

ESOL

International

Level 3 - CEFR C2

Question Paper (Ref: OCNL0922C2LRW)

Listening, Reading and Writing Exam Paper: September 2022

Time allowed: Listening - 30 minutes

Reading - 60 minutes Writing - 90 minutes

Information for Candidates

- All answers should be recorded on the separate Candidate Answer Sheets (one for Listening and Reading, one for Writing)
- The marks for the various parts of the papers are indicated, e.g. 'There are 10 marks available for Part Two'.
- There are 3 parts in the Listening section of this exam paper. The total mark for this section is 30.
- There are 4 parts in the Reading section of this exam paper. The total mark for this section is 30.
- There are 2 parts in the Writing section of this exam paper. The total mark for this section is 30.
- learners are allowed to use a dictionary

Listening Paper

There are THREE parts to this exam.

Time allowed: 30 minutes

Part One - (10 marks available)

You will hear 10 questions or statements. You will hear each question or statement twice.

There are four possible 'answers' - that is, statements that could naturally flow from what you hear.

For each question or statement, select one 'answer' on your answer sheet.

1.

- a If I were you, I would try to bargain with the owners.
- b I think you should buy it anyway.
- c The houses in this area are nice and very close to your work!
- d When buying a house, you should really like it, because it is a long -term investment.

2.

- a In my time we would just ask around and get a job.
- b I decided to go back to college.
- c Such people should be encouraged to dream big and never lose hope.
- d The most important thing is to start a family.

3.

- a She told me the house is in a secluded area, without many neighbors, so it is very quiet.
- b I visited her the day before yesterday and I had to use GPS to get there.
- c After the hospital you go straight ahead, turn right on Harrison street and then take the second road to the left.
- d I felt the same way at first, but it was easy. What is your address?

4.

- a Not very good actually, he stood me up.
- b To be honest, I do not really like him; sometimes he can be too obnoxious.
- c I do not really like eating out; I prefer cooking at home
- d I had car trouble, so I couldn't help him move, but we will do it tomorrow.

5.

- a It was great, even though we experienced some turbulence at the beginning.
- b I have been there three times already and I plan on going again this year!
- c I am extremely afraid of flying therefore I avoid it if possible.
- d I really enjoy visiting other countries and learning about their customs.

6.

- a Unfortunately, I am working on my thesis, so I cannot make it today.
- b I would love to go out with you sometime. Are you free next Thursday?
- c Sure, I would love to go! Can you pick me up at 9?
- d I do not know how to fish, so I might need some help after all.

7.

- a Are you sure you want to move all the way to Europe for work?
- b When I visited France I stayed at a lovely little cottage in the countryside.
- c I just love French films; I think they have an aesthetic that you do not find in American movies.
- d France in the summer is very beautiful indeed, especially if you have the opportunity to visit the seaside.

8.

- a I understand, I too get annoyed when I get low reception on the train.
- b He must have gone through a tunnel and the signal was lost.
- c I talked with him yesterday, he is just swamped with work at the moment.
- d He was let go from his job last month and is taking some time to reconsider his career.

9.

- a Yes of course, do you want specific seats?
- b We do not have any copies of this book left. Would you like me to look for something else?
- c Our screens are very resilient to dust and waterproof.
- d You must validate your tickets on the voucher machine.

10.

- a Some of you are very lucky to live so close to the office.
- b He is carpooling with some of the other guys from the office.
- c Yesterday he took the train and was late again; I think that he should be more punctual.
- d He went to work even thought it was Sunday.

Part Two - (10 marks available)

You will hear two people speaking. This will be played twice.

Answer the 10 questions. For each question, select one answer on your answer sheet.

1. What is the client interested in?

- a Changing his pilates appointment.
- b Information about the gym's programmes and prices.
- c To enrol in TRX classes.
- d To renew his gym membership.

Why has the client decided to start exercising?

- a To become fit for summer.
- b To fit into his new clothes.
- c His partner suggested it.
- d His doctor suggested it.

3. How much does the pilates class last?

- a 1 hour including a 15-minute break.
- b 45 minutes
- c 1 hour and 15 minutes including a break.
- d It depends on the people attending the class.

