



Sample Assessment Material

ES2C24 – VTCT (ITEC) Level 2 Certificate in ESOL
International (C1)



1. Sample assessment

Time allowed:

Listening	20 minutes
Reading	60 minutes
Writing	70 minutes
Oral Examination	10 minutes (preparation) 6 minutes (Assessment)

1.1. Listening

In Parts One, Two and Three, you will hear some recordings. You will hear each recording **twice**.

At the end of the recordings, you will have time to transfer your answers to the Answer Sheet. Use a **black pen only**. Please ask any questions before the examination starts.

1.1.1. Part One

You will hear 8 sentences or questions. Listen to each sentence or question then choose the correct response to each sentence or question from the options A), B), C) or D).

You will hear the recording **twice**.

1)

- A) Let's hang the clothes out to dry
- B) I think I will put some sunscreen on
- C) At least the lawn will benefit
- D) I know, I can hardly lift it

2)

- A) I don't think so. It was a loud knock
- B) I don't think so. You can't hear it
- C) I don't know. I'll go and see
- D) I don't think so. Wasn't it loud?

3)

- A) It certainly could. It is filthy
- B) It is a lovely red colour
- C) I agree. There is not a speck of dirt on it
- D) It has done over 20 000 miles now



- 4)
- A) In the manager's office
 - B) It is at the town hall
 - C) It is discussing new staff
 - D) It is next Thursday
- 5)
- A) I am studying chemistry at university
 - B) Yes, I want to learn to speak Spanish
 - C) I went to Germany when I was younger
 - D) Yes, I would like to get a job there
- 6)
- A) I will make sure it's finished
 - B) Make sure you're not too late
 - C) Yes please, that would be nice
 - D) Remember to buy the right colour
- 7)
- A) Isn't your central heating working?
 - B) Are you going to live abroad?
 - C) Have you been on holiday?
 - D) Where do you work these days?
- 8)
- A) I agree. I couldn't be without mine.
 - B) I disagree. I love my phone.
 - C) I don't think so. I don't really need one.
 - D) I agree. Life is much better with them.



1.1.2. Part Two

Part A

Listen to a conversation, then select the correct answer for questions 9-14 by choosing from A), B), C) or D). You will hear the conversation **twice**.

- 9) The club scout's main reason for having this meeting is to:
- A) To tell Lia's parents how popular women's football has become
 - B) Inform Lia's parents that Lia is a talented footballer
 - C) Check that Lia's parents are fully behind Lia becoming a footballer
 - D) Inform Lia's parents what it takes to be a professional footballer
- 10) Who was surprised to hear that Lia excelled at football?
- A) Mr. Markland
 - B) Mrs. Markland
 - C) Grant
 - D) Jordan
- 11) In the conversation, football as a career is described as:
- A) Extremely exciting
 - B) Impossible to break into
 - C) Poorly paid
 - D) A short career
- 12) How does Lia feel about a career as a footballer?
- A) She is doubtful about it
 - B) She is enthusiastic about it
 - C) She is worried about it
 - D) She had not thought about it
- 13) What career option is mentioned in case Lia doesn't make it as a professional footballer?
- A) An apprenticeship
 - B) Mentoring
 - C) Sports management
 - D) Football training
- 14) What are Mr. and Mrs. Markland going to do next?
- A) Travel to Huddersford
 - B) Buy their daughter new sports kit
 - C) Sign the contract
 - D) Watch their daughter play football



Part B

Listen to an interview, then select the correct answer for questions 15-20 by choosing from A), B), C) or D). You will hear the interview **twice**.

- 15) Why is making your garden wildlife friendly so beneficial?
- A) Si will give gardening tips to the listeners
 - B) All the tips given will be free of charge
 - C) Both the gardeners and the wildlife benefit
 - D) You will be told how to make your garden wildlife friendly
- 16) Why does Si criticise the modern gardener?
- A) Having lawns
 - B) Borders with weeds in
 - C) Not getting rid of leaves
 - D) Being too tidy
- 17) Which insect does Si suggest the reader will find the easiest to recognise?
- A) The garden tiger moth
 - B) The seven-spot ladybird
 - C) The buff-tailed bumblebee
 - D) The soldier beetle
- 18) Si thinks you would be fortunate if you managed to catch a glimpse of which butterfly?
- A) Red admiral
 - B) Peacock
 - C) Painted lady
 - D) Brimstone
- 19) What is Si's second tip for gardeners?
- A) Have plants in your garden to attract wildlife
 - B) Keep pests out of your garden
 - C) Put a pond in your garden
 - D) Use a washing-up-bowl as a pond
- 20) Which amphibian may move into your garden pond?
- A) Small tortoiseshell
 - B) Pond skater
 - C) Newt
 - D) Dragonfly



1.1.3. Part Three

Listen to a broadcast, then select the correct answer to questions 21-30 by choosing from A), B), C) or D). You will hear the broadcast **twice**.

