



Learning Resource Network

LRN LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN ESOL INTERNATIONAL (CEF B2)

LEVEL B2

**LISTENING
WRITING
READING AND USE**

EXAM PAPER – JANUARY 2018

DURATION:

LISTENING	30 MINUTES
WRITING READING 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 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.

Read the text below about *The Benefits of Acting Classes* 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.

The Benefits of Acting Classes

Acting classes are not only for those who want to become actors. Many kinds of people may take acting classes for different reasons. No matter what the reason might be, however, acting classes can have lifelong benefits for everyone.

For one thing, acting classes can help us develop language and communication skills, both of which are **essential** life skills. Learning the lines of a play can be a great way to expand our vocabulary. A rich vocabulary helps us interact with other people more effectively, do well at school and, even be successful in our career. An acting class can also teach us to express ourselves clearly and use the right body language to communicate well.

For most of us, the idea of public speaking and of being the centre of attention can cause a lot of stress. A public presentation, an oral exam or a job interview can be quite stressful even for very confident people. But for shy and insecure people, such experiences can be absolutely terrifying. Shyness can also sometimes keep us from socialising and having a good time. Participating in an acting class can encourage us to come out of our shell because the safe and fun environment **it** provides helps us deal with our insecurities.

Another advantage of an acting class is that it can teach us how to work with others who might not share the same personality characteristics as ours. In acting, even when a role demands a solo performance, success depends on different types of people working together. If there is no cooperation, there will be no show.

Finally, being in an acting class with different kinds of people can motivate us to accept other people's ideas and beliefs; as a result, we become less selfish and more caring people. _____, as we work towards a common goal, we have the opportunity to form and maintain long-lasting friendships.

1. What is **TRUE** according to the 1st paragraph?
 - A. Only actors really benefit from attending acting classes.
 - B. It is a waste of time for actors to attend acting classes.
 - C. One needn't be an actor to join an acting class.
2. What does the word '**essential**' in the 2nd paragraph mean?
 - A. realistic
 - B. important
 - C. selfish
3. According to the 2nd paragraph, a rich vocabulary can
 - A. discourage the use of body language.
 - B. improve our performance at school.
 - C. help us to choose the right job.
4. What is **FALSE** according to the 3rd paragraph?
 - A. Confident people are never afraid to speak in public.
 - B. A job interview can be a scary experience for a shy person.
 - C. Shyness can often prevent us from having fun.
5. The word '**it**' in the 3rd paragraph refers to
 - A. confidence
 - B. public speaking
 - C. an acting class
6. One of the benefits of an acting class is that it
 - A. encourages its members to compete against each other.
 - B. allows different types of people to work together.
 - C. does not support solo performances.
7. From what you read in the last paragraph, you understand that the members of an acting class
 - A. try to draw attention to themselves.
 - B. are afraid to create relationships.
 - C. learn to respect other people's beliefs.
8. Which of the following can best fill in the blank in the last paragraph?
 - A. Instead
 - B. At first
 - C. What's more

Read the following two passages about *Blue Jeans*.

For questions, **9-15**, choose the best answer (**A, B or C**).

Mark your answers on the separate Answer sheet.

Blue Jeans

The Birth of Blue Jeans

On May 20, 1873, Levi Strauss, a businessman, and Jacob Davis, his tailor, invented the first blue jeans for working men. The design of the new product, called 501, was influenced by the trousers sailors were wearing at the time.

Strauss first had some women make the trousers in their homes. Later, he started his own factory in San Francisco, California. Blue jeans made Strauss a very rich man. In 1902, Strauss died and his nephews took over the business. In 1918, they introduced a new line of trousers for women, called Freedom-Alls, which gave women the freedom to move more comfortably than in dresses. The advertisements for Freedom-Alls showed women doing housework or exercising at the gym. However, the idea of women wearing trousers was not generally accepted by society and in 1919, the company cancelled this line. In 1934, however, the Levi company created Lady Levi's, the first jeans for women, and changed fashion for ever.

For some time, jeans were forbidden at American schools, theatres or cinemas. In the 1950s, however, American movie stars wore jeans both in films and in public and everyone wanted to wear them despite their high price. Today, jeans come at different prices and are the world's most popular styles of trousers.

