

# ESOL International Sample English Listening Examination

#### Level B1 Intermediate

#### Instructions to learners

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Total marks available: 30

You have 30 minutes to finish the examination.



#### Part 1

You will hear ten sentences twice. Choose the best reply in each situation.

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

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

- 1. a. Thank you. I think that is great.
  - b. I'm sorry. I didn't know where I was going.
  - c. That's great, thanks!
  - d. I know! There was not a lot of traffic today.
- 2. a. That's fantastic!
  - b. I'm not sure about that.
  - c. I don't think you are right.
  - d. I'm sorry. I won't go, thank you.
- 3. a. Thank you very much for that.
  - b. This is because the car is broken.
  - c. This is because it was late.
  - d. That's so sad. It is difficult.
- 4. a. What a shame
  - b. You are lucky
  - c. That is bad luck
  - d. You are lovely
- 5. a. Really, is that true?
  - b. You are not going there.
  - c. Will you go with me?
  - d. That is really true.



- 6. a. What does it want?
  - b. I have to buy a present.
  - c. When did it happen?
  - d. Thank you. I will.
- 7. a. Don't worry. It is an issue.
  - b. It is a problem.
  - c. I'm not sure about it.
  - d. No problem.
- 8. a. Don't mention it.
  - b. It was nice to meet you.
  - c. That is important.
  - d. That's a great idea.
- 9. a. Thank you very much.
  - b. What is the problem?
  - c. What went wrong?
  - d. You are welcome.
- 10. a. Thank you, it was very kind of you.
  - b. Thank you, I went yesterday.
  - c. Thank you, I'd love some.
  - d. Thank you, that's really helpful.



#### 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.

#### Conversation 1

- 1. Where is Jill going?
  - a. To buy some shoes
  - b. To a party
  - c. Shopping for clothes
  - d. Home
- 2. Cathy thinks that Jill must:
  - a. Buy some jeans
  - b. Buy a bag
  - c. Buy a dress
  - d. Buy a top
- 3. Whose birthday is at the weekend?
  - a. Jill
  - b. Jane
  - c. Cathy
  - d. Brown
- 4. What will Cathy let Jill borrow?
  - a. A bag
  - b. Some shoes
  - c. A dress
  - d. A necklace
- 5. 'I can't decide' means:
  - a. Jill cannot do something
  - b. Jill can do something
  - c. Jill does know what to do
  - d. Jill does not know what to do

Now listen to the conversation again and check your answers.



Now listen to <u>Conversation 2</u>. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

#### Conversation 2

- 1. Which statement is true?
  - a. Tracy has been to a lot of football matches.
  - b. Tracy is at college.
  - c. Tracy likes Robbie Williams.
  - d. Tracy watched football last night.
- 2. Patrick thinks:
  - a. The match was exciting.
  - b. The match was not exciting.
  - c. Robbie Williams is fantastic.
  - d. Robbie Williams is good.
- 3. Tracy and Patrick go together to:
  - a. Patrick's house
  - b. College
  - c. Tracy's house
  - d. A café
- 4. The phrase 'I can't afford' in the conversation means:
  - a. She can go
  - b. She cannot go
  - c. She has got some money
  - d. She has not got much money
- 5. Patrick's team:
  - a. Lost the game
  - b. Won the game
  - c. Did not score a goal
  - d. Scored a goal at the beginning of the game

Now listen the conversation again and check your answers.



#### Part 3

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



Now listen to <u>Broadcast 1.</u>

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

#### Broadcast 1

- 1. Name one special attraction that is NOT listed in the broadcast:
  - a. Ice Age cave drawings
  - b. The Vikings are coming
  - c. Ancient History
  - d. Science and nature
- 2. How many people visited in 1759:
  - a. 75 people a year
  - b. 75 people a day
  - c. 75 people a month
  - d. 75 people in March
- 3. The Viking ship may be a royal war ship because:
  - a. It is new
  - b. It had coins in it
  - c. It was found in York
  - d. It is so big
- 4. What was found near York?
  - a. Art
  - b. A ship
  - c. Jewellery
  - d. A Viking
- 5. The broadcast does **not** mention:
  - a. Where the museum is
  - b. What you can look at in the museum
  - c. How much it costs to visit
  - d. How many people visited the museum in 2013

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.



