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The remaining 20% is for your speaking test.

Total time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes. You should attempt all sections of this paper.

The use of dictionaries, notes or any electronic device is not permitted in this examination.

Put your answers for Listening, Reading and Use of English on the OPTICAL MARK FORM. Use the WRITING ANSWER BOOKLET for your answer to the Writing Section. This question paper WILL NOT BE MARKED.

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ESB B2 Level 1 Listening (Part One)

**You will hear people talking in ten different situations.
For questions 1 – 10, choose the correct answer A, B or C. You will hear each passage TWICE.
You have one minute to read the questions for Part One.**

- 1. Sandra earns money by babysitting for**
 - A. other people's children.
 - B. her younger sister.
 - C. her little brothers.

- 2. Malcolm's main business is**
 - A. general gardening.
 - B. designing gardens.
 - C. cutting down trees.

- 3. Budget DIY's special offers include free**
 - A. sunshades.
 - B. cushions.
 - C. gloves.

- 4. Kate is upset because**
 - A. there are not any good tennis courts nearby.
 - B. she has no one to play tennis with.
 - C. her usual courts are not playable at the moment.

- 5. When Tom is in Australia, he will probably visit**
 - A. Sydney Opera House.
 - B. Australia Zoo.
 - C. the Great Barrier Reef.

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

- 6. The supermarket is looking for someone to help with**
A. customer services.
B. the checkout.
C. the bakery.
- 7. Max first makes his mum feel better by**
A. praising her skills.
B. explaining a word.
C. making a deal.
- 8. In Lynn's dream, her mother**
A. looked for her.
B. made phone calls.
C. shouted at her.
- 9. What surprised Vicky and Emma the most was Miss Jones'**
A. outfit.
B. companion.
C. presence.
- 10. Martin's friends want him to**
A. see them at the entrance.
B. meet them at a certain time.
C. wait for them to call him.

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

ESB B2 Level 1 Listening (Part Two)

**Listen to a talk about mountain biking.
For questions 11 – 20, decide whether the sentences below are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). You will hear the recording TWICE.
You have one minute to read the questions for Part Two.**

Mountain Biking

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| 11. Patrick does mountain biking every day. | True / False |
| 12. He started mountain biking when he was a child. | True / False |
| 13. There are mountain bike trails near where he lives. | True / False |
| 14. He is faster than most of his friends. | True / False |
| 15. His speciality is going uphill. | True / False |
| 16. Patrick has not been on the bike trails in Tasmania. | True / False |
| 17. Tasmania is his planned destination for next year. | True / False |
| 18. He and his friends use an app to compare their performance. | True / False |
| 19. Patrick wants his son to be a mountain biker. | True / False |
| 20. Patrick has already bought his son a bike. | True / False |

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

ESB B2 Level 1 Reading (Part One)

You are going to read a text about the Edinburgh Festival. For questions 21 – 24, match the headings below (A – F) with the paragraphs. There is ONE heading which you do not need. The first heading has been done as an example.

Edinburgh, Festival City

Example: F. The Beginning

Today, Edinburgh attracts over four million visitors a year to its summer festivals and is famous for its comedy, music, plays, films, and street performers. The original idea came from Austrian arts organiser Rudolf Bing, who wanted to bring together international artists in the UK, and Edinburgh reminded him of Salzburg, a favourite city of his from back home. The first festival, in 1947, had a serious mood, consisting of indoor opera and classical music concerts, with local Scottish theatre groups not considered good enough and so not asked to attend.

21.

This event was a great success. At the same time as the official festival, eight uninvited British theatre groups, working independently, took the chance to perform in the city and the surrounding area. Describing themselves as ‘Festival Adjuncts’, they also drew large audiences. When others like them returned the following year, a local art critic came up with the name ‘the Fringe’, meaning ‘on the edge of’ the main festival, a title which has been applied to many other arts events since then.

22.

In the 1950s, both festivals continued to grow. However