

**ESOL International**  
**English Listening Examination**  
**Level B2 Independent User**

**Instructions to learners**

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on the mark sheet.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use pencil.

Total marks available: 31

You have **35 minutes** to finish the examination.

**Part 1**

You will hear 10 sentences twice. Choose the best answer in each situation.

Now look at the answers. You have two minutes to read the answers.

Now listen to the sentences and select the best answer. Mark the answer on the mark sheet.

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| 1. | a. Thank you, it is a news one.<br>b. Thank you, it is a new one.<br>c. Thank you, it is an news one.   | 6.  | a. Congratulations! I am so happy for him.<br>b. Congratulations! I am so sad for him.<br>c. Congratulations! I am so happiness to him. |
| 2. | a. We should leaving at 7 o'clock.<br>b. We should leaves at 7 o'clock.<br>c. We should leave at 7 o'clock.   | 7.  | a. What did your eating?<br>b. What did you eat?<br>c. What are you eating?   |
| 3. | a. What did you bought?<br>b. What have you buy?<br>c. What did you buy?  | 8.  | a. It will be take around an hour.<br>b. It would be take around an hour.<br>c. It will take around an hour.                            |
| 4. | a. I am so jealousing of your holiday.<br>b. I am so jealous of your holiday.<br>c. I am so jealoused of your holidays.                                       | 9.  | a. Yes, I will be application at weekend.<br>b. Yes, I will be applying at the weekend.<br>c. Yes, I won't applying at the weekend.     |
| 5. | a. I would like to go to the new history museum.<br>b. I would liking to go to the new history museum.<br>c. I would be like to go to the new history museum. | 10. | a. The lesson will start in ten minutes.<br>b. The lesson will started in ten minutes.<br>c. The lesson will starting in ten minutes.   |

## Part 2

You will now hear two conversations. You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to look at the questions for both conversations.

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

1. **Who is asking the questions?**
  - a. Alex
  - b. Andrew
  - c. Elizabeth
2. **What is the name of the company who is developing homes in the area?**
  - a. Reddington Homes
  - b. Garden Homes
  - c. Local Homes
3. **What size garden does Andrew have?**
  - a. Small
  - b. Medium
  - c. Large
4. **On which road do Andrew and Elizabeth live?**
  - a. Attic Road
  - b. Reddington Road
  - c. Edwards Grange Road
5. **What voucher is given out at the end?**
  - a. 50% off homes
  - b. 25% off parking
  - c. 25% off pizza boss

**Listen to the conversation again and check your answers.**

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

1. **What is the name of Maria's friend?**
  - a. Elizabeth
  - b. Louise
  - c. Lola
2. **What sport is mentioned?**
  - a. Tennis
  - b. Volleyball
  - c. Football
3. **What sort of home does Maria live in?**
  - a. House
  - b. Villa
  - c. Apartment
4. **Which statement is true?**
  - a. Maria has a big TV in the front room
  - b. No-one goes in the kitchen
  - c. Lucas can't cook
5. **Which two types of cake can Lucas make?**
  - a. Coconut cake and cupcakes
  - b. Banana bread and lemon scones
  - c. Trifle and vanilla sponge

**Listen the conversation again and check your answers.**

**Part 3 – Broadcasts**

You will now hear two radio broadcasts. You will hear them twice. You have two minutes to look at the questions for both radio broadcasts.

