

International ESOL
English for Speakers of Other
Languages
 Achiever Level – B1
Practice Paper 4



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 (EL-IESOL 3)

Candidate's name (block letters please)

Centre no

Date

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

- Listening
- Reading
- Writing

Instructions to Candidates

- Answer all the questions.
- All your answers must be written in **ink** not pencil.

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Parts	L1	L2	L3	L4	Total	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	W1	W2	W3	Total	
Candidate's score															
RESULTS:	LISTENING					READING					WRITING				
OVERALL RESULT:															

Listening Part 1

You will hear six sentences twice. Choose the **best reply** to each sentence. Look at the example.

If you hear 'Do you know where City Bank is, please?', Do you know where City Bank is, please?', the best reply is (b). Put a circle round the letter of the **best reply**.

Example:

- a) That's not true.
- b) Sorry, I've no idea.
- c) OK. Let's go then.
- d) That's possible.

1. a) Is it ok with you?
b) I didn't say.
c) I don't want to.
d) Is noon ok?
2. a) I didn't say anything.
b) Don't tell me what to say.
c) I guess you're right.
d) I said he's not doing well.
3. a) Are you feeling ok?
b) You should be happy.
c) You'll do just fine.
d) I suppose you're right.
4. a) That'd be rude.
b) He's not here yet.
c) I don't know where he is.
d) Why don't we start?
5. a) We shouldn't.
b) Yes, we're late.
c) Didn't we yesterday?
d) I didn't like it.
6. a) What time is it?
b) No, you have to.
c) I suppose so.
d) Are we that late?

(Total: 6 marks)

Listening Part 2

You will hear three short conversations. Listen to the conversations and choose the **best answer** to the questions below. Put a circle round the letter of the **best answer**. You will hear each conversation twice. Look at the questions for Conversation One.

Conversation 1

- 1.1 The people are talking about
- a) eating out.
 - b) going to China.
 - c) calling friends.
 - d) going to Mexico.
- 1.2 In the end, the woman sounds
- a) excited.
 - b) bored.
 - c) confused.
 - d) unprepared.

Conversation 2

- 2.1 The people are
- a) man and wife.
 - b) boss and employee.
 - c) salesperson and client.
 - d) colleagues.
- 2.2 The man doesn't want to buy a scarf because it's
- a) not expensive.
 - b) not very nice.
 - c) very impressive.
 - d) very old-fashioned.

Conversation 3

- 3.1 The man
- a) apologises for being rude.
 - b) offers the lady a lift.
 - c) gives the lady advice.
 - d) asks for directions.
- 3.2 The man decided to
- a) get the bus.
 - b) ignore the woman.
 - c) note down the instructions.
 - d) ask another person.

(Total: 6 marks)

Listening Part 3

Listen to the guide speaking about Dublin. Write **short** notes about Dublin (1-3 words). First, look at the notepad. The first one is an example. You will hear the guide twice.

Guide to Dublin

Capital city of :
Ireland
.....

1. English meaning:
.....

2. Main streets were named after:
.....

3. St. Stephen's Green is a:
.....

4. Around the city you find:
.....

5. Century the city was founded:
.....

6. Dublin's nightlife is
.....

(Total: 6 marks)

Listening Part 4

Listen to the conversation between Sylvia and Ted about renting a flat and answer the questions. Put a circle round the letter of the correct answer. First, look at the questions. There is an example. You will hear the conversation twice.

Example:

The speakers mainly talk about...

- a) finding new furniture.
- b) renting a new car.
- c) buying a new house.
- d) renting a flat.

1. Ted wants to move out because they had to
 - a) call the electrician.
 - b) call the plumber.
 - c) redo the kitchen.
 - d) spend a lot of money.
2. Ted and Sylvia are
 - a) annoyed with the landlady.
 - b) happy with the landlady.
 - c) surprised at the landlady.
 - d) pretentious with the landlady.
3. Sylvia wants an extra room because she
 - a) likes to concentrate.
 - b) hates Ted's friends.
 - c) uses it for work.
 - d) doesn't like watching TV.
4. What was good about Sylvia's favourite flat?
 - a) It had two bedrooms.
 - b) It had a garden.
 - c) It was close to places.
 - d) It was not very expensive.
5. On his way back home, Ted
 - a) went to a mansion.
 - b) saw another flat.
 - c) checked a tiny house.
 - d) stopped at his office.
6. What surprise did Sylvia have for Ted?
 - a) She got money.
 - b) She found a job.
 - c) She has a lot of work.
 - d) She got a new project.