4. When do pilates classes take place?

- a Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 7pm
- b Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6pm
- c Monday to Friday at 7pm
- d Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7pm

5. What will the client do about the necessary sports equipment?

- a He will use his own equipment.
- b He will rent some equipment from the gym.
- c He will use the gym's equipment.
- d He will borrow some equipment from a friend.

6. What other activity does the client find interesting?

- a Yoqa
- b TRX
- c Free weights and aerobics
- d Hips and Abs programme

7. Which class offers the fastest way to lose fat in the entire body?

- a Yoga
- b TRX
- c Free weights and aerobics
- d Hips and Abs programme

8. When do yoga classes take place?

- a On Thursdays and Mondays
- b On Saturdays
- c On Tuesdays and Saturdays
- d On Tuesdays

9. What price packages does the gym offer?

- a £49,99 per month for all the programmes and gym facilities and £39,99 for the group programmes only, with two complimentary spa treatments.
- b £49,99 per month for all the programmes and gym facilities and £39,99 for the group programmes only, with unlimited access to spa services.
- c £49,99 annual subscription, with complimentary access to spatreatments of your choosing.
- d All lessons are paid individually according to the number of the participants.

10. What programmes will the client participate in eventually?

- a Pilates and TRX
- b Pilates and yoga
- c Pilates and aerobics
- d Only pilates

Part Three - (10 marks available)

You will hear a broadcast. This will be played twice.

Answer the 10 questions. For each question, select one answer on your answer sheet.

What is Betelgeuse?

- a An enormous sun.
- b A massive comet.
- c An unknown celestial mass.
- d An asteroid belt.

2. What have new breakthroughs helped achieve concerning Betelgeuse?

- a The observation of the star.
- b Recordings of the star's activity.
- c To make more accurate measurements.
- d Obtain a clearer picture.

3. Betelgeuse surpasses our sun in size by ...

- a 14 times
- b 140 times
- c 1400 times
- d 4000 times

4. What does the continuous pulsation of the star result in?

- a Radiation emissions.
- b Irregular intervals.
- c The giant becomes larger in size.
- d It irradiates the planets surrounding the star.

5. Why will the light of Betelgeuse's explosion take centuries to reach the Earth?

- a The star is 700 light years away from the Earth.
- b The light produced by the star's explosion is not that bright.
- c Due to its great proximity to our planet.
- d It is impossible for astrophysicists to determine the reason why.

6. Why will the death of the star reshape our view of the sky according to the speaker?

- a Due to the long period its light is going to last on the sky.
- b It is going to be celebrated through a firework celebration show.
- c Because it is going to change the colour of the sky.
- d Due to the bright pink colour it produces.

7. Which word describes the speaker's views about space more accurately?

- a Scientific
- b Ordinary
- c Curious
- d Indifferent
- 8. According to the speaker what do stars represent for all humanity?
- a Life
- b Hope
- c Love
- d Possibility
- 9. How does the speaker describe humans in comparison to the size of the universe?
- a Infinite existences
- b Major wonders
- c Minor rice grains
- d Tiny dust specs
- 10. What is the aim of the speaker?
- a To inspire people about space.
- b To teach about an important celestial body.
- c To share new scientific progress.
- d To explain how the universe works.

Reading Paper

There are FOUR parts to this exam.

Time allowed: 60 minutes

Part One - (8 marks available)

Read this text.