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

**Broadcast 1**

1. **According to the broadcast, which statement is true?**
  - a. Heathrow Airport is the oldest in Europe
  - b. Heathrow Airport is the busiest in the country
  - c. Heathrow Airport is the smallest in London
2. **Which terminal is the Broadcast talking about?**
  - a. Terminal 2
  - b. Terminal 1
  - c. Terminal 5
3. **Which coffee shop can you find to the right of the check-in desks?**
  - a. Magic Coffee
  - b. Boeing Coffee
  - c. Costa Coffee
4. **What is the name of the new book shop?**
  - a. 'Sky Read'
  - b. 'Flying Words'
  - c. 'Plane Words'
5. **What are the Airport guides wearing?**
  - a. Red jackets
  - b. Pink Jackets
  - c. Yellow Jackets
6. **What is available to you if you have a disability?**
  - a. You can get a wheelchair
  - b. You can talk to someone the check-in point
  - c. You can have a car escort you to your gate destination

**Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.**

Now listen to **Broadcast 2**.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

**Broadcast 2**

1. **Which celebration is this shopping broadcast focusing on?**
  - a. Birthday
  - b. Weddings
  - c. Christmas
2. **Which statement is true?**
  - a. Somethingpersonal.co.uk can create personal greetings cards
  - b. Somethingpersonal.co.uk only makes silver necklaces
  - c. Somethingpersonal.co.uk makes presents more personal
3. **The host bought two items, who were they for?**
  - a. Girlfriend and mum
  - b. Daughter and mum
  - c. Sister and mum
4. **What colour was the presentation box?**
  - a. Blue and silver
  - b. Pink and gold
  - c. Orange and black
5. **Which item below WAS NOT put on the necklaces?**
  - a. A book
  - b. An airplane
  - c. A motorbike

**Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.**

**End of Examination for Listening –  
Level B2**

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**Instructions to learners**

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on your mark sheet.

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

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are 31 questions in this examination.

You must attempt all the questions.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Total marks available: 31

You have **60 minutes** to finish the examination.

## Text 1

<u>The Orient Express</u>	1
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The original Orient Express, built in 1883, ran between Paris and Istanbul and soon became a byword for elegance and Art Deco luxury. Today, it is still possible to travel on the train as far as Istanbul and a host of European destinations.	3
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The chocolate-and-cream British Pullman train, departs from London Victoria and glides through Kent. Meanwhile, the London-bound commuters look on enviously as brunch and Champagne are served on the train.	8
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In France, the passengers change trains to the royal-blue train with brass details. The train is waiting to take you through the most breath-taking acres of France to the capital, while a four-course dinner is served. The dinner is made unforgettable by the sumptuous surroundings of the glass and wood paneled dining cars as well as the quality of the food a miracle of skill created in the tiny galley kitchen	13
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In Paris, the train uses the same station from which the first Orient Express departed on October 4 <sup>th</sup> 1883, Gare de l'Est. The sense of dinner-jacketed style is enhanced by the contrast with passengers moving on the platforms, the bar car's piano and period tunes a world away from the iPods of today's Parisian commuters.	20
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Many people book a trip on the Orient Express to celebrate birthdays or anniversaries and it is an expensive experience. People say that the thrill of travelling in a luxury train which has so much history is a once in a lifetime experience.	26
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**1. When was the Orient Express built?**

- a. 1883
- b. 1893
- c. 1888

**2. Where did the train run to?**

- a. Paris and Rome
- b. Istanbul and Madrid
- c. Paris and Istanbul

**3. What colour were the trains?**

- a. Chocolate and red
- b. Blue and cream
- c. Chocolate and cream

**4. On the way to France visitors are served:**

- a. Lunch and wine
- b. Brunch and champagne
- c. Brunch and coffee

**5. When passengers change trains in France, what colour is the French train?**

- a. Royal blue and brass
- b. Blue and red
- c. Gold and green

**6. On the journey in France what do the passengers eat?**

- a. Three course dinner
- b. Five course dinner
- c. Four course dinner

**7. On which numbered line is the date spelt incorrectly?**

- a. 18
- b. 16
- c. 21

**8. What instrument is played in the bar car?**

- a. The trumpet
- b. The keyboard
- c. The piano

**9. Why do people book a special trip on the Orient Express?**

- a. Celebrations and anniversaries
- b. Birthday and anniversaries
- c. Birthdays

