



# Learning Resource Network

## LRN LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN ESOL INTERNATIONAL (CEF B2)

### LEVEL B2

LISTENING  
WRITING  
READING AND USE

EXAM PAPER – JANUARY 2020

#### DURATION:

LISTENING

30 MINUTES

WRITING  
READING  
AND USE

2 HOURS

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Do not open this paper until you are told to do so.
- Read the instructions before answering the questions.
- You will hear Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 of the Listening TWICE.
- You will hear Section 3 of the Listening AGAIN in Writing, Section 1.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet in pencil.
- Use an HB2 pencil.
- Complete **TWO** Tasks in the Writing Section.
- Write your Tasks in the Writing Booklet in pencil.
- You must ask any questions now as you cannot speak during the Test.

Listen to **9** short conversations. For questions **1-9**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**). You will hear each conversation **TWICE**. You now have **2 minutes** to read the questions. Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

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### Plans for Valentine's Day

1. One reason Jennie recommends *The Piano Bar* to Tom is because
  - A. his wife enjoyed the food last time they were there.
  - B. it is the restaurant his wife likes best.
  - C. Tom and his wife can dance to music they choose.

### A cookbook

2. What is **TRUE** according to what you hear?
  - A. Chris advises Mary to make some changes to her book.
  - B. Mary's recipes require expensive ingredients.
  - C. Beginner cooks will not be able to use Mary's book.

### Getting a taxi

3. What does John suggest Chloe should do?
  - A. avoid using a credit card to pay for a taxi
  - B. take a cab from the company he uses
  - C. find a minicab on the High Street

### Horoscopes

4. Kevin sounds certain that
  - A. our lives are under the influence of the planets.
  - B. planets cannot affect the weather on earth.
  - C. horoscopes should not be trusted.

### On safari

5. From what you hear, you understand that
  - A. Karen now regrets going on the trip.
  - B. Mark believes there is an animal outside the tent.
  - C. the camp Mark and Karen are in has no security.

### Moving to the country

6. What is **FALSE** according to what you hear?
  - A. Amanda was not financially successful as a lawyer.
  - B. Peter seems surprised at Amanda's decision.
  - C. Amanda decided to make a major career change.

### Keeping a diary

7. It seems that Thomas
  - A. is an adult who keeps a diary.
  - B. kept a diary when he was a teenager.
  - C. feels uncomfortable about keeping a diary.

### Car repairs

8. David is sure that
  - A. the car will be repaired soon.
  - B. the car mechanic can be trusted.
  - C. the car repairs will cost more than expected.

### Mobile phone password

9. Kate does not have a mobile phone password because she
  - A. does not know how to create one.
  - B. does not keep personal information on her phone.
  - C. does not know that mobile phones are often stolen.

Listen to **3** longer conversations. For questions **10-15**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**). You will hear each conversation **TWICE**. You now have **1 minute** to read the questions.

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

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### **A lost dog**

10. Millie tells Leo that she
- A. doesn't know who the owner of the dog is.
  - B. has seen the dog several times before.
  - C. found a tag with the dog's name on.
11. What do Millie and Leo seem to agree on?
- A. It would be good for Millie to have a dog.
  - B. Someone left the dog on the street.
  - C. Leo should take the dog to the animal shelter.

### **Dinner out**

12. What is **TRUE** according to what you hear?
- A. Jean is annoyed with Anthony for arriving late.
  - B. Anthony doesn't have a good excuse for being late.
  - C. Anthony and Jean's table has not been prepared yet.
13. What is **FALSE** according to what you hear?
- A. Jean and Anthony have a table reservation.
  - B. Anthony and Jean will have a coffee at the bar.
  - C. Anthony will probably order chicken soup.

### **Trouble with a colleague**

14. Irene is angry because her colleague
- A. refused to talk to her when she entered the office.
  - B. was gossiping about her with a new employee.
  - C. interrupted her while she was busy working.
15. Daniel suggests that Irene should
- A. ignore her colleague's behaviour.
  - B. start gossiping about her colleague.
  - C. talk with her colleague.

Listen to Brian's message for his friend, Steve. For questions **16-20**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**). You will hear the message **TWICE**. You now have **1 minute** to look at the questions.