Shopping in the middle of a pandemic

1	In the middle of a global crisis, conventional shopping has become a risky					
2	business for most people. Social distancing rules require a distance of two					
3	metres between people, avoiding crowded places and for store owners to regularly					
4	disinfect the items they sell, and especially after a customer has tried					
5	something on or touched it. That's why online shopping became very popular					
6	during the pandemic.					
7	The one's that were more severely affected by the global crisis were the small					
8	busineses and local shops. Most of them did not have an online platform or a					
9	social media presence, so they had to adapt to the new situation, and either					
10	create a website or run out of business. Unfortunately, for many the later turned					
11	out to be the case. Others managed to keep things flowing by organizing their					
12	online platforms and advertising them excessively in order to get more					
13	customers. Many created new brands and started businesses during the					
14	pandemic; working exclusively via their online shops and platforms.					
15	For the consumers, online shopping became a way to escape the mental struggle					
16	of staying home and interacting with very few people on a daily basis. As time					
17	passed, people got used to shopping for goods online, from clothes and skincare					
18	items, to groceries and medicine. The internet is a chaotic place which one can					
19	find lots of different shops and prices, therefore many people preferred to					
20	support smaller businesses or take advantage of local shops' discounts.					
21	Large businesses and corporations have a specific method to send items to your					
22	place, collected, packed and delivered within a week. In addition, small					
23	businesses usually consist of someone who views people as more than an order					
24	number, they pack the items carefully, use more eco-friendly materials and					
25	usually write a thank you note, before sending them. For a consumer who shops					
26	online, the way the goods are packaged is, because they want to feel					
27	that someone cares about them and their needs and apreciates the money they					
28	spent on their product when they see it's carefully and beautifully wrapped.					
29	In 2014 the number of e-commerce sales reached \$1.3 trillion, in 2020 that					
30	number has more than tripled, reaching \$4.2 trillion, and is expect to keep					
31	rising as the years progress, even reaching \$6.5 trillion by 2023. Online					
32	shopping can be done from the comfort of one's home, as all it requires is an					
33	internet connection, plenty of free time to browse and a credit card.					
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Now answer these 8 questions. Select **one** answer for each question **on your answer sheet.**

Which line has a spelling error?

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Line 8
     Line 9
b
     Line 10
    Line 12
2.
     Which line has a punctuation error?
а
     Line 5
b
     Line 6
     Line 7
d
     Which word can replace "disinfect" on line 4?
     Adorn
а
b
    Sanitize
     Shield
     Obliterate
d
     Which line has a punctuation error?
     Line 11
     Line 13
b
    Line 14
     Line 15
5.
     Which line has a grammatical error?
     Line 16
а
     Line 18
b
     Line 19
     Line 22
d
6.
     Which word can replace the missing word on line 26?
     Trivial
а
     Prudent
b
     Complementary
С
     Critical
     Which line has a spelling error?
     Line 24
а
     Line 25
b
     Line 27
С
    Line 28
8.
     Which line has a grammatical error?
     Line 30
b
     Line 31
     Line 32
С
     Line 33
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Part Two - (8 marks available)

Read this text.

EUROPE: THE LAND OF EDUCATION

From Plato's Academia to modern day institutions, universities have been a part of peoples' lives and a way to promote new radical ways to perceive and explore the world around them. They promote innovation, freedom of thought and speech and the means for research and internal growth.

The word "university" originally derives from the Latin term "universitas", which can be translated as a number of people coming together, as a whole or a community. The term was founded in 1088 AD, along with the establishment of the University of Bologna, the oldest institution of higher education in Western Europe.

People have always pursued education and studying as a way to expand their knowledge and evolve as individuals. Universities have changed much since the Middle Ages, when they had a more universal scope than today, as students and teachers could freely move institutions in order to continue their studies. Degrees were recognized by all European institutions and, hence, the educational process had a universal character. They all taught in Latin, instead of local languages, which resulted in a more unified academic community that stood by the same principles in the teaching process.

The world back then did not have educational borders between countries, which was highly beneficial for whoever wanted to learn. In a way, things were simpler, and ideas were able to roam freely around Europe, entering young minds and encouraging them to converse with scholars from other countries and exchange opinions in the safe field of the academia. As the world became united study-wise, knowledge and scientific advancements were able to be transferred from one unit to another, since the curriculum was based on multidisciplinary education.

There was advancement not only in studies, but also in geography and civilizations, since there was movement of staff and students, creating diversity in structure, teaching methods and among the individuals themselves. Such constant movement of ideas and staff established a type of education based on constant interaction of academic professors and eager to learn scholars. The later were

encouraged to broaden their minds to the world's possibilities, expand their spirit and research topics untouched until then. All devoted to the altar of academic progress.

Cities with universities, such as Bologna, Paris, Oxford and Cambridge became cultural centres of the time and were known as places where technological advancement flourished, ideas were born, and minds were being shaped. During the 11th and 12th century two main models of institutions were established; the *Bologna Model*, where students chose and financially supported their courses and professors, and the *Paris Model*, where a union of professors ran the university and took all the main decisions.