Now listen to <u>Broadcast 2</u>. Record your answers on the mark sheet.

#### Broadcast 2

- 1. According to the broadcast, Alize Cornet:
  - a. Will not play on Saturday
  - b. Did not play on Thursday
  - c. Won her match on Saturday
  - d. Won her match on Thursday
- 2. The temperature on Thursday was:
  - a. 21 Fahrenheit
  - b. 21 Celsius
  - c. 42 Fahrenheit
  - d. 42 Celsius
- 3. Why can play stop in tennis matches?
  - a. Because players are crying
  - b. Because of extreme heat
  - c. Because players are tired
  - d. Because the roof closed
- 4. According to the broadcast, Cornet was crying because:
  - a. She lost the match
  - b. The temperature was so hot
  - c. It will be hot on Saturday
  - d. It will be cooler on Saturday
- 5. According to the broadcast, who will play Cornet on Saturday?
  - a. Maria Sharapova
  - b. Rod Laver
  - c. Camila Giorgi
  - d. No one

Listen to the broadcast again and check your answers.

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# NOCN ESOL International Level B1 Intermediate Sample Listening Mark Sheet



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Instructions: Draw a line through either a, b, c or If you change your mind black out the wrong answer you think your first answer was right. black out	d to answer each question.   er and choose a new one with a line.   the wrong answer and circle your first answer.			

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# ESOL International Sample English Reading Examination

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#### Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on your mark sheet.

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAPER.

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

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are 30 questions in this examination.

You must attempt all the questions.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Total marks available: 30

You have 60 minutes to finish the examination.



# Text 1Read the text about One Direction and answer the questions on the following page.

One Direction is a pop group that has achieved	1
International fame since competing on the UK	2
television singing competition, 'The X Factor',	3
which began in 2003. The group came third in the	4
competition, but have never looked back. Their	5
succes since then has been amazing. Since	6
competing in 2010, the group, comprised of Liam,	7
Niall, Zayn, Harry and Louis, have had a string of	8
Number 1 hit records across the world and have	9
starred in their own film. The 'X Factor' tour in	10
2011 was a massive success in launching the boys.	11
FACTOR	12
The boys had entered the competition as	13
individual singers, but during the early stages, the judges put the boys together to	14
form a new boy band. No one guessed how this would be. The band's first three	15
albums shot to Number 1 in the UK music charts and their tours have been sell outs around	16
the world. One Direction became the first band in 60 years to have their first three albums	17
debut at Number 1 in the US. By 2013, their combined wealth was estimated at	18
£25 million. They have won a number of music awards for their work including two Brit	19
awards and four MTV music video awards.	20
	21
The boys has an amazing fan base, with all five of their Twitter accounts being amongst	22
the most followed. The group is followed by the media wherever they go and their	23
activities are reported almost daily in the newspapers or on the internet. No one can guess	24
how long this fame will last, but while it does, the boys are enjoying every minute!	25



- 1. According to the text, how many Brit Awards have One Direction had?
  - a. One
  - b. Two
  - c. Three
  - d. Four
- 2. In the 'X Factor' competition, the boys:
  - a. Won
  - b. Came first
  - c. Came second
  - d. Came third
- 3. The group is made up of:
  - a. Louis, Harry, Zayn, Luke, Niall
  - b. Liam, Niall, Zayn, Harry and Louis
  - c. Zayn, Louis, Liam, Will and Niall
  - d. Harry, Zayn, Luke, Louis and Liam
- 4. 'The X Factor' started in:
  - a. 2003
  - b. 2010
  - c. 2011
  - d. 2013
- 5. In 2011, One Direction:
  - a. Went on 'The X Factor' tour
  - b. Won 'The X Factor'
  - c. Had earned £25 million
  - d. Entered 'The X Factor'