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

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16. Why was Brian disappointed at first?
- A. He had to get up at 6 in the morning.
  - B. Steve did not join him on the trip.
  - C. There was a lot of rain.
17. How did Brian feel when they arrived at the forest?
- A. He was pleased because the ground was dry.
  - B. He was unhappy because it was still raining.
  - C. He was too tired to look for tree branches.
18. What is **TRUE** about the scouts according to what you hear?
- A. They prepared breakfast at the campsite.
  - B. The second survival skill was to build a fire.
  - C. They had breakfast inside their survival shelters.
19. What was the third survival activity the scouts did?
- A. learning how to cook over a fire
  - B. looking for water in the forest
  - C. searching the forest for food
20. What is **FALSE** according to what you hear?
- A. The weekend trip was fun for all the scouts.
  - B. There will be another scout trip soon.
  - C. The scouts did a lot of activities on Sunday morning.

Now, **open your Writing Booklet**, turn to **Writing, Section 1, Task 1** and listen to the instructions. You have **1 minute** to open your **Writing Booklet**.

**Task 1**

Listen to Brian's message for his friend, Steve **again**. **USE** the space provided in the **Writing Booklet** to take notes. You **need to use** the information from the recording and the notes you have taken to write **an email** to a friend of yours telling him/her about the survival weekend your Scout group organised in a forest. In your email, talk about the activities which your Scout group participated in during the survival weekend.

Write your **email** in the **Writing Booklet, Task 1**.

**Your notes will not be marked.**

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Take notes for the following information or for anything else you wish.

**On Saturday morning**

- going to the camp
- dividing into groups
- first survival activity
- having breakfast
- second survival activity

**On Saturday afternoon**

- having lunch
- third survival activity
- activities after returning to the camp

**On Sunday morning**

- changing plans
- returning home

**Write your notes in  
the Writing Booklet**

**You must do Task 1.**

Write your **email** in the space provided in the **Writing Booklet**. You **need to use** the notes you have taken. You may add any other relevant information you wish.

Write your **email** in **100-120** words.

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**Write an email to a friend of yours telling him/her about the survival weekend your Scout Group organised in a forest. In your email, talk about the activities which your Scout Group participated in during the survival weekend.**

Choose **ONE** of the following **Writing Tasks**. **USE** the points given below each **Task**. You may add your own points if you wish.

Write your **Task** in the space provided in the **Writing Booklet** in **120-170** words.

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### Task 2

**Write an email to a friend of yours telling him/her about a dream you had last night.**

In your letter, you must mention

- who was in your dream
- where the dream took place
- what happened in your dream
- how the dream made you feel

**OR**

### Task 3

Write a story that begins:

**'When I looked out of my bedroom window, I saw my best friend running towards my house.'**

Continue the story.

**OR**

### Task 4

**Write an essay about the advantages of eating at home and the advantages of eating out at a restaurant.**

In your essay, you should talk about the

#### **advantages of eating at home**

- use healthy ingredients
- save money
- feel more comfortable
- learn how to cook

#### **advantages of eating at a restaurant**

- choose from a variety of dishes
- avoid cooking and cleaning
- eat in a pleasant environment
- meet people

Read the text below about *The Winter Olympics* and then answer the questions that follow. For questions **1-8**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**).

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

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### ***The Winter Olympics***

It is a fact that the Summer Olympics are more popular than the Winter Olympics as they host a greater number of different events with more famous athletes from more than 200 countries. The competitions in the Winter Olympics, on the other hand, are only on snow and ice and as a result, countries that have no real winter, such as those found in tropical climates, do not participate in them. \_\_\_\_\_, there are not many famous athletes that take part in the Winter Olympic Games and so fewer spectators are interested in watching the Games.

The Winter Olympics may not receive much media coverage, but like the Summer Olympics, it is still a major international sporting event, promoting the ideas of fair play and the value of sport. Some argue that the Winter Olympics has its roots back in the Nordic Games, which were first introduced in 1901, just five years after the birth of the modern Summer Olympics in 1896. The Nordic Games were held in Sweden once every four years and the only athletes that participated were from Scandinavian countries. The Nordic Games included some non-winter sports such as car racing and hunting, but the main sports were snow and ice related ones, such as ski jumping, cross-country skiing, speed skating and ice hockey.