During the 13th, 14th, and 15th century, educational institutes begun to extend out of the central Europe area, towards Northern Europe and Scandinavia. Many professors or academics would leave their country to institute a new university in another land in order to create more literary centres across the European continent. In such cases, universities were used as mediators among European cultures, using humanitarian studies as a bridge to unite people, since they promoted dialogue as a form of communication among literate individuals, and they maintained an ever-going dialogue with the past.

The expansion of the educational institution played a major part in preparing Europeans for the Renaissance era, as well as giving the European continent a place where ideas and knowledge were able to expand and create a general European culture, uniting the continent in an intellectual level that lasts even today. Now answer these **8** questions. Select **one** answer for each question **on your answer sheet.**

1. Which of the following words means the same as "establishment"?

- a Procession
- b Progress
- c Foundation
- d Exterior

2. According to the text, what was the final outcome of the formation of universities in Europe?

- a More people embraced Christianity.
- b The continent experienced a literary unity.
- c Fewer wars occurred during that time.
- d Population in Europe increased.

3. Which of the following is made clear by the article?

- a Cities that had educational institutions became cultivation points.
- b Middle school education became very popular.
- c Oxford university is the oldest European educational institution.
- d The Paris Model is where the students' selected teachers.

4. What is meant by the phrase "multidisciplinary education"?

- a Studying a topic using disciplines from different fields.
- b Studying a topic using only one specific discipline.
- c Teaching students how to solve daily problems.
- d Giving students extra time to deliver their essays.

5. In reference to the text, what happened in Europe after the 12th century?

- a Universities were established in central Europe.
- b Universities were established in Eastern Europe.
- c Universities were established in Northern Europe and Scandinavia.
- d Universities were established in Italy.

6. What is meant by the phrase "humanitarian studies"?

- a Education that is based on psychology facts.
- b Education is based on internships and practical training.
- c Education marked by human-centered values and human welfare.
- d Education marked by deep devotion to the human body and its functions.

- 7. What was the role of university institutions among different European cultures?
- a They were used as pastors.
- b They were used as provokers.
- c They were used as investigators.
- d They were used as mediators.
- 8. Which of the following words does NOT mean the same as "innovation"?
- a Invention
- b Newness
- c Change
- d Imitation

Part Three - (8 marks available)

Read this text.

IN	WITH	THE	OLD	SECONDHAND	STORE	INFO	SHEET
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HOW TO BUILD A CAPSULE WARDROBE

The Problem

Consumerism and fast fashion appear to be detrimental factors when it comes to environmental pollution. Our closets seem to be getting filled with clothes which we scarcely -if ever- choose to wear and our hunger for obtaining more and more grows as modern-day advertisements drive us towards overconsumption. This leads us to having more clothes than we can actually wear in one lifetime and enforces the mindset of throwing away old clothes to buy new ones, which leads to the creation of massive amounts of waste.

What is a Capsule Wardrobe?

A capsule wardrobe consists of a small selection of clothes which can be worn in many different combinations. It is often composed of classic pieces which can be worn both on casual and formal occasions and whose simple colour palette never goes out of fashion.

Why go capsule?

- It saves you a lot of time: You will no longer have to stare at your closet for hours before finally deciding what you are going to wear for a specific event. This will give you more time to spend on other, often more important, tasks.
- It helps you save money: As you invest in just a few pieces of good quality clothing which will last you for years, you will no longer be inclined to buy new clothes every month, allowing you to save money which you can then spend on things that really matter to you.
- It is better for the environment: Since you will only have a small amount of clothes, you will be wearing all of them and not one piece will have to go to waste. This means that you will not be throwing any piece of clothing away which would later end up in a landfill.

How To Build Your Own Capsule Wardrobe

The first step to move towards a smaller and more sustainable wardrobe is to declutter. Take out all of your clothes, throw them on your bed and get busy. Put away all of the clothes that do not fit you anymore, the ones that have been worn out and those that are simply no longer your style. This leads us to the second step.

You will still be left with quite a few items which you will still have to go through. The key to this step is taking your time to see which items of your closet go better with one another and try to keep as little as possible. This is a particularly **strenuous** procedure which might take more than a few days, but the labour is well worth it at the end.