**10. There are sentences missing punctuation on lines:**

- a. On line 13-15
- b. On line 21-24
- c. On line 16-18

**Text 2**

<b>John F. Kennedy known as JFK</b>	1
John F. Kennedy was the 35th President of the United States (1961-1963), the youngest man elected to the office. On November 22, 1963, when he was hardly past his first thousand days in office, JFK was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, making him the youngest president to die in office.	2 3 4 5 6
Of Irish descent, he was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, on May 29, 1917. Graduating from Harvard in 1940, he entered the Navy. In 1943, when his PT boat was rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer, Kennedy, despite grave injuries, led the survivors through perilous waters to safety.	7 8 9 10 11
Back from the war, he became a Democratic Congressman from the Boston area, advancing in 1953 to the Senate. He married Jacqueline Bouvier on September 12, 1953. In 1955, while recuperating from a back operation, he wrote Profiles in Courage, which won the Pulitzer Prize for history.	12 13 14 15 16
In 1956 Kennedy almost gained the Democratic nomination for Vice President, and four years later was a first-ballot nominee for President. Millions watched his television debates with the Republican candidate, Richard M. Nixon. Winning by a narrow margin in the popular vote, Kennedy became the first Roman Catholic President of the United States. He was considered to be the most handsome and appealing President and the American people liked his image of a family man with a beautiful wife and two children.	17 18 19 20 21 22 23



**11. What number president was JFK?**

- a. 34th
- b. 38th
- c. 35th

**12. How many days did he serve in office before being shot?**

- a. Thousand
- b. Two thousand
- c. Thousand and ten

**13. What town in Massachusetts was JFK born in?**

- a. Linebrook
- b. Bookine
- c. Brookline

**14. Which university did JFK graduate from?**

- a. Harding
- b. Harrington
- c. Harvard

**15. After the war what did he become?**

- a. A congressman
- b. A statesman
- c. A senator

**16. His wife was called:**

- a. Jacqueline Bouvier
- b. Jacqueline Branson
- c. Judy Bouvier

**17. There is a spelling mistake on:**

- a. line 15
- b. line 13
- c. line 18

**18. What religion was JFK?**

- a. Anglican
- b. Muslim
- c. Roman Catholic

**19. How many children did he have?**

- a. 4
- b. 2
- c. 3

**20. In line 4 what should the word read?**

- a. dallas
- b. Dallas
- c. DALLas

### **Text 3**

Claude Monet was a famous French painter whose work gave a name to the art movement, 'Impressionism'; which was concerned with capturing light and natural forms.

Claude Monet was born on November 14, 1840, in Paris, France. In 1845, at the age of 5, Monet moved with his family to Le Havre, a port town in the Normandy region. He grew up there with his older brother, Leon. While he was reportedly a decent student, Monet did not like being confined to a classroom. He was more interested in being outside. At an early age, Monet developed a love of drawing. He filled his schoolbooks with sketches of people, including caricatures of his teachers. While his mother supported his artistic efforts, Monet's father wanted him to go into business. Monet suffered greatly after the death of his mother in 1857.

He enrolled in the Academie Suisse. After an art exhibition in 1874, a critic insultingly dubbed Monet's painting style "impression", since it was more concerned with form and light than realistic pictures, and the term stuck.

Monet struggled with depression, poverty and illness throughout his life. He died in 1926. His work is considered to be the best example of 'Impressionism', and most people are able to recognise his paintings. The National gallery in London holds some of his most important works.