- 6. There is a grammatical error in the above text. The error is:
  - a. In line 1
  - b. In line 11
  - c. In line 22
  - d. In line 24
- 7. The word 'competing' in line 2 can best be replaced with which word or phrase?
  - a. winning
  - b. taking part
  - c. failing
  - d. succeeding
- 8. Which line has a spelling error?
  - a. Line 6
  - b. Line 10
  - c. Line 18
  - d. Line 22
- 9. Which word would best fill the gap in paragraph 2?
  - a. disastrous
  - b. successful
  - c. strong
  - d. difficult
- 10. Which word should always be spelt with a capital letter?
  - a. Award
  - b. Direction
  - c. Harry
  - d. Factor



Text 2 - How to have a more organised life. Read the text below and answer the questions on the next page:

Sometimes life can get hectic, and when it does, being organised can make everything so much easier. Following these tips can help you on your way to a more organised lifestyle!

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organised lifestyle!					
A. Prepare carefully	B. Balancing your life	1			
-		2			
Collect some supplies to help you to organise	Do your work first. Make sure you has	3			
your life. A daily planner, small notebook,	finished all your homework or	4			
sticky notes, highlighters, and a calendar are	housework as soon as you can when	5			
really useful. You can either buy these at a	you get home. This means you will	6			
store or make your own. You can also buy	have time to do what you want to do	7			
stickers and different coloured pens.	before bed time. Once you have	8			
·	finished your work, you can text your	9			
Set up your calendar. Choose a good spot in	frends and relax with your family.	10			
your room (or anywhere else you'll see it	- Q	11			
often) and hang it up. Use highlighters and		12			
pens to mark special dates, such as sport		13			
practice or going to the gym or when your	9	14			
assignment is due for class. You might also	C	15			
want to mark off when you are your	Plan one day per week to relax. If you	16			
friends.	can't fit a whole day in, make sure you	17			
	at least get eight hours of down-time	18			
	per week, even if it's only an hour per	19			
<b>Y</b> / <b>T</b>	day. Enjoy your hobbies, spend time	20			
	with family and friends, take a bath, or	21			
	do anything else to relax you.	22			
		23			
C. Tips	D. Warning	24			
If a second second second MDO	16	25			
If you can, use your phone or MP3	If you become too busy, you	26			
player to send you reminders of	should try to free up your	27			
events.	schedule. Whether it's not	28			
Doubt aires our if you has not annoniced	going to a party or no longer	29			
Don't give up if you're not organised	playing in a sport's team,	30			
after a few days. Slowly build yourself	sacrifice something to make	31			
up to using all of these techniques	your life easier.	32			
until you're organised.	Don't leave anything out of your	33			
Don't avoid doing things. I caving	<ul> <li>Don't leave anything out of your planner or calendar. Even the</li> </ul>	34			
<ul> <li>Don't avoid doing things. Leaving things until the last minute usually</li> </ul>	smallest detail can <i>mess up</i> the	35			
,	rest of your plans.	36			
causes you to rush, which lowers the	rest of your plans.	37			

quality of your work.



- 11. The best word to complete the sentence in text A, line 16 is:
  - a. Meet
  - b. Meeting
  - c. Greeting
  - d. Greet
- 12. A word has been spelt incorrectly in text B. It is:
  - a. In line 3
  - b. In line 10
  - c. In line 18
  - d. In line 20
- 13. A word that best fills the gap in text C, line 33 is:
  - a. Daily
  - b. Total
  - c. Calendar
  - d. Completely
- 14. The best word to replace mess up in text D is:
  - a. Tidy
  - b. Spoil
  - c. Disorder
  - d. Clutter
- 15. There is a grammar mistake in text B:
  - a. In line 3
  - b. In line 8
  - c. In line 17
  - d. In line 19