The last step is an optional one since you might have already ended up with enough pieces for your wardrobe. Nevertheless, you might be in need of some complementary pieces that will tie the rest together and so you might need to go out and make some necessary purchases. Remember to invest in good quality pieces even if it means spending some extra money.

DO NOT FORGET TO DONATE OR GIVE OUT THE SPARE PIECES OF CLOTHING THAT YOU RULED OUT. GO TO OUR WEBPAGE TO FIND CHARITIES AND SECOND-HAND SHOPS THAT ACCEPT DONATIONS.

Now answer these **8** questions. Select **one** answer for each question **on your answer sheet.**

- What is the purpose of the text?
- a To educate.
- b To inform.
- c To report on news.
- d To advertise.
- 2. According to the text, what is one benefit of a capsule wardrobe?
- a It is more frugal.
- b It is time consuming.
- c It is inexpensive.
- d It is composed of many pieces.
- 3. What could be an alternative title for the 4th paragraph?
- a The hidden benefits of a capsule wardrobe.
- b The reasoning behind the capsule wardrobe.
- c Four easy steps to creating a capsule wardrobe.
- d Capsule wardrobe construction.
- 4. What word could replace the word "strenuous"?
- a Astounding
- b Tedious
- c Poignant
- d Superficial
- 5. How does a capsule wardrobe help you save money?
- a You own fewer, better-quality items.
- b You have more free time.
- c You produce less waste.
- d You purchase more affordable clothes.
- 6. Which step of creating your own wardrobe might be unnecessary for some?
- a Throwing away the clothes that you do not need.
- b Keeping pieces that have emotional value to you.
- c Buying necessary complementary pieces that you lack.
- d Removing the clutter from your wardrobe.
- 7. What is the aim of the highlighted part of the text?
- a To draw the attention of the reader.
- b To promote certain second-hand shops.
- c To highlight the importance of donations.
- d To advise people on how to dispose clothes.

- 8. Who is this text addressed to?
- a People who dress to impress.
- b People who have spare items of clothing.
- c People who like shopping.
- d People who want to change their mindset.

Part Four - (6 marks available)

Read this text.

Ticking off the bucket list

Who hasn't dreamt of travelling the world and seeing its wonders up close? Who hasn't been enthralled by the vastness of the night sky while admiring its beauty and the peace it offers? Well, I certainly am one of the people who find the night sky simply irresistible and the view of the stars and certain celestial phenomena breathtaking. That's why I have always dreamt of visiting Norway, a country known for the amazing view of the Aurora Borealis it offers.

Having spent ages searching for the perfect location that would satisfy my craving to see this phenomenon, I managed to find a heaven on Earth with endless view of the night sky. Aurora Borealis Observatory is a luxurious campus on an island in Northern Norway, which offers a magnificent view to of the dreamy landscape of Norway and the sky above it. What makes this campus more attractive than the location itself is its clever design. Knowing that visitors of the campus only visit it in order to observe the celestial dance of the Northern Lights, the owners managed to create a campus that will add more to this experience. Thus, visitors are given the chance to admire the view while lying in luxurious glass igloos, which is an out-of-this-world experience to start with.

So, after years of saving up and dreaming of how amazing this experience would be, I finally managed to make my dream come true. For the first time ever, I let myself be free in order to delight in the realisation of one of my biggest goals and live this experience to the fullest. Upon finding this hotel, I knew that my experience of the Northern Lights would become even greater than what I had imagined it to be, and I was not **refuted**. I chose to accommodate myself in what is called an Aurora Hut, which is a small glass igloo that provides the tenants with the most breathtaking view. To be honest, I expected to pay a fortune for this hut, but the fates were on my side when I booked my stay and I won a 50% accommodation discount, which meant that I only paid a total of 500 euros, half of which were for my lodging and the rest for the extra activities I wanted to participate in! How amazing is that?

Upon my arrival at the campus, I was more than certain that my staying there would become one of my most favoured memories. The campus is located in a meadow, surrounded by huge mountains and a lake nearby. This creates the perfect atmosphere, even for those who have no appreciation of nature. The Lights were evident throughout the day, but when night fell, I was transfixed by the view I was presented with. The mesmerising dance of the Northern Lights lit up the entire campus, decorating it with the most amazing colors and people gathered around the campus fires or retreated to their huts in order to enjoy the view in private.

