   b. It is not in a professional business area.
   c. It means longer commutes for the team.

5. **What do they ultimately decide to do?**
   a. They will reflect further on the options.
   b. They will gather feedback from the team.
   c. They will focus on the office with more space.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Now listen to **Conversation 2**.
Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Conversation 2

1. **What is the purpose of this conversation?**
   a. To evaluate the student's readings.
   b. To specify the scope of the research.
   c. To discuss issues in renewable resources.

2. **What might be a limitation of exploring batteries?**
   a. Rapid technological progress.
   b. Limited data concerning this technology.
   c. Their insufficient role in energy diversification.

3. **What does Professor Sami say about wind energy integration?**
   a. It involves minimal economic effects.
   b. It is more complex than other options.
   c. Wind patterns affect energy productivity.

4. **What difficulty might arise when studying the effects of solar energy on rural areas?**
   a. Varying electricity provision.
   b. Difficulty in obtaining accurate data.
   c. Lack of interest in rural development.

5. **What is the final decision made by Sara?**
   a. She will focus on energy storage technologies.
   b. She will study current trends in battery technology.
   c. She will proceed with more focused reading options.

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

Part 3 – Debate and discussion

You will hear a debate and discussion. You will hear them twice.

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. **Which is key to highly effective relationship skills?**
   a. Talent and motivation.
   b. Dedication and practice.
   c. Team support and training.

2. **What does Amit believe about people without natural relationship abilities?**
   a. They can reach the same level with practise.
   b. They have resistance to change.
   c. They have a skill ceiling.

3. **Dr Bell suggests the real reason people fail to develop relationship skills is:**
   a. Inadequate training.
   b. Bad team dynamics.
   c. They have a natural gift.

4. **According to Dr. Bell, what does research indicate about relationship skills?**
   a. They improve naturally over time.
   b. Some skills cannot be learned or improved.
   c. They can be enhanced through training and practice.

5. **What can prevent relationship skills from developing?**
   a. Cultural influences.
   b. Emotional ability.
   c. Adaptability.

Now listen to the debate again and check your answers.

Now listen to the **Discussion.**
Record your answers on the mark sheet.

1. **How does Amit argue that a higher salary can impact job satisfaction?**
   a. It leads to more meaningful work.
   b. It prevents burnout.
   c. It helps reduce financial stress.

2. **What can happen if someone works solely for money?**
   a. They can lose motivation.
   b. They can experience burnout.
   c. They can feel engaged and fulfilled.

3. **What does Priya say research shows about salary and happiness?**
   a. Financial stability guarantees long-term well-being.
   b. Earning more always makes you happier.
   c. After a certain point, money doesn't increase happiness.

4. **What does Priya believe is more important for a career?**
   a. Job satisfaction.
   b. A competitive salary.
   c. Financial security.

5. **In which field does Amit suggest that financial rewards should reflect the effort required?**
   a. Medicine and law.
   b. Science and engineering.
   c. Business and finance.

6. **What can you focus on if you don't have to worry about money?**
   a. Work.
   b. Satisfaction.
   c. Rewards

Now listen to the discussion again and check your answers.

End of Examination