- 16. According to the text, what lowers the quality of work?
  - a. Rushing to finish things
  - b. Not taking part in sport
  - c. Not putting events on your schedule
  - d. Not relaxing
- 17. What way of organising your life is not mentioned in the text?
  - a. Setting a reminder on your phone
  - b. Putting activities on your calendar
  - c. Using a daily planner
  - d. Asking your friend to remind you
- 18. According to the text, you must not:
  - a. Take part in sports
  - b. Give up if you are not organised immediately
  - c. Have a bath
  - d. Do homework or housework until you have had time to relax
- 19. According to the text, we are better organised:
  - a. If you finish all your work as soon as possible
  - b. If you stop doing things you like to do
  - c. Only plan a schedule for a week at a time
  - d. If you put everything on your schedule
- 20. According to the text, which statement is true?
  - a. You should plan at least 8 hours per day to relax
  - b. You should plan at least 8 hours per week to relax
  - c. You should plan at least 8 hours per day on your schedule
  - d. You should plan at least 8 hours of sport a week



#### Text 3 - Types of Cheese

#### Read the text below and answer the questions on the next page:



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Type of Cheese	Example of Cheese	Comments
Fresh Cheese	Cottage cheese,	These cheeses are ready to eat
	cream cheese,	immediately. You must eat them shortly
	Mozzarella	after you buy them. They are moist.
Hard Cheese- firm	Cheddar, Parmesan,	The producer presses out as much of the
	Double Gloucester,	moisture as possible. This means that the
	Derby	cheese lasts a long time. You can eat most
		cheese after 12 weeks, but you must wait to
		eat some mature cheeses for two years.
Hard cheese -	Cheshire, Lancashire	Crumbly cheese is very popular in the UK.
crumbly		The producer presses out a lot of moisture,
		but the cheese is ready to eat in four -
		eight weeks so it is not very firm. This
		means that the cheese is still crumbly.
Blue cheese	Stilton, Blue	Blue cheese contains a blue mould which the
	Cheshire, Gorgonzola	producer adds in the making process. The
		producer puts stainless steel needles into
		the cheese which allow air in. Mould grows
		because of the air in the cheese.



- 21. According to the text, which product contains mould?
  - a. Cottage cheese
  - b. Lancashire
  - c. Stilton
  - d. Cheddar
- 22. Which two types of cheese are firm, hard cheeses?
  - a. Mozzarella and Double Gloucester
  - b. Stilton and Parmesan
  - c. Cheddar and Cheshire
  - d. Cheddar and Derby
- 23. According to the text which two types of cheese do not contain a lot of moisture?
  - a. Firm hard cheese and crumbly hard cheese
  - b. Firm hard cheese and blue cheese
  - c. Crumbly hard cheese and blue cheese
  - d. Firm hard cheese and soft cheese
- 24. How does the mould start to work?
  - a. It starts to work immediately
  - b. The producer makes it work
  - c. Air makes it work
  - d. Stainless steel needles make it work
- 25. According to the text, which cheese is ready to eat immediately?
  - a. Parmesan cheese
  - b. Stilton cheese
  - c. Cheshire cheese
  - d. Cream cheese



#### Text 4 - Exercise

#### Read the text below and answer the questions on the next page:



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#### Benefits of exercise

Some aspects of our health and vitality are decided by our genes and how our mother behaves during pregnancy, but many lifestyle factors, including fitness, diet and weight all impact on our ability to live a long and healthy life.

The pressures of home and family life can make it feel like there's little time to exercise. Aside from weight loss, there is a lot to gain from exercise and it can make a huge difference to staying healthy:

- Exercise means a healthier heart because it reduces several cardiovascular risks, including high blood pressure and heart disease.
- Being physically active can bolster good mental health and help you manage stress, anxiety and even depression.
- Regular exercise can help you achieve and maintain an ideal weight and reduce the risk of diabetes.
- Weight bearing exercise, such as running is especially good in promoting bone density and protecting against osteoporosis - which is when bones become thin, weak and break easily.



