



IESOL Assessment Listening

RQF Level: Level 3

(CEFR Level: C2)

Candidate Booklet – Listening

SAMPLE VERSION 3

The following details must be completed:

Candidate Name: _____

Candidate Date of Birth: _____ DD / MM / YYYY

Centre Name: _____

Examination Date & Time: _____ DD / MM / YYYY _____ HH:MM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:

- Do NOT turn over the page until instructed.
- This examination is made up of 3 TASKS.
- Answer all the questions.
- If you change your mind about an answer, initial your corrections.
- Use only black or blue PEN
- Dictionaries are NOT allowed.

Time allowed: Approx. 30 minutes **Total marks available:** 22

GA USE ONLY:

Listening Task 1

Listen to the recording and circle the correct option – a, b, c or d.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played. You will hear the recording twice.

Example: What are the speakers discussing?

- a) A particular kind of spider.
- b) The myths around spiders.
- ☒ c) The fear of spiders.
- d) The evolution of spiders.

1. Helen's fear of spiders:

- a) originates from an experience in her childhood.
- b) became less intense as she got older.
- c) prevented her from travelling to Australia.
- d) is limited to live specimens only.

2. According to the recording, arachnophobia:

- a) is meant to serve a particular purpose.
- b) is distributed equally among men and women.
- c) is more prevalent in Western societies.
- d) has not been properly researched until the 21st century.

3. Before meeting David Shephard, Helen:

- a) had never made any effort to overcome her phobia.
- b) had made some effort to overcome her phobia.
- c) had made consistent efforts to overcome her phobia.
- d) had not believed that her phobia can be overcome.

4. According to the programme, neuro linguistic programming:

- a) uses hypnosis to desensitise patients.
- b) aims to use childhood memories to correct fear.
- c) is supported by a lot of recent research.
- d) involves gathering a lot of information from the patient.

5. Helen's attitude to neurolinguistics programming can be best described as:

- a) initially suspicious.
- b) thoroughly enthusiastic.
- c) strongly dismissive.
- d) cautious and ambivalent.

6. The effect of the session on Helen was:

- a) positive but short lived.
- b) fairly negligible.
- c) surprisingly beneficial.
- d) promising despite the expense incurred.

(6 marks)

Listening Task 2

Listen to somebody delivering a lecture on a mission to Mars, and circle the correct option – a, b, c or d.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played. You will hear the recording twice.

Example: The speaker is:

- a) a science teacher.
- b) an astronaut.
- ☒ c) an engineer.
- d) an astrologer.

1) According to the speaker, studies of Mars have:

- a) mostly been conducted by independent researchers.
- b) become very difficult following recent equipment failures.
- c) become more focussed on the geology of the planet.
- d) provided important data over the past four decades.

2) The experiment involving a rover called Curiosity:

- a) failed due to technical issues.
- b) needs to be repeated to ensure consistent data.
- c) went well but further research is required.
- d) provided information which allows humans to land on Mars.

3) The biggest issue faced by humans entering the Martian atmosphere is:

- a) the crushing impact on the spacecraft upon entry.
- b) the potentially traumatic effects on the human body.
- c) negotiating the layers of gas clouds.
- d) how to increase the speed of the spacecraft.

4) According to the speaker, a manned Mars mission:

- a) requires a phased approach addressing different challenges.
- b) requires a new space station to be built closer to Mars.
- c) should prioritise the search for extra-terrestrial life.
- d) will help our understanding of how medicines work in micro-gravity.

5) Which part of the preparations will primarily focus on the physical well-being of the astronauts?

- a) Stage one.
- b) Stage two.
- c) Stage three.
- d) All three stages.

6 The speaker speculates that:

- a) humans may have fully relocated to Mars within his own lifetime.
- b) preparing to land humans on Mars may take another 20 years.
- c) it is unlikely we will land on Mars in this century.
- d) life on Mars will be confirmed during first human landing.

7 Mars missions in the future are likely to:

- a) require cooperation if they are to be successful.
- b) involve creating an Earth-like atmosphere.
- c) be led by NASA scientists from the International Space Station.
- d) become the subject of ethical debate.

8 The speaker suggests that space exploration:

- a) will require increased financial investment.
- b) will allow humans to learn more about planet Earth.
- c) should focus on colonising other planets.
- d) may lead to finding other solar systems.

(8 marks)

Listening Task 3

You are going to hear four people talking about whether we should welcome driverless cars. Answer the 8 questions below with the number of the speaker.

You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played. You will hear the recording twice.

Which speaker...

- Example:** states that driverless cars will save lives? Speaker 1
1. is concerned about the transitional arrangements? Speaker ____
 2. objects to the possible enhancement of police powers? Speaker ____
 3. is concerned about the impact on employment? Speaker ____
 4. appears the most welcoming of driverless cars? Speaker ____
 5. is concerned about who should be leading the change? Speaker ____
 6. outlines some environmental benefits? Speaker ____
 7. suggests that a driverless car will be expensive to buy? Speaker ____
 8. worries that new types of crime may arise? Speaker ____

(8 marks)

END OF LISTENING ASSESSMENT

CANDIDATE DECLARATION:

I confirm that the work contained in this booklet is my own and I had no prior knowledge of the content of this examination.

I declare that I will not divulge to any person any information about the questions and/or tasks.

Signed:	
Dated:	DD / MM / YYYY