- 21) Within 30 years the narrator is stating that there will be no fish in the oceans. What reason do they give?
- A) Too much plastic in the oceans
 - B) Not enough oxygen produced by the oceans
 - C) Overfishing
 - D) Plastic taking up the space of oxygen
- 22) Which is NOT mentioned as a significant factor for deforestation?
- A) Farming
 - B) Mining
 - C) Logging
 - D) Settlements
- 23) Why does the narrator emphasise that it is ancient woodlands being lost?
- A) Ancient woodlands are full of biodiversity
 - B) Because they have been around for a long time
 - C) Replanting new trees can replace these woodlands
 - D) Because deforestation of more recent forests doesn't matter
- 24) According to the narrator, how much of England is covered by forests today?
- A) 19%
 - B) 15%
 - C) 13%
 - D) 10%
- 25) The narrator gave several reasons for both world wars causing deforestation, what did they fail to mention?
- A) Building of trenches throughout the wars
 - B) Entire forests bombed out of existence
 - C) Temporary lodgings for soldiers and prisoners
 - D) Building of train carriages for troops
- 26) According to the narrator, how many trees have been replanted recently?
- A) 10 million
 - B) 13 million
 - C) 15 million
 - D) 19 million



- 27) According to the narrator, which area of Europe is most likely to be affected by rising sea levels?
- A) The Netherlands
 - B) United Kingdom
 - C) America
 - D) Germany
- 28) According to the narrator, carbon dioxide increase is due to:
- A) Ice caps melting
 - B) Man and domesticated animals
 - C) The sun's radiation
 - D) Deforestation
- 29) According to the narrator, what is responsible for the production of the greatest amount of carbon dioxide?
- A) Transportation
 - B) Deforestation
 - C) The sun
 - D) Cows
- 30) What view does the narrator have about eating meat?
- A) It is what we are used to
 - B) They see no problem with eating meat
 - C) It is a major part of our diet
 - D) We should find an alternative

1.2. Reading

1.2.1. Part One

Read the text below and then select the correct answer to questions 31-36 by choosing from A), B), C) or D). Fill in the space on your answer sheet with a **black pen only**. There is only **one correct answer** for each number.

1	Why are there some foods we just cannot stand? Everyone loathes
2	something, and would not consider eating it, but where do these
3	hatreds come from? Are they cultural or universal, carried over from
4	the childhood or genuinely physical reactions to the taste?
5	To some extent, what we relish and reject is based on where we are
6	from. For example, 10-year-olds in countries where people are
7	fish-lovers will enjoy a whole fish, bones and all, whereas there will
8	be children who refuse it right-away, and these are likely to be
9	those from land-locked nations where the diet includes more meat.
10	However, some objections are more widespread such as cabbage.
11	People complain about this because of the bitter taste but this may
12	be justified on the basis of it being a sign of danger. In fact, in
13	the past the assumption was that something with a bitter taste was
14	poisonous and there was perhaps a valid reason to avoid it.
15	Childhood memories could be to blamed for a fair few of these
16	situations where food is rejected without even a mouthful being
17	tried. Children are notorious for rejecting food for no good
16	reason. As a tiny child I know I was guilty of such misbehaviour,
17	which presumably drove my parents quite mad with worry!
18	Even__, I, like the majority of other children I presume,
19	eventually grew up to reach a healthy weight and height.
20	Well then perhaps we shouldn't be so concerned about what children
21	will or won't eat after all!



- 31) Which line contains a grammatical error?
- A) Line 1
 - B) Line 2
 - C) Line 3
 - D) Line 4
- 32) Which line contains a punctuation error?
- A) Line 6
 - B) Line 7
 - C) Line 8
 - D) Line 9
- 33) Which line contains a spelling error?
- A) Line 12
 - B) Line 13
 - C) Line 14
 - D) Line 15
- 34) Which line contains a grammatical error?
- A) Line 14
 - B) Line 15
 - C) Line 16
 - D) Line 17
- 35) Which line contains a spelling error?
- A) Line 17
 - B) Line 18
 - C) Line 19
 - D) Line 20
- 36) Which word could fill the gap in line 18?
- A) if
 - B) so
 - C) while
 - D) after



1.2.2. Part Two

Read the text below and then select the correct answer to questions 37-44 by choosing from A), B), C) or D). Fill in the space on your answer sheet with a **black pen only**. There is only **one correct answer** for each number.