- 26. According to the text, what is affected by our genes?
  - a. Our health and vitality
  - b. Our weight
  - c. Long life
  - d. How our mothers behave in pregnancy
- 27. What benefits of exercising are **not** mentioned in the text?
  - a. Meeting friends
  - b. Reduced stress
  - c. Weight loss
  - d. Improved heart condition
- 28. Which of these is not mentioned in the text?
  - a. Exercise helps you manage stress.
  - b. Exercise can help to prevent a heart attack.
  - c. Exercise helps to prevent diabetes.
  - d. Exercise protects you against viruses.
- 29. According to the text, osteoporosis is a medical term to describe a problem with:
  - a. Muscles
  - b. Bones
  - c. Heart
  - d. Nerves
- 30. According to the text, which statement is true?
  - a. Exercising has got many advantages
  - b. Exercising may cause a heart attack
  - c. You will gain weight when exercising
  - d. There is no time to exercise when you have family

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# ESOL International Sample English Writing Examination

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	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.		
	Total marks available: 40		

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

You have one hour to finish the examination.



Formal Writing Task 1 - Allow 30 minutes for this task

Write a letter to ask a charity if they have any volunteer opportunities.

#### You could write about:

- Why you want to volunteer
- Why you chose this charity
- What skills and qualities you have that you can use as a volunteer
- What voluntary work you have done in the past

Write 75 - 100 words.

#### You will be assessed on:

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

(20 Marks)



Write your letter nere.	



Informal Writing Task 2 - Allow 30 minutes for this task.

Write an email to a friend in England telling him/her about your last holiday or day out.

#### You could write about:

- Where you went
- What you liked about the place where you went
- What you did there
- What you did not like about the place where you went

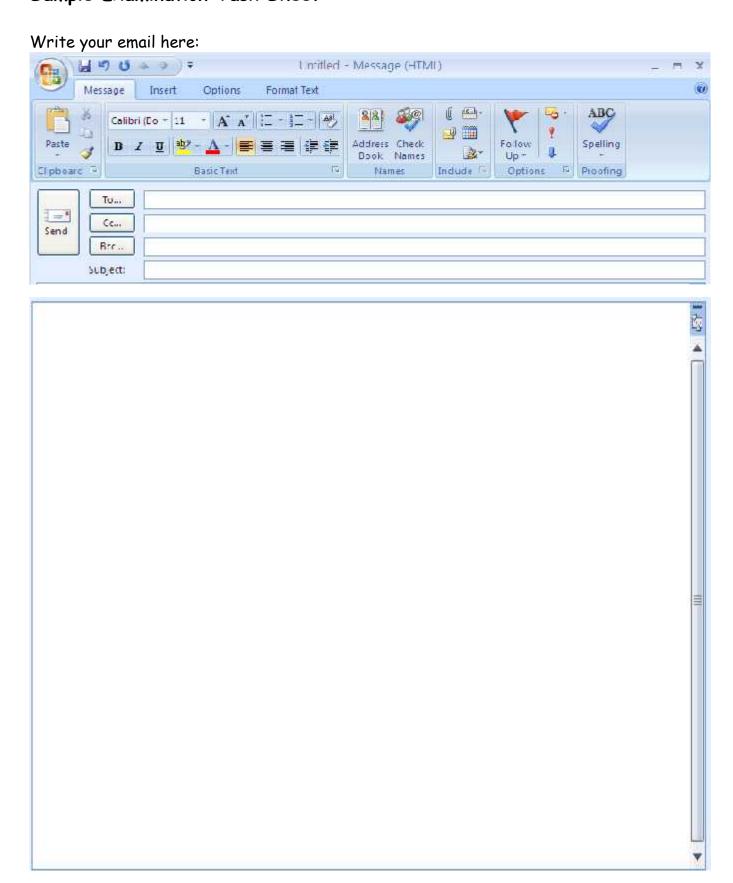
Write 75 - 100 words.