(Total: 6 marks)
(Total marks for Listening: 24)

Reading Part 1

Read the five short texts. Each text is incomplete. Choose a, b, c or d to complete the text. Put a circle round the letter of the correct answer. First, look at the example.

Example:

Cycling is great fun for children. It's also good exercise. But of course it can be, so it's very important to teach your child how to ride safely.

- a) *exciting and enjoyable*
- b) *dangerous, too*
- c) *an expensive hobby*
- d) *difficult to learn*

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- a) England
- b) 22 McLane Street
- c) hrm@buyonline.com
- d) Heathrow Airport

2.

Hi Alan!

Last night was fantastic! First, we went to the cinema and we saw an incredible horror film. we went to a really nice night club and we danced all night. Pity you didn't come along.

Oliver

- a) Then
- b) After
- c) Earlier
- d) Meanwhile

3.

Things to Do

- *Call Mark.*
- *Feed the dog.*
- *Pick up Dad from airport.*
- *.....*
- *Visit grandma at hospital.*

- a) Cooked dinner.
 - b) To cook dinner.
 - c) Cook dinner.
 - d) Cooking dinner.
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4.

Are you having trouble finding what you want on the internet?
Here are some tips toa website address correctly:

- No spaces between words.
- Write as one word.
- Be careful with spelling.

- a) remember
 - b) save
 - c) delete
 - d) type
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5.

When you have problems with your internet connection:

- Switch off the router.
- Wait for 10 seconds.
- *.....*
- Try logging on the internet.

- a) Call a technician.
- b) Switch it back on.
- c) Turn off your computer.
- d) Unplug the router.

(Total: 5 marks)

Reading Part 2

Read the text. Use the sentences labelled A-H to complete the text. Write the letter of the missing sentence in the box in the correct gap. There are two extra sentences you will not need.

A MUSIC GENIUS FROM FRANCE

One of the best French music composers, Maurice Ravel, was born in the town of Ciboure in 1875. He was probably one of the most influential music composers of his time. His love for music started at a very early age. 1. . It wasn't until much later that he started taking lessons in music theory. His parents were very encouraging and sent him to the Conservatoire de Paris. Among his teachers, there were some great masters. 2. . They both realised he was extremely talented. They supported him so much that they even arranged for him to have his first piano recital in 1889.

3. However, he was much more interested in composing music. The 1890s proved to be his most productive years. He managed to compose a lot of famous orchestral, piano, and chamber music. 4. . However, not everybody recognised his genius at once. There were a lot of well-known, respected composers who would simply say that he was completely untalented. 5. .

No matter what people say, though, history has proven that he was a genius. We have all probably heard, at some point or another, his famous orchestral work "*Bolero*". 6. .

- A. This was probably because they couldn't accept the fact that he was different.
- B. Emile Descombes and, of course, Charles Renes were two of them.
- C. This happened because he loved playing the piano.
- D. In fact, he began having piano lessons at the age of six.
- E. So, he became successful fairly quickly.
- F. He didn't actually believe he was special.
- G. After all, it is just one of the most popular pieces of music among the great classics.
- H. He was very gifted at playing the piano.

(Total: 6 marks)

Reading Part 3

Read the four texts below. There are ten questions about the texts. Decide which text (A, B, C or D) tells you the answer to the question. The same text may be used more than once. The first one is an example.

A

Margaret Hotel is the best hotel for your relaxing, luxurious holidays. We offer a wide range of facilities including indoor swimming pool, private Jacuzzi in each room, and 24-hour room service at a really good price. We guarantee you'll have the time of your life. Book now and you'll get an extra day free of charge if not satisfied! Email us at margarethotel@luxury.com.

B

Hi, Jenny! You won't believe what happened during my holiday. I found this hotel on the internet that said you can have loads of things and services while you're staying there. So, I booked a room. When I went there it was nothing like the photos! It was literally falling apart! When I asked for a refund, they said they couldn't do it because it wasn't the hotel's policy! Unbelievable!