9. According to the 1st paragraph, what is **TRUE** about the first blue jeans?
 - A. They were the product of one man's idea.
 - B. They were made for working men.
 - C. They were designed for sailors.
10. What is **FALSE** according to the 2nd paragraph?
 - A. Strauss's factory was unsuccessful while Strauss was alive.
 - B. Strauss's nephews introduced a line of trousers for women.
 - C. The first blue jeans were made at some women's houses.
11. The production of the Freedom-Alls lasted only a year because
 - A. they were not comfortable to wear.
 - B. there was a lack of advertising for the product.
 - C. the public thought trousers were unsuitable for women.
12. In the 1950s, the popularity of blue jeans grew when
 - A. famous people started wearing them.
 - B. their price was reduced.
 - C. they came in different styles.

Why Are Blue Jeans Popular?

Jeans are the preferred choice of trousers among the general population with millions of pairs being made and sold every day worldwide. One of the reasons for their popularity is that the life of a pair of jeans can be long if we take care of them correctly. For example, we should avoid washing our jeans in a washing machine because we may damage them; whether they are cheap or expensive, hand-washing is the best way to clean them. Another reason jeans are popular is that the older they get, the more attractive they look. When their colour fades, their appearance is much better. That is why a lot of us prefer to buy jeans which look old. As they age, they become softer as well, which is an important quality in a piece of clothing we wear every day.

Jeans are also easy to match with other kinds of clothes. Traditional high-quality blue jeans go with just about any style. This is good for people who spend a lot of time trying to decide what to wear. Jeans now may range from cheap to expensive so we can find a pair to wear for any occasion, whether casual or formal. Finally, celebrities have long worn jeans and it is no secret that they influence people's clothing choices.

13. One of the reasons for the popularity of jeans is that they
 - A. need to be well-cared for.
 - B. can be washed by hand.
 - C. can last for a long time.
14. What is **TRUE** according to the 1st paragraph?
 - A. The appearance of jeans improves as they get older.
 - B. Jeans get harder the more we wash them.
 - C. Old-looking jeans are not popular.
15. According to the 2nd paragraph, what is **FALSE** about blue jeans?
 - A. It is difficult to find them in different sizes.
 - B. We can now find jeans at a variety of prices.
 - C. They are now acceptable for any occasion.

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

Mark your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

16. Don't phone her at 5 o'clock. She at that time.
A. is about to sleeping
B. will be sleeping
C. has slept
17. If he had told me about the rock concert, I tickets online.
A. would have bought
B. might be buying
C. could buy
18. He told me that he would rather on Saturdays.
A. he doesn't work
B. not working
C. not work
19. She thought that the online directions to the museum were
A. confused
B. confusing
C. confusingly
20. All the students to finish the entire test in less than an hour.
A. ordered
B. managed
C. succeeded
21. Due to bad weather, the concert
A. has cancelled
B. will be cancelling.
C. was cancelled.
22. Our guide was friendly, but he inexperienced.
A. thought
B. seemed
C. was appeared

23. Although life is getting, we need to stay positive.
A. more harder
B. much hard
C. harder and harder
24. He told his friend that he for a job for months.
A. has looked
B. is looking
C. had been looking
25. Do you know keys these are?
A. whose
B. who's
C. whom
26. I'm afraid I can't tell you where last night.
A. did he go
B. he went
C. he has gone
27. Her best friend gave her useful advice.
A. some
B. an
C. few
28. Their teacher gave them a lot of exercises, none of was easy to do.
A. which
B. those
C. them
29. They looked up and saw countless stars the sky.
A. on
B. at
C. in
30. He had to run fast to with his friends.
A. find out
B. catch up
C. drop by

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.

Mountain Holidays

No one doubts the beneficial effects that summer holidays by the sea (31) on our health. To name a few, swimming reduces stress, sunlight strengthens our bones and the salty sea air helps our body (32) off viruses and bacteria. (33), a holiday in the mountains can also be good for our health. First of all, there are a lot of sports that we can take part in (34) we are there. For example, hiking, one of the most popular mountain sports, can give our body a lot of benefits. It is not only a good workout but (35) can also be a successful way to relieve stress. Further, group hiking allows us to socialise and (36) our network of friends. Another benefit of mountain holidays is that the air in the mountains is (37) polluted than in the city and so the atmosphere is healthier. In fact, according to doctors, spending (38) in the mountains can be the best way to recover (39) an illness. Of course, a place which (40) both sea and mountains is probably the ideal holiday destination.

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| 31. A. put | B. have | C. take |
| 32. A. fighting | B. will fight | C. to fight |
| 33. A. In case | B. However | C. To conclude |
| 34. A. when | B. although | C. usually |
| 35. A. which | B. they | C. it |
| 36. A. the increase | B. to increasing | C. increase |
| 37. A. the least | B. little | C. less |
| 38. A. the times | B. some time | C. a time |
| 39. A. also | B. and | C. from |
| 40. A. combines | B. has to combine | C. is combined |