Almost universally worldwide, we take the internet for granted and certainly I can't imagine managing without online purchases nowadays. I've lived most of my life without the internet but for those younger than me, the opposite is true and those people possibly aren't aware of how different things are for them. Most people think nothing of clicking on some appealing advert, but every single move you make is captured!

I found out recently, quite coincidentally, how much is out there when I was researching a sports star prior to interviewing him. I had of course heard about people having the particulars of their lives taken and cruelly exploited or their finances being hacked with devastating consequences.

These hadn't really made me reflect on my own online presence but in researching my hero, I was astonished to find a response a friend of mine had made to one of his tweets. It stopped me in my tracks as it seemed utterly bizarre for him as his sense of humour didn't come across in those restricted characters in the tweet and he sounded like a truly spiteful individual. But then he was just a kid at that point.

Lately I've heard some people are attempting to cut their digital footprint back. Apparently, you can make contact with data collection companies and ask to be removed but of course this costs, and certainly getting rid of accounts you haven't used for ages seems sensible to me. If you aren't left wondering what on earth the log-in details were! I know some folk do regular searches for their name to see what comes up and follow links as a safeguard.

Something I've done straightaway is to stop clicking on those silly polls on Facebook and Twitter that I am drawn to. Why does someone want to know the best age to marry or what creature makes the best pet? It's made me more suspicious than I used to be, but having said that it's certainly given me back precious time despite how speedy they are.

But more seriously, recently someone found he was homeless after an extended professional assignment. He came back to find his house inhabited by strangers, who had quite legitimately purchased it...online of course! It seems that the legal deeds of the house had been transferred some months before to some random individuals who had then decided that advertising it through one of the new bargain-basement websites was the way to go. Whoever dreamt up such a rotten scam had clearly counted on online functionality.

For some reason, I feel as if I am shielded more as I have an uncommon name that isn't shared with loads of others but that might well be giving me a false sense of security. And isn't that precisely what exposes us to risk – the idea that it couldn't happen to us? If I've learnt nothing else from this, it is that that's the common belief, and that we should all be on our guard more. I guess I'd always trusted the software that comes loaded onto



any devices these days.

I'm composing this article after concluding my other assignment as I couldn't get the horror stories out of my mind. It's a warning to all about how things can come back to bite you! It's something we should all be considering.

37) What does the article say can affect the amount of information shared online?

- A) Links that you open
- B) How old you are
- C) Where you live
- D) The things you buy

38) What does the writer say surprised her about what she found online?

- A) The information she could find on a particular person.
- B) How often people lose money when they shop online.
- C) That so many people have their identity stolen online.
- D) How old some information found online is.

39) What does the writer say about the comment her friend had made?

- A) He said something strange.
- B) He had been really unkind.
- C) It was meant to be funny.
- D) The comment was offensive.

40) Why might it be difficult to remove information online?

- A) Companies charge a high fee for removing data.
- B) People sometimes forget their old passwords.
- C) There are complicated links to other websites.
- D) We all have too many different online accounts.

41) What does the writer think of online surveys?

- A) They are time consuming.
- B) They are appealing for lots of people.
- C) They are a distraction.
- D) The topics are very suspicious.

42) What happened to the businessman while he was away from home?

- A) Legal papers were stolen from his house.
- B) Some people had broken into his home.
- C) The extension to his trip caused problems.
- D) His house was sold on a website.



- 43) What does the writer say the most dangerous thing about internet security is?
- A) The belief that it only happens to people with common names.
 - B) The belief that updated software puts hackers off.
 - C) The belief that it is unlikely to happen to us.
 - D) The belief that if you don't share passwords, you are safe.
- 44) Why does the writer say she wrote this article?
- A) To explain how to remove material from the internet.
 - B) As a warning about what could happen.
 - C) It proved a point she made in another article.
 - D) She hadn't considered this an issue before.

1.2.3. Part Three

Read the text below and then select the correct answer to questions 45-52 by choosing from A), B), C) or D). Fill in the space on your answer sheet with a **black pen only**. There is only **one correct answer** for each number.

Yesterday morning the sun was shining. I'd booked the day off and I felt I was due some downtime after a manic period at work. I had anticipated getting some housework done but recalled the historical novel I'd started reading earlier that week and any other plans went out of the window. I set up my garden chair and with a cup of tea by my side, I picked it up and tried to remember what had happened in the first few chapters.

