



# Learning Resource Network

## LRN LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN ESOL INTERNATIONAL (CEF C1)

### LEVEL C1

LISTENING  
WRITING  
READING AND USE

EXAM PAPER - JANUARY 2017

#### Duration

**Listening: 35 minutes**

**Writing - Reading and Use: 2 hours and 15 min**

#### **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 a pencil HB 2.
- Do **TWO** Tasks in the Writing.
- Write your Tasks in the **Writing Booklet in pencil**.
- You must ask any questions now as you cannot speak during the Test.

Listen to **10** short conversations. For questions **1-10**, 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.

**Being robbed**

1. From what you hear, you understand that
- A. the train was crowded.
  - B. the woman often uses the underground train.
  - C. the theft took place at an underground station.

**Deciding on a career**

2. Kate is applying for computer engineering because
- A. it has always been her dream profession.
  - B. she believes this field can lead to a well-paid job.
  - C. Paul persuaded her to do so.

**Detention**

3. Their son was punished for
- A. disturbing the class.
  - B. talking back to the headmaster.
  - C. bullying another student.

**A bad week**

4. What is **TRUE** according to what you hear?
- A. Jane and Mark are colleagues.
  - B. Mark has been impatient with Jane.
  - C. Jane tells Mark to keep his feelings to himself.

**A London River Cruise**

5. Sophia doesn't immediately agree to Mike's suggestion because she
- A. thinks the cruise will be expensive.
  - B. isn't fond of river cruises.
  - C. doesn't like booking tickets online.

**A messy office**

6. What is **FALSE** according to what you hear?
- A. David thinks an organised office would prevent him from being creative.
  - B. It is difficult for someone to see what David's office looks like.
  - C. Anne is talking to David in his office.

**Going fishing**

7. Peter tells Natalie that
- A. rainy weather leads to favourable fishing conditions.
  - B. rain hardly affects the concentration of oxygen in the water.
  - C. the fish can't see the bait when it is sunny.

**A new pullover**

8. Mary apologises to Stephen for
- A. ordering a pullover for him on the Internet.
  - B. washing his pullover with the wrong washing powder.
  - C. shrinking his pullover.

**Setting the table**

9. Ted made a mistake in the way he
- A. rolled the napkins.
  - B. arranged the cutlery.
  - C. placed the plates on the table.

**A water bill**

10. From what you hear, you understand that
- A. James will fix the problem himself.
  - B. they have just realised the tap is dripping.
  - C. Effie worries about the expense of fixing the leak.

Listen to **3** longer conversations. For questions **11-20**, 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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### A new house

11. What is **TRUE** about Ellen's new house?

- A. It is not in a peaceful area.
- B. It hasn't got any furniture.
- C. It is quite big.

12. From what you hear, you understand that Ellen

- A. used to live alone.
- B. is homesick for her old flat.
- C. feels comfortable in her new house.

13. Bill tells Ellen that he

- A. doesn't understand why she is sad.
- B. never visited the area he used to live in.
- C. had to do a lot of repairs on his house.

14. Bill suggests Ellen should throw a party so that she can

- A. stop thinking of her old flat.
- B. feel more at home in her new place.
- C. avoid doing things for the house.

### Autumn time

15. Alex says that autumn makes him feel

- A. cheerful.
- B. melancholic.
- C. nostalgic.

16. The season Alex likes the least is

- A. winter.
- B. autumn.
- C. summer.

17. What is **FALSE** according to what you hear?

- A. Sue would feel uncomfortable on a bus in summer.
- B. Sue doesn't like any kind of summer holiday.
- C. Sue's skin is sensitive to sunlight.

### A family house

18. Brian says that the best thing about the house is that it

- A. is old.
- B. faces east.
- C. never floods.

19. What is **TRUE** about the swing?

- A. It had been built before Brian was born.
- B. Brian has happy memories of it.
- C. Brian never had any accidents on it.

20. Brian reassures Mary that

- A. they will get married soon.
- B. they will keep all the furniture.
- C. repairs will be finished before the wedding.

Listen to an extract from a radio talk about the popularity of gyms. For questions **21-25**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**). You will hear the extract **TWICE**. You now have **1 minute** to look at the questions.