#### You will be assessed on:

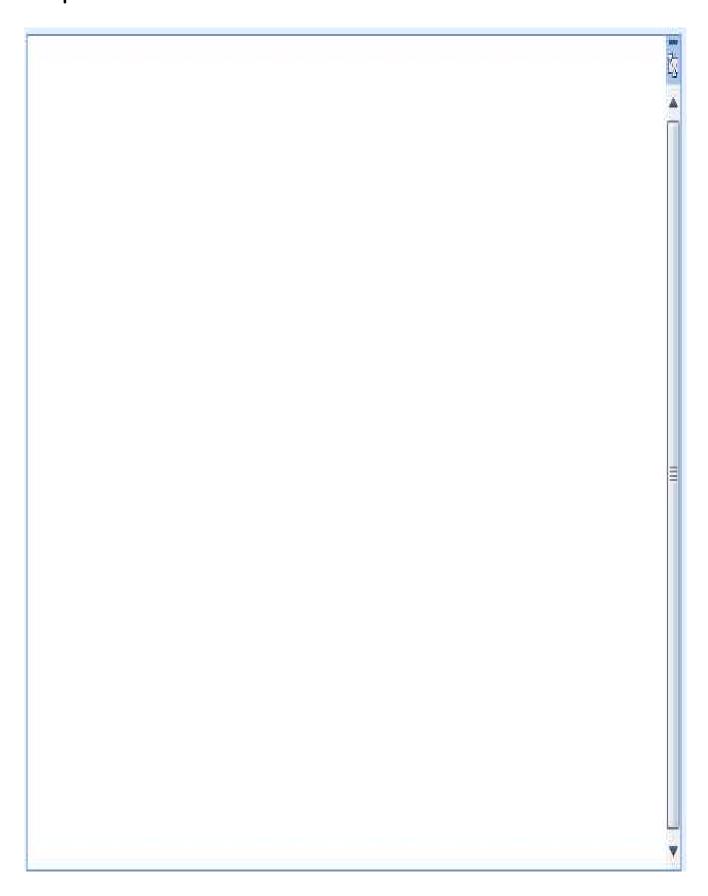
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# ESOL International Sample English Speaking Examination

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#### Instructions to interlocutor

Add the learner's name to the attendance register.

Check the learner has an Entry form and take it from them.

Start the recording - do not stop the recording until the end of the examination.

Complete the examination sheet as the learner responds to the prompts.

The learner must not see this paper.



Interlocutor:	
My name is and this is the NOCN Speaking Examina Level B1. Today is (date)	tion at Intermediate
'This is the NOCN ESOL International Spoken examination, ( (learner's name)'.	(level), (date) for



This is Part 1 of the Speaking Examination: Personal information.

I am now going to ask you some questions.

- 1. Can you tell me your address and how long you have lived there?
- 2. Please tell me three things about your best friend.
- 3. What is your favourite sport?
- 4. Tell me why you are learning English.
- 5. Tell me three places you like to visit.

Thank the learner.



This is Part 2 of the Speaking Examination.

Please listen carefully and tell me what you would say in these situations.

Situation 1: You are late arriving for an appointment because of delays in your journey. What would you say?

(Interlocutor may repeat or rephrase the question, if necessary).

Situation 2: You are making a phone call to ask whether a shop has a game that you want to buy. You need to find out about how much it costs. What would you say? (Interlocutor may repeat or rephrase the question, if necessary).

Thank the learner.

This is Part 3 of the Speaking Examination.

You will now take part in a conversation. You want to go to a music event next summer. Convince your friend it is a good idea. You will have two minutes to prepare for the conversation. You may make notes. I will take the place of your friend.

Thank the learner.

End of Examination