On January 25, 1924, the International Olympic Committee, or IOC, organised the first Winter Olympic Sports in the city of Chamonix in the French Alps. This twelve-day event, which was originally called the 'International Week of Winter Sports', thrilled the 10,000 spectators who came from many different countries to watch it. For the opening ceremony of the event, 258 amateur athletes, only 11 of whom were women, **marched** from the City Hall of Chamonix to the Olympic outdoor ice-skating rink where a band played the national anthems of the 16 countries participating in the event. The 'International Week of Winter Sports' was so successful that the IOC officially named the Chamonix event the first 'Winter Olympic Games' and decided to hold them every four years. However, that decision upset the Scandinavian countries because they feared that the Nordic Games would lose popularity and finally stop, which was what actually happened in 1926.

Since 1925, the Winter Olympic Games have been hosted by twelve different countries. For the most recent Winter Olympics in 2018, the Olympic torch was lit as usual in ancient Olympia in Greece and travelled more than 100 days to reach South Korea. There, Norway, one of the 92 countries competing in freezing temperatures, set a new record for the most medals won by a country at a single Winter Olympics, taking home 14 gold, 14 silver and 11 bronze medals.

1. The Winter Olympics enjoy less popularity than the Summer Olympics because
  - A. only 200 countries take part in them.
  - B. no famous athletes compete in them.
  - C. they include a limited range of sports.
2. Which of the following options can fill the blank in the 1st paragraph?
  - A. At that time
  - B. In addition
  - C. Despite
3. What is **TRUE** according to the 2nd paragraph?
  - A. There is no media coverage of the Winter Olympics.
  - B. Both the Summer and Winter Olympics support fair play.
  - C. The 1901 Summer Olympics led to the idea for the Nordic Games.
4. It seems that the Nordic Games
  - A. allowed only sports played on ice or snow.
  - B. took place in Sweden every four years.
  - C. attracted many non-Scandinavian participants.
5. From what you read in the 3rd paragraph, you understand that the first 'International Week of Winter Sports'
  - A. impressed the spectators.
  - B. was set up by French athletes.
  - C. did not include women athletes.
6. Which of the following can best replace the word '**marched**' in the 3rd paragraph?
  - A. compared
  - B. participated
  - C. paraded
7. What did the 1924 Chamonix event result in?
  - A. the birth of the Winter Olympics
  - B. the Nordic Games growing in popularity
  - C. a sports competition which takes place every year
8. What is **FALSE** according to the last paragraph?
  - A. South Korea hosted the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.
  - B. The 2018 Winter Olympics took place in pleasant weather.
  - C. Norway was the most successful nation at the 2018 Winter Olympics.

Read the following two passages about *Breakdancing* and *Crazy Legs, a famous breakdancer*. For questions, **9-15**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**).

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

### ***Breakdancing and Crazy Legs, a famous breakdancer***

#### ***Breakdancing***

Breakdancing first appeared in the early 1970s in an area of New York known as the Bronx. It began as a street dance with simple body movements. However, since early breakdancers were very fond of kung-fu movies, they imitated the martial arts moves they saw in those movies and brought them into the dance, making it more and more complex and athletic. The earliest breakdancing groups consisted mainly of young men who competed over their dancing skills in the streets of the Bronx. When breakdancing was first introduced, it was not accepted by society. However, it did not take very long for it to become known beyond the borders of New York.

In 1983, Michael Jackson amazed viewers with his moonwalk in the video for his hit song *Billie Jean*. The moonwalk was a backstep dance move in which Jackson moved backwards while he seemed to be walking forwards. However, it was not Michael Jackson who came up with the move. It was Cab Calloway, a famous American jazz performer in the 1930s who actually first did the backstep move at one of his concerts. Then, in the 70s, breakdancers added the backstep move to their dance routines. However, it was Jackson's moonwalk in 1983 that made the backstep move a **craze** and helped make breakdancing popular worldwide.