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

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21. The exercise programmes are highlighted in gym advertisements
- A. to show people that it is not easy to exercise at the gym.
  - B. to convince people of the health benefits of exercising at the gym.
  - C. to prevent people from setting unrealistic fitness goals.
22. According to the gym advertisements, regular working out at the gym
- A. can have both psychological and physical benefits.
  - B. is recommended as the best way to recover from an illness.
  - C. can cause anxiety to those who are overweight.
23. According to what you hear, people can be more confident in themselves if they
- A. don't pay attention to their appearance.
  - B. avoid going to the gym.
  - C. have a positive body-image.
24. What is **TRUE** according to what you hear?
- A. Group exercising can be inspiring.
  - B. Exercise options are limited at the gym.
  - C. Watching others exercise can be discouraging.
25. What is **FALSE** according to what you hear?
- A. People can socialise at the gym.
  - B. Gym instructors only support group exercise.
  - C. Trainers take into consideration individual needs.

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

**Task 1**

Listen to the extract from the radio talk **again**. **USE** the space provided in your **Writing Booklet** to take notes. **You can use** the information from the recording and the notes you have taken to write an **Essay** about the popularity of gyms.

Write your **Essay** 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.

**Focus of gym marketing**

- advertisements of exercise programmes
- health benefits
- fitness
- self-confidence
- working out and body image

**Gym facilities and services**

- variety of equipment
- group exercising
- gym instructors
- friends at the gym

Write your notes in the Writing Booklet.

**Task 1****You must do Task 1.**

Write your **Essay** on the following topic in the space provided in the **Writing Booklet**. You can use the notes you have taken. You may add any other relevant information you wish.

Write your **Essay** in **150-200** words.

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***"Gyms have gained great popularity in the last two decades. In your opinion, what are the reasons for such popularity?"***

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 **250-300** words.

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### Task 2

**Most women nowadays work. In your opinion, what are the advantages and disadvantages of working women?**

#### Advantages

- financial independence
- confidence in themselves
- a bigger social circle

#### Disadvantages

- difficult to balance work and home
- less time with family and friends
- feeling constantly tired

OR

### Task 3

**It is no secret that alcohol consumption can cause a lot of serious problems. In your opinion, what problems can alcohol consumption cause and what can be done to reduce it?**

#### Problems of alcohol consumption

- health risks
- accidents
- violent behaviour
- low self-esteem

#### Solutions

- ban alcohol advertising
- campaign against alcohol
- increase the price of alcoholic drinks
- offer psychological support

OR

### Task 4

**Living in a small neighbourhood can be a blessing for some and a curse for others. In your opinion, what are the advantages and disadvantages of living in small neighbourhoods?**

#### Advantages

- develop friendships
- have neighbour's support
- feel safer

#### Disadvantages

- have less privacy
- be more affected by bad neighbours
- limited social circle

Read the text below about *Machu Picchu* and then answer the questions that follow. For questions, **1-9**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**).

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

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### ***Machu Picchu***

Machu Picchu, an amazing 15th-century urban fortress of the Inca Empire at its height, is one of the greatest artistic and architectural achievements in the world. The site was **abandoned** after the Spanish conquest in the 16th century. For hundreds of years, until the American historian and explorer Hiram Bingham rediscovered it in 1911, the existence of the fortress was known only to local peasants. Since its rediscovery, most of the destroyed buildings have been reconstructed and visitors can now see what they originally looked like.

The Machu Picchu site stretches over an impressive 5-mile distance. The central buildings of the fortress were built in the classical Inca architectural style which focused more on functionality than decoration. The walls were made of dry-stones of regular shape that were cut to fit together tightly without mortar. \_\_\_\_\_ the steep terrain, thick vegetation and a lack of strong draft animals, the Incas never used wheels to move things. That is why it still remains a mystery how they moved and placed the enormous stones used for their constructions. The Machu Picchu site was divided into an urban residential sector and an agricultural sector, and into an upper town where the temples were, and a lower town where the warehouses were. Sophisticated channelling systems provided irrigation for the fields, an extensive road and trail system and stone stairways set in the walls allowing access to the different levels across the site.

Machu Picchu has a number of structures that once enhanced the spiritual significance of the site. One of them is the Temple of the Sun, located near where the Inca emperor is believed to have lived. The Temple, constructed on top of a naturally formed rock, was used to honour and celebrate the Sun, an important Incan deity. Another important structure is the Intihuatana Stone, a granite rock that is believed to have functioned as a solar clock or calendar. This stone was arranged to point directly at the sun during the winter solstice and **it** is thought to have held the sun in its place along its annual path in the sky. At midday on March 21 and September 21, the sun stands almost above the stone, casting no shadow at all.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1983, Machu Picchu is Peru's most visited attraction. Increased tourism and urban development, however, have taken their toll on the site and the endangered species in the area.