C

To all guests of Margaret Hotel: the indoor swimming pool can be used in the morning from nine o'clock till noon. Breakfast is served early in the morning from seven o'clock till half past eight. Lunch is served from one o'clock till half past two. No exceptions or changes can be made in the menu. In case of special problems, ask for the catering manager.

D

Margaret Hotel is not what I would call a fascinating place to spend your holidays. It is not a five-star hotel; so I wouldn't expect it to be perfect. However, my stay there was not a complete disaster. The service was fast and polite and the swimming pool – although open for very few hours – was very refreshing. I would give it a six out of ten.

Which text:

1. tells you about an unpleasant experience?
2. has been written by a professional writer?
3. informs you about a specific timetable?
4. advertises the hotel?

B

Which text tells you:

5. what you get in case you are not happy with the overall service?
6. when the indoor swimming pool can be used?
7. what the hotel actually looked like?
8. who guests should contact if they have a particular request?
9. how people can contact the hotel if they want to stay there?
10. who thinks that the swimming pool should be available for more time?

(Total: 9 marks)

Reading Part 4

Read the text and answer the questions. **Write a maximum of three words for each answer.**

There is an example.

Unusual Lodging Choices

There are people out there who love going on vacation in really unexpected places, such as an old boat's cabin which has been turned into a bedsit. If that's not "unusual" enough for you, wait to read about some of the weirdest accommodation you can find around the world.

On the island of Maui, which is part of the state of Hawaii, USA, travellers can lodge in a beachside treehouse. They can enjoy the brilliant view of the endless ocean and it can be very romantic. But be careful; the tents and the jungle are real. So it's not suitable for just any traveller, especially for the fussy ones. If you are one of them, you should simply choose an ordinary hotel.

Bugaboo Lodge – it was called after a great hoax at the turn of the 20th century – offers one-in-a-lifetime experiences. It is located in the Canadian Rockies and in order for travellers to reach the place they have to take a helicopter ride. Once you get there, you can enjoy a wide range of facilities and services, such as their famous spas. There are a lot of hiking tours, mountain climbing, trekking and several other rigorous activities on a daily basis. It's not as easy as it sounds, though. If you wish to live the Bugaboo experience and have fun, you need to be extremely fit.

If you thought Maui Lodge was a nice idea, wait to read about Jules Lodge, which – in my humble opinion – is the best of all. What was once only a dream of Jules Verne and other sci-fi writers is now reality! Living underwater is probably the most extraordinary experience adventurous travellers can have! You can spend a night surrounded by water and sea life and still enjoy the services of an ordinary apartment.

There are lots of other places like the ones I have written about. It's up to you to choose the one that suits you best.

Example:

Where do certain people prefer going on holiday?

Unexpected / strange / weird / unusual places

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1. Which country does Maui belong to?

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2. Where can tourists stay in Maui?

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3. Who would choose to spend their holiday at an ordinary hotel?

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4. Which event has Bugaboo Lodge taken its name from?

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5. Where is Bugaboo Lodge situated?

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6. What means of transport must travellers use to get to Bugaboo Lodge?

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7. How often can guests in Bugaboo go trekking?

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8. What should Bugaboo guests be if they want to enjoy the experience?

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9. Which lodging choice is the writer's favourite one?

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10. Where will you be if you decide to stay in Jules Lodge?

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(Total: 10 marks)
(Total marks for Reading: 30)

Writing Part 1

Read the text. There are 8 mistakes. Write the correction at the end of the line. The first three lines are examples. There are two more spelling mistakes, three more punctuation mistakes and three more grammar mistakes. Some lines have no mistakes.

<p>the majority of people believe that the best place to go on holiday is an exotics island. In particular, they believe that Hawaii is the perfect destination? A very interesting fact is that even european people do prefer Hawaii for their holidays. This is quiet surprising because the Mediterranean Sea is full of small islands which is as beautiful and exotic as Hawaii; however, they are not cheaper Many people from South Europe are deciding to spend their holidays in the capital city of Hawaii , Honolulu. The truth is that it has a great number of luxuries to offer. Tourists can to choose from a variety of five-star hotels to the simplest hut next to the see. But how come Honolulu is that cheap. I guess it'll always be a secret.</p>	The	example
	exotic	example
	.	example
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
	4.	
	5.	
	no mistakes	
	6.	
7.		
8.		

(Total: 8 marks)