Before I had even got to the end of the first page the whirring, irritating noise of grass being cut burst into my ear drums, as professional gardeners began their customary maintenance of the already perfect grounds of the retirement home along the road. I pressed on and tried to block it out. From experience I knew the next two hours would consist of various levels of mechanical sound. It wasn't even something I could plan around. Who knew when they would stop to do some hand weeding, or would pop off to get a cold drink? I must have read and reread the same chapter three or four times.



Excessive, continuous noise is making my life a misery. I do not exaggerate. I'm not sure what sets my teeth on edge more. I hate walking past workmen drilling holes in the road, and sigh in fury at the roaring engines of motorbikes passing my house. Of course, the awful screeching noise ambulances make have a purpose but cars with ear-piercing music? Maybe they mistakenly think it doesn't have an impact on others.

Noise pollution should be a key consideration when those with a green agenda think about what damages our health. There's an emphasis on fumes we inhale, and the hazardous substances fed into waterways from industrial processes but how our stress levels escalate with the symphony of modern life around us is vastly understated. I'm atypical in that I don't suffer from insomnia but the anxiety this noise causes for me on a daily basis as I work from home is astronomical. However, along with hearing damage in severe cases, this is the most habitually reported outcome from noise pollution.

So how do we do something about this? Should there be laws to constrain the intensity of sound? This has been

tried without much impact I'm afraid. In some contexts, like airports where flights wind down towards midnight to allow some respite, as a result of many years of protests from the local inhabitants I should add, the law alleviated things slightly. But in the examples I gave you earlier I doubt much is possible to truly help. If we are to live in a world where people want stunning gardens, where we can respond to emergencies and where the pavements aren't full of potholes, maybe it's a price we have to soak up.



- 45) What had the writer planned to do that day?
- A) Finish some work
 - B) Do as little as possible
 - C) Some work in the garden
 - D) Clean her home
- 46) What does the writer say about the book she was reading?
- A) She was eager to start it.
 - B) It wasn't very memorable.
 - C) The first chapters were dull.
 - D) It was about real historical events.
- 47) In the text, what is the author's view of the interruption?
- A) She did not know what they were doing.
 - B) She had forgotten that it was going to happen.
 - C) She felt people were doing unnecessary tasks.
 - D) She thought it was unusual for this to happen.
- 48) What is the writer's main criticism of the interruption?
- A) It was predictable.
 - B) It was always very loud.
 - C) It stopped her concentrating.
 - D) It lasted too long.
- 49) Who is the writer more understanding about?
- A) Vehicles reacting to emergencies
 - B) People who play loud music while driving
 - C) Workmen making crucial repairs to roads
 - D) The riders of motorbikes having fun
- 50) What is the speaker's view on environmentalists?
- A) They worry about things that aren't as common.
 - B) They have a very fixed agenda and ignore other views.
 - C) They don't give enough attention to the impact of noise.
 - D) They focus too much on disasters impacting nature.
- 51) According to the writer, what is the most common consequence of noise pollution?
- A) Severe damage to hearing
 - B) Trouble sleeping
 - C) Being unable to complete work
 - D) Stress during the day



- 52) What is the author suggesting should be done about excessive noise in society?
- A) Industry should work to limited hours.
 - B) Laws should be considered to limit it.
 - C) People should think more about others.
 - D) We should become more tolerant.

1.2.4. Part Four

Read the text below and then select the correct answer to questions 53-60 by choosing from A), B), C) or D). Fill in the space on your answer sheet with a **black pen only**. There is only **one correct answer** for each number.



Can you imagine that moment when you find a treasure? Something that you've been searching for your whole life and suddenly you finally come across it. Would you jump for joy, scream, or phone somebody? Obviously, for most of us, this is an unlikely scenario either because we do not have a passion for collecting or hunting, or even if we do, we may never find anything special.

That is not the case for Nathan who made the discovery of a lifetime when he found the skeleton of a 69-million-year-old dinosaur. On this occasion the dinosaur-mad boy was just on a regular day-long hike with his father in an area known to be rich in fossils although the specific location of the skeleton was not where others had been found. He was trailing behind his father when he noticed a bone sticking out of a rock.

When he first saw the bones, he said he was so dazed he could not string a sentence together. Meanwhile his father was telling everyone he could find about the discovery and said that, looking back, he felt that he should have been more excited but the fact, he was so shocked that he couldn't react.

Since Nathan was a fan of fossils, he knew that they're protected by law so when they got home, they contacted the Royal Tyrrell Museum. They didn't exactly leap into action, but asked Nathan to send in some photos anyway. Then things changed. The museum rushed experts to excavate the skeleton and they were amazed to find it was from a different time period from other bones in their collection.

