

ESB C1 Level 2 Listening (Part One – Section A)

You will hear John McDonald, a radio presenter, and Clive Hoffman, a university professor, talking about language learning.

For questions 1 – 5, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

You will hear Section A **TWICE**.

You have one minute to read the questions for Section A.

- 1. With regard to foreign languages, Clive**
 - A. has a high level of proficiency.
 - B. has researched the failures of learners.
 - C. considers himself inadequate.

- 2. According to Clive, the major benefit of language learning is related to**
 - A. delays in the onset of ageing.
 - B. improvements in brain function.
 - C. increases in life expectancy.

- 3. Clive's research proves that people who are fluent in foreign languages**
 - A. have added protection against dementia.
 - B. have better employment prospects.
 - C. are unaffected by problems such as memory loss.

- 4. Recent studies show that**
 - A. only young learners become fluent in a foreign language.
 - B. the ability to learn a new language is not related to age.
 - C. adults can learn new languages but never achieve fluency.

- 5. With regard to Clive's research, the presenter appears to be mostly**
 - A. intrigued.
 - B. dejected.
 - C. dispassionate.

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

ESB C1 Level 2 Listening (Part One – Section B)

You will hear John McDonald, a radio presenter, and Karen Spencer, an expert in languages, talking about language learning.

For questions 6 – 10, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

You will hear Section B **TWICE**.

You have one minute to read the questions for Section B.

- 6. The next goal in Karen's life is to**
 - A. move to South Korea to learn the language.
 - B. add another language to her current total.
 - C. find a job where she can use her languages.

- 7. Karen found**
 - A. aspects of Russian very difficult.
 - B. Chinese grammar very challenging.
 - C. most European languages easy to learn.

- 8. The presenter thinks people who learn difficult languages must be**
 - A. motivated.
 - B. tenacious.
 - C. gifted.

- 9. Karen became interested in Spanish**
 - A. because she studied it at school.
 - B. when she was still a child.
 - C. due to family pressure.

- 10. Karen learnt most of the languages she knows**
 - A. when she was very young.
 - B. during her years as a student.
 - C. while she was living abroad.

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ESB C1 Level 2 Listening (Part Two)

Listen to three conversations and for questions 11 – 20, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

You will hear each conversation **TWICE**.

You have two minutes to read the questions for Part Two.

Conversation One

- 11. Robert calls Nicola**
A. while he is on his way to meet her.
B. in order to talk about work.
C. because he wants to ask her out.
- 12. Nicola sounds unhappy because**
A. Robert forgot their date.
B. there are no taxis available.
C. she is all on her own.
- 13. Robert's preferred method of getting to the restaurant is**
A. on foot.
B. by bus.
C. by taxi.
- 14. At the end of the conversation, Robert**
A. pays Nicola a compliment.
B. makes a fool of himself.
C. cancels the date with Nicola.

Conversation Two

- 15. Julia sounds as if she**
A. does not want to tell Aggie about her plans.
B. is very happy to have bumped into Aggie.
C. really wants to go out with Aggie later.
- 16. Aggie says that Pete**
A. does not drink alcohol.
B. is very keen on art.
C. is something of a foodie.
- 17. Julia does not want to change the reservation because she**
A. believes it is unfair to other customers.
B. thinks Aggie's cousin will be annoyed.
C. does not want Aggie to join her and her friends.

Conversation Three

- 18. When Jenny mentions the dating websites, Mark implies that he**
- A. was reading them when she arrived.
 - B. used to read them in the past.
 - C. has never read them.
- 19. Jenny believes that horoscopes are**
- A. dangerous.
 - B. light-hearted fun.
 - C. totally meaningless.
- 20. At the end, the tone of the conversation sounds mainly**
- A. amicable.
 - B. detached.
 - C. hostile.

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