View aside, I also got the chance to enjoy many free activities concerning celestial phenomena and star constellations, which are included in the price of the lodging. It goes without saying that on my first night there I attended an astronomy seminar, hosted by a professor from the University of Edinburgh. The best part of the seminar was that the professor showed us everything in the sky above us, which meant that we didn't use any kind of technology. It was just us and the nature around us, which was an amazing experience. On the second day, I decided to explore the wilderness even more, so I went hiking with a group of fellow residents. Being so close to nature, with no trace of human existence in sight was rejuvenating, while also making me realise how huge the world is and how small we are.

Travelling to Norway was undoubtedly one of the best decisions of my life. It was the perfect opportunity for me to make a travel on my own, while also ticking the most desired thing off my bucket list.

Now answer these 6 questions. Select **one** answer for each question **on your answer sheet.**

- 1. How does the writer feel about the night sky?
- a Alarmed by how big it is.
- b Captivated by its raw beauty.
- c Fascinated by the sight it offers.
- d Shocked by other people's indifference towards it.

2. How did the campus owners manage to improve what they offer?

- a By offering many free activities, so that people will feel better about the money they spend there.
- b By building transparent lodgings, so that visitors can constantly enjoy the scenery.
- c By locating their campus near a meadow, so that the Lights could be seen better.
- d By providing special offers every now and then to attract more people.

3. What does the word "refuted" in the third paragraph mean?

- a Falsified
- b Ignored
- c Turned down
- d Proven wrong

4. What would be the cost of a two-day stay in a glass igloo had the writer NOT won a price cut?

- a 1000 euros
- b 250 euros
- c 500 euros
- d 750 euros

5. How did the writer feel on his second-day expedition?

- a Proud that he managed to fulfill his task.
- b Refreshed after spending time in nature.
- c Ashamed that humanity has destroyed nature.
- d Surprised that he still remembered what he learnt in the first seminar.

6. Which of the following was NOT included in the price of the booking?

- a Hiking the mountains around the campus.
- b Staying in a luxurious glass igloo.
- c Attending an astronomy seminar.
- d Socializing around hearths.

Writing Paper

There are TWO parts to this exam.

Time allowed: 90 minutes

Part One - (15 marks available)

Write a formal text in the format request in the scenarios below.

Select one of the following four options and, in your response, you must write between 250 and 300 words.

Option 1

Nowadays, more and more people tend to reuse old materials, giving them different purposes and uses. You decide to write a report, presenting the current situation so as more people will know about it. Things to include in your report:

- The reason why people choose to reuse old items
- Environmental benefits
- Financial Benefits
- Tips for beginners

Option 2

Your local Soup Kitchen has announced on their social media webpage that they are understaffed for the Christmas holidays, and they are looking for volunteers to cook and/or distribute food to people in need. You want to support their efforts and send them an email to volunteer for one of these positions. Things to include:

- Which position you want to cover
- Why you want to help them
- If you have similar experience
- Express your availability after the holidays as well

Option 3

You won a competition a travel blogger held online and you got the chance to travel with him for a week to Siberia. Once you've returned, you decide to write an article about your experience to publish on your social media page.

Things to include:

- How you got there
- The challenge of travelling with strangers
- Your feelings of travelling to such a destination
- Whether you would like to visit a similar place

Option 4

Your local elderly home is looking for people to read books to its tenants. This position interests you greatly, but you are not sure if you will be a good fit as you have not done anything similar before. Write a letter to the elderly home asking for more information about the position.

Write your letter requesting the following information:

- The position requirements
- If previous experience is needed
- What the work schedule is

A meeting with the home director

Part Two - (15 marks available)

Write an **informal** text in the format request in the scenario below.

You must write between 250 and 300 words.

Your friend is considering accepting a job offer abroad and has emailed you asking for your advice.

You must include:

- Arrangements (accommodation, transportation, etc)
- Opportunities they are hoping to get
- Work and financial commitments
- Whether they have considered all aspects of it