9. What is **TRUE** about breakdancing according to the 1st paragraph?
  - A. It has always included difficult moves.
  - B. It was first shown in kung-fu movies.
  - C. It borrowed some moves from martial arts.
10. In the beginning, breakdancing groups
  - A. could be seen in many parts of New York.
  - B. attracted mainly male dancers.
  - C. were respected by society in general.
11. From what you read in the 2nd paragraph, you understand that
  - A. Michael Jackson invented the backstep move in the 1980s.
  - B. breakdancers adopted the backstep move in the 1970s.
  - C. the moonwalk and the backstep are very different dance moves.
12. Which of the following can best replace the word '**craze**' in the 2nd paragraph?
  - A. creation
  - B. trend
  - C. reality

***Crazy Legs, a famous breakdancer***

Crazy Legs, whose real name is Richard Colon, was a famous breakdancer in the Bronx in the early 1980s. In 1975, at the age of 9, he was taught breakdancing by his elder brother and at the age of 13, he joined the well-known Bronx breakdancing group, *The Rock Steady Crew*. In 1979, Crazy Legs left the Bronx and moved to Manhattan. As it was expensive for him to return to the Bronx every weekend to dance with his group, in 1981, he was given permission by the founders of the group to start his own *Rock Steady Crew* in Manhattan.

By the early 1980s, breakdancing had started losing its popularity. However, the much publicised performances by Crazy Legs and his Manhattan *Rock Steady Crew* not only prevented the death of breakdancing in New York, but they also made it popular worldwide. After the attention the group received for their performance at the Lincoln Centre in New York in August 1981, the group appeared in many places outside New York. In 1983, Crazy Legs and his group went on their first tour of Europe and its success led them to tour many other countries. Today, Crazy Legs often judges dance competitions and helps young breakdancers fulfil their **ambitions**.

13. What is **TRUE** according to the 1st paragraph?
- A. Crazy Legs first learnt breakdancing at the age of 13.
  - B. The original *Rock Steady Crew* danced in the Bronx.
  - C. Crazy Legs has lived in Manhattan all his life.
14. What is **FALSE** according to the 2nd paragraph?
- A. Crazy Legs helped make breakdancing popular worldwide.
  - B. *The Rock Steady Crew's* first tour of Europe was successful.
  - C. Crazy Legs is no longer involved with breakdancing.
15. What does the word '**ambitions**' in the 2nd paragraph mean?
- A. goals
  - B. studies
  - C. problems

For questions **16-30**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**).

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

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16. When ..... the old bridge built?

- A. would
- B. did
- C. was

17. Reading books is one of the ..... effective ways to improve writing skills.

- A. much
- B. most
- C. very

18. She asked her classmates if they ..... in a tree planting project the following weekend.

- A. can participate
- B. are participating
- C. would participate

19. .... people are often more successful in life.

- A. Organising
- B. Organised
- C. Organiser

20. Due to strong winds, it was difficult for the firefighters ..... out the forest fire.

- A. for putting
- B. putting
- C. to put

21. The personal information we post on social networks ..... in ways we do not intend.

- A. often were used
- B. may use often
- C. is often used

22. If I can afford to buy a new car, I'll get ..... that is more environmentally-friendly.

- A. other
- B. one
- C. some

23. Some people say that ..... a person has a university degree, they won't get a good job.
- A. unless
  - B. as soon as
  - C. as if
24. It was ..... day that the school trip to the zoo was cancelled.
- A. a so cold
  - B. such a cold
  - C. too cold
25. As they climbed higher, ..... and windier.
- A. it got colder
  - B. much cold had it
  - C. as cold as it
26. The police say that the bank robbers must ..... the country last night.
- A. left
  - B. had left
  - C. have left
27. George can't help his sister with her homework tonight as he ..... an old friend.
- A. visits
  - B. is visiting
  - C. will be visited
28. Their gym teacher ..... them run around the school playground two times.
- A. asked
  - B. told
  - C. made
29. I woke up with a stomach-ache yesterday morning. I am sure it was because of something bad I ..... at the party the night before.
- A. was eaten
  - B. had eaten
  - C. have eaten
30. Surprisingly, he did ..... on the exams than he had expected.
- A. all the best
  - B. much better
  - C. much too well

For questions **31-40**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**) to fill in the gaps.

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

### *The Electric Car*

Contrary to (31) ..... most of us think, the electric car is not a modern invention. In fact, in 1839, a vehicle was (32) ..... by Robert Anderson, a Scottish engineer, which ran on a non-rechargeable battery. Anderson's idea inspired other inventors to build electric cars that (33) ..... be more practical. One of them was Thomas Parker, an English electrical engineer and inventor. Parker was worried (34) ..... the pollution caused by industry, so in 1884, he designed an electric car which (35) ..... a rechargeable battery. Parker's electric car soon (36) ..... popular in many European countries and in the United States. In fact, in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, there were as many as 12 car manufacturers making electric cars in the US, many of (37) ..... were used as taxis in cities, where distances were short. (38) ..... the popularity of the electric car, Henry Ford's gasoline-powered Model T car soon attracted more public interest for two basic reasons: (39) ..... cost less and could travel longer distances at greater speeds. Recently, however, concerns over pollution and the high price of petrol (40) ..... renewed interest in developing modern electric cars.