1. Machu Picchu was constructed
  - A. after the collapse of the Inca Empire.
  - B. when the Inca Empire was flourishing.
  - C. long after the Spanish conquest.
2. Which of the following can best replace the word '**abandoned**' in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph?
  - A. recovered
  - B. inhabited
  - C. deserted
3. According to the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, what is **TRUE** about Machu Picchu?
  - A. Nobody knew of its existence until 1911.
  - B. When it was rediscovered, none of the buildings was damaged.
  - C. Most of its damaged structures have been restored.
4. What was a characteristic of classical Inca architecture?
  - A. the dry-stone walls
  - B. the decorative style
  - C. the use of mortar to bond stones
5. Which of the following can best fit the gap in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph?
  - A. Although
  - B. Unlike
  - C. Due to
6. According to the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, what remains a mystery?
  - A. the way the Incas transported building materials
  - B. the fact that the Incas used stones for their buildings
  - C. how they used animals to move around
7. According to the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, the Machu Picchu site
  - A. had no farms.
  - B. was built on different levels.
  - C. lacked a water supply system.
8. The Temple of the Sun
  - A. was a sacred place for the Incas.
  - B. was built on a flat surface.
  - C. was the home of the Inca emperor.
9. What does '**it**' refer to in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph?
  - A. the winter solstice
  - B. the Intihuatana Stone
  - C. the sun

Read the following two passages about *Two Famous Athletes*.

For questions **10-20**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**).

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

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## ***Two Famous Athletes***

### ***Passage A***

#### ***Nadia Comaneci***

In 1970, at the age of 9, Comaneci became the youngest gymnast ever to win the Romanian Nationals. In 1971, she competed on every apparatus and won her first international all-around title. Her next international success was in 1975 when she came first in every gymnastic event except the floor exercise in which she won second place. At the inaugural American Cup in March 1976, Nadia Comaneci and Dan Grecu represented Romania at New York's Madison Square Garden. Nadia's balance and flexibility left the crowd spellbound. She nailed the Tsukahara challenging move with a full twist and a back somersault, scoring a perfect 10. Perhaps, even more **astonishing** was the fact that the male Olympic champion participating in the American Cup, Mitsuo Tsukahara, after whom the difficult vault move was named, only scored a 9.3.

At the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, Comaneci, already popular for her dynamic presentations, made her Olympic debut. \$16-seats were sold at \$200 so that gymnastics fans could watch the dynamic 14-year-old Romanian athlete, and television viewers reached one billion. Comaneci was awarded the perfect score of 10, something that no one had ever thought possible for an Olympic athlete to achieve. It is forty years since then, but Comaneci still remains a legend .

10. In 1975, Comaneci
  - A. participated in her second international competition.
  - B. came first in all gymnastic events.
  - C. was not very successful.
11. At the American Cup held in New York, Comaneci
  - A. was the sole representative of Romania.
  - B. did as well as Mitsuo Tsukahara.
  - C. captivated the audience.
12. What does the word '**astonishing**' in the 1st paragraph mean?
  - A. encouraging
  - B. disappointing
  - C. impressive
13. What is **FALSE** about Comaneci?
  - A. In 1976, everyone expected her to get a perfect score.
  - B. She first participated in the Olympics in 1976.
  - C. She is still admired today.

**Passage B****Usain Bolt**

The Jamaican runner, Usain Bolt, is arguably the fastest man alive. His participation in the 2016 Olympic Games made history as he added the 400m title to 100m and 200m gold medals, becoming the first man to win all three events at three consecutive Olympic Games. Bolt first **demonstrated** his sprinting potential while in primary school. At the annual high school championships in 2001, he won his first medal, signalling the beginning of his athletics career. At the 2002 World Junior Championships, Bolt won the gold medal for the 200m race, proving his credentials on the world stage and becoming the youngest world-junior gold medalist ever.

He went on to take part in the 2004 Athens Olympics, but due to a leg injury, he was eliminated in the first round of the 200m. Trusting the strength of his performances, various American colleges offered Bolt track scholarships, but the Jamaican athlete turned them all down and chose to train at the primitive track the University of Technology in his homeland. At the 2005 World Championships in Helsinki, another injury prevented him from showing his outstanding abilities in major world events. Then came the 2008 Beijing Olympics where Bolt's record-setting runs amazed the world. Since then, he has made a legend of himself and is now one of the highest paid athletes in the world.