Nathan had hoped to be fully involved in everything once the museum took hold of his find. The museum understood this and made as many allowances as they could but pointed out the specialist nature of the work, the time required and how far he lived from the museum. However, he did manage to be part of the dating process, which was something at least.

The museum website gives lots of useful information, but maybe the thing that sticks out is that while you can keep any fossil you find, it isn't actually yours. It remains the property of the local area, so don't think you'll



make your fortune from fossil-hunting. It also warns against digging too much in national parks to avoid disturbing the local environment.

So, what happened since Nathan's find? There was certainly a wave of people out straightaway, convinced they'd have the same luck. In online searches for tips for fossil hunting, there's certainly some good advice to support these folk. But there hasn't been a string of finds so was Nathan just lucky, or was this interest short-lived? It seems like the latter, which is probably a good thing considering how much damage could be caused by those with no expertise.

Why is this story so attractive? Finding something unexpectedly's certainly a big part – the idea of buried treasure for example. Maybe the opportunities we know this offers Nathan in the future is also part of it. But we can all probably imagine Nathan's excitement as finding part of one of those improbable creatures he had models of in his bedroom. That is what seems to have captured the public's imagination.

53) What attitude to treasure hunting does the writer present in paragraph 1?

- A) It only attracts a select few people.
- B) The benefits are not always obvious.
- C) It's an activity which frequently inspires joy.
- D) People rarely succeed with this activity.

54) What do we learn about the boy's discovery?

- A) It was unanticipated.
- B) It was pointed out to him by his father.
- C) It was linked to previous finds.
- D) It was cleverly disguised.

55) What does the writer say about the boy's immediate reaction?

- A) He didn't know what to think of the find.
- B) He was surprised that he wasn't more excited.
- C) He was filled with immense pride.
- D) He was so stunned that he was speechless.

56) On hearing the news, the museum staff

- A) compared the bones with current exhibits.
- B) needed confirmation of location.
- C) were initially slow to react.
- D) they contacted some local experts.

57) What frustrated Nathan about the experience?

- A) Being unable to take part in the entire investigation.
- B) His lack of specialist knowledge relating to the find.
- C) The time it took the museum to process the find.
- D) How little he was allowed to see his find at the museum.



- 58) What information does the museum website provide fossil hunters?
- A) The high value attached to such discoveries.
 - B) The fact that possession does not mean ownership.
 - C) The laws relating to where you can hunt.
 - D) The suggested tools for digging up bones.
- 59) What has the result of Nathan's discovery been?
- A) More useful advice has been published online.
 - B) A lot of damage has been done in some areas.
 - C) A small number of significant fossils have been found.
 - D) There was an initial rush of people out looking for fossils.
- 60) What is the main appeal of Nathan's find?
- A) The chance to make your fortune.
 - B) The opportunities it presents for his future.
 - C) The insight it gives on an intriguing part of history.
 - D) The idea of childhood dream coming true.

1.3. Writing

1.3.1. Part One

Choose **ONE** of the following tasks between A, B, C and D.

Write a **formal** response in the correct format for the type of text. Please pay attention to the required word count for your text.

For your chosen **ONE** option, you must write between 200 and 250 words.

Write clearly and use a **black pen only**.

Option A	<p>You have been thinking about personality types and decide to write a post for your blog about leadership. Include in your blog post:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What it means to be a good leader • The qualities needed for effective leadership • Whether leadership is an innate quality, or one that can be learned • The link between leadership and success
Option B	<p>You have read a report about charity organisations, and you decide to write an article giving your views. Include in your article:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What motivates people to do voluntary work for charities • How doing voluntary work benefits the individual • The personal qualities volunteers need to have • Whether all voluntary work is equally valuable
Option C	<p>Your college has announced plans for a major upgrade of its facilities. You decide to submit a proposal for the college management to consider. Include in your proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assessment of the needs of the students • Which upgrades would have the most impact • Something that isn't included in the proposal that you would like to see • How to organise the upgrades with minimal disruption
Option D	<p>You have seen an article in a magazine about the popularity of writing blogs. You decide to write an article in response expressing your views. Include in your article:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why blogs have become so popular • What someone may get out of writing a blog • How blogs differ from personal diaries • Whether you see this trend developing in the future



1.3.2. Part Two

Write an **informal** response in the correct format for the type of text. Please pay attention to the required wordcount for your text.

You must write between 200 and 250 words. Write clearly and use a **black pen only**.

Your college is launching an exchange programme and the first group of students is due to arrive next month. You have been asked to write an email that will be sent to all the students before they arrive.

Include in your email:

- Say what plans are already in place
- Advise the students how to get the best out of the experience
- Ask the students about their expectations
- Tell the group what you are looking forward to most