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| 31. A. it           | B. what         | C. that     |
| 32. A. inventing    | B. to invent    | C. invented |
| 33. A. shall        | B. ought        | C. could    |
| 34. A. about        | B. at           | C. in       |
| 35. A. was used     | B. used         | C. had used |
| 36. A. became       | B. remained     | C. gained   |
| 37. A. they         | B. each         | C. which    |
| 38. A. Additionally | B. Despite      | C. Instead  |
| 39. A. the          | B. some         | C. it       |
| 40. A. creates      | B. have created | C. creating |



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**LEVEL B2**

**SPEAKING**

Duration: 14 to 16 minutes

**EXAMINER'S INSTRUCTIONS**  
Speaking Exam Paper January 2020

**Warm up Stage**

Duration: 3 minutes

**Examiner:** Good morning / Good afternoon. My name is .....

To Candidate A: What's your name?

Where are you from?

To Candidate B: What's your name?

Where are you from?

**Examiner:** In this part of the Test, I would like to ask you some questions about yourselves.

*The Examiner asks each Candidate one or more questions about the following topics.*

- hobbies
- free time activities
- school
- hometown or neighbourhood
- future plans

! No questions about their families are allowed.

**Prepared Topics – Individual Talks and Interaction**

Duration: 6 to 7 minutes

**Examiner:** In this part of the Test, each of you is going to talk for **1 minute** about the topic you have already prepared for. After you have finished your talk, I will ask you some questions about what you have presented and then your partner can express his/her point of view on the same topic.

 ***The Examiner shows each Candidate the list of topics and asks them which one they have prepared to talk about.***

**List of prepared topics:**

1. How can we stay active in our free time?
2. Have your childhood friendships changed? Why? Why not?
3. Can teachers change the lives of their students? Why? Why not?
4. What does your community do to help the elderly?
5. What can be done to reduce traffic in a city?

**Examiner to Candidate A:** Which topic are you going to talk about?

Candidate A can speak for **1 minute**

***The Examiner asks Candidate A a question on what he/she has said.***

**Examiner to Candidate B:** What do you think of this? or Do you agree or disagree with your partner?

***The Examiner asks both Candidates a question and prompts them to engage in a conversation.***

Interaction: **2-2.5 minutes**

**Examiner to Candidate B:** Which topic are you going to talk about?

Candidate B can speak for **1 minute**

***The Examiner asks Candidate B a question on what he/she has said.***

**Examiner to Candidate A:** What do you think of this? or Do you agree or disagree with your partner?

***The Examiner asks both Candidates a question and prompts them to engage in a conversation.***

Interaction: **2-2.5 minutes**

**Respond to a Question and Interaction**

Duration: 5 to 6 minutes

**Examiner:** In this part of the Test, I will ask each of you to respond to a question. You may use the ideas given below the question and/or use your own ideas to answer the question. Your partner will be asked to comment on what you have said and express his/her point of view as well.

-  *The Examiner must choose a question related to what each Candidate talked about in Section 2 of the Test.*
-  *The Examiner tells each Candidate to look at the chosen question and the points below it. When the Candidate has finished talking about the question, the Examiner asks the other Candidate to comment and express his/her point of view.*

**1. Every city should have public sports centres.**

- bring people together
- keep people physically active
- promote a healthy lifestyle

**2. A lack of good friends can cause us serious problems.**

- feel lonely and depressed
- develop unhealthy habits
- hang out with the wrong people

**3. Teachers should encourage their students.**

- make them feel proud
- motivate them to study more
- create a friendlier class environment

**4. The elderly may feel happier in the countryside.**

- more peaceful environment to live in
- easier to ask for help
- closer to nature

**5. Too much traffic in the city causes serious problems.**

- creates air and noise pollution
- leads to long traffic delays
- causes stress and anger

**Examiner:** Thank you. This is the end of the Test.