14. In the 2016 Olympic Games, Bolt
- didn't participate in the 400m race.
  - came first in three running events.
  - managed to win two gold medals.
15. What does the word '**demonstrated**' in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph mean?
- admitted
  - covered
  - proved
16. What is **TRUE** about Bolt in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph?
- A health problem prevented him from continuing in the 2004 Olympics.
  - He accepted a track scholarship at an American college.
  - The track in his homeland was modern.
17. At the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Bolt
- was criticised for earning a lot of money.
  - performed below his potential.
  - set new running records.

**Questions 18-20 refer to BOTH passages A and B.**

18. Which athlete began training as a child?
- Nadia Comaneci
  - Usain Bolt
  - both athletes
19. The idea of an athlete achieving the impossible is mentioned in
- passage A.
  - passage B.
  - neither passage A or B.
20. The financial status of an athlete is mentioned in
- passage A.
  - passage B.
  - both passages A and B.

For questions **21-40**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**).

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

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21. Neither he nor his parents ..... from her for ten days now.
- A. heard
  - B. are hearing
  - C. have heard
22. A ..... is interested in becoming an astronaut.
- A. friend of John
  - B. friend's of John
  - C. friend of John's
23. He had ..... experience during the flight that he doesn't want to fly ever again.
- A. too frightening an
  - B. a so frightening
  - C. such a frightening
24. Her neighbour doesn't mind..... an eye on her children when she's out.
- A. to keep
  - B. in keeping
  - C. keeping
25. The audience is believed ..... greatly impressed by his speech.
- A. to have been
  - B. that they were
  - C. in being
26. The more confident you feel, ..... you will perform.
- A. even better
  - B. the better
  - C. more better
27. What ..... caused their disagreement?
- A. you think
  - B. do you think
  - C. might have you thought

28. Whenever she feels a bit unhappy, she goes ..... along the river.
- A. for walking
  - B. to walk
  - C. walking
29. She'd rather ..... his free time doing something more creative.
- A. for him to spend
  - B. he spends
  - C. he spent
30. She looks upset. She may ..... another argument with her boss this morning.
- A. have
  - B. have had
  - C. be having
31. .... he has let her down several times, she hasn't given up on him yet.
- A. Even though
  - B. In spite the fact that
  - C. No matter that
32. She finally ..... a plumber fix the leaking pipes.
- A. had
  - B. asked
  - C. got
33. .... he buy a concert ticket online, he will get a discount.
- A. Supposing
  - B. Unless
  - C. Should
34. By the time her roommate finishes the household chores, she ..... lunch.
- A. will prepare
  - B. will be preparing
  - C. will have prepared
35. The landlord told him that he ..... a security deposit.
- A. will pay
  - B. had to pay
  - C. has paid

36. She ..... so much about the job interview after all; everything went smoothly.
- A. mustn't have worried
  - B. can't have worried
  - C. needn't have worried
37. So well ..... the lesson that no one had any questions.
- A. the teacher explained
  - B. did the teacher explain
  - C. the teacher had explained
38. When she worked in the centre, she ..... by train.
- A. was used to commute
  - B. used to commuting
  - C. used to commute
39. The money she gets ..... to cover all her personal expenses.
- A. is so little
  - B. isn't enough
  - C. aren't much
40. They were assigned several projects, all of ..... were group projects.
- A. them
  - B. whose
  - C. which

For questions **41-50**, read the text below and use **ONLY ONE** word which best fits to fill in the gaps.

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

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### *Living Abroad*

There are a lot of reasons why people decide to live in a foreign country. While some may be tempted by better career prospects and higher financial rewards, (41) ..... others might want to explore a different culture and lifestyle and feel a sense of achievement. No matter (42) ..... the reason is, those moving to a foreign land should be ready to pay the price for their decision. Finding a job that they like may not be as easy as they thought and they may have to choose (43) ..... that is not suited to them. Another challenge when living abroad is to find accommodation that is both comfortable (44) ..... affordable. When the thrill wears off, some may find themselves wishing they (45) ..... back home, enjoying their favourite food or having fun with their loved ones. Moving to a foreign land will always bring with it periods of extreme loneliness, (46) ..... can be very distressing while trying to adjust to life in a new environment. (47) ..... if they speak the language well, cultural barriers will often lead to misunderstandings. The feeling of not being a part (48) ..... the new culture can be devastating. Living abroad can be an unparalleled experience that teaches a person more about life than any education or book ever could. However, after (49) ..... have made a lot of sacrifices to fit in, there may come a time when they realise they have been alienated from the people and the place they once (50) ..... to call home.