**21. What style of painting is Monet famous for?**

- a. impressive
- b. interpretive
- c. impressionism

**22. In which city was he born?**

- a. Paris
- b. Parris
- c. France

**23. When did his mother die?**

- a. 1857
- b. 1834
- c. 1876

**24. What profession did his father want him to go into?**

- a. artistry
- b. writing
- c. business

**25. What synonym can be used for the word recognise in the last paragraph?**

- a. identify
- b. misinterpret
- c. reject

**Text 4**

<b>Marie-Antoinette QUEEN OF FRANCE (1755-1793)</b>	1
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Described by her brother, the emperor Joseph II, as “likeable and honest”, Marie-Antoinette, Austrian princess and wife of Louis XVI, remains one of the most fascinating figures of the history of Versailles. She is known for supposedly saying the phrase, “Let them eat cake” when discussing the situation of the ill-treated poor of France at the time.	4
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Marie-Antoinette was born in Vienna on 2 November 1755. Her marriage to the future Louis XVI, on 16 May 1770, was partly the work of the Minister Choiseul, one of the principal players in the Franco-Austrian reunion. But this union was greeted with some reserve by public opinion, marked by the long years of war against Austria.	8
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Louis XVI gave her the task of entertaining the court. The queen organised theatrical performances two or three times a week and revived the grand balls. She also led the court in play in the Salon de la Paix and played billiards and cards with great enthusiasm. Marie-Antoinette was a music-lover and played the harp. The Queen also devoted a lot of her time to fashion and received daily advice on the choice of her dresses from her dressmaker and designer Rose Bertin. Her hairdresser, Leonard, devised the hairstyles decorated with feathers that she adored.	13
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People remember her as an influential person who brought about change and was very modern for her time. Her palaces were very grand and she designed furniture and curtains and had huge mirrors in all her homes. She enjoyed walking with her ladies in the garden. These were very large and grand with many gardeners. Concerts were held in the gardens.	21
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There were, during her reign, a lot of very poor people living in Paris and throughout France who did not like her expensive palaces and her extravagance. This led to a good deal of unhappiness and dislike for the royal family.	27
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**26. How was Marie Antoinette described?**

- a. Likeable and honest
- b. Honest and pretty
- c. Likeable and happy

**27 Which famous phrase did Marie Antoinette apparently say regarding the poor of France?**

- a. Let them eat bread
- b. Let them eat cake
- c. Let them starve

**28. Where was she born?**

- a. Vienna
- b. Vermont
- c. Berlin

**29. What games did she like to play?**

- a. Cards and polo
- b. Billiards and running
- c. Billiards and cards

**30. What festivities did she hold in her gardens?**

- a. Concerts
- b. Singing
- c. Dancing

**31. What accessory did Marie Antoinette put in her hair?**

- a. Bows
- b. Feathers
- c. Flowers

**End of Examination for Reading – Level B2**

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**Instructions to learners**

Check that you have the correct paper.

You must write a minimum of 100 – 150 words for Task 1 and 150 - 200 words for Task 2.

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

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are two tasks. You must attempt both tasks.

Formal writing Task 1, you must complete **either** Option 1 **OR** Option 2.

Informal writing Task 2, you must complete the set task.

Total marks available: 40

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

You can ask for more writing paper if required.

You have **one hour** to finish the examination.

**Option 1 Formal Writing Task 1** – Allow 30 minutes for this task

A local rescue home for dogs has asked you to write an article for the local paper in order to help them advertise the dogs available for adoption. You could write about:

- Details of how the centre was started
- The design of the building and kennels
- Inviting the local community to visit and donate.

**OR**

**Option 2 Formal Writing Task 1** – Allow 30 minutes for this task

You are involved with a community group who is welcoming a group of students from another country. Write a letter to one of the students before they come to visit. You could write about:

- Your town and its history
- The buildings and museums or places of interest
- Shops
- Restaurants.

Write 100 – 150 words.

(20 Marks)

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**Informal Writing Task 2** – Allow 30 minutes for this task

Write an email to a friend about a music concert you attended.

You could write about:

- The artists
- The venue
- Your favourite songs
- The journey to the venue
- The food and drinks you had.

Write 150-200 words.

(20 Marks)

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**You will be assessed on:**

- content
- use of appropriate tenses
- word order
- use of conjunctions, adjectives and vocabulary
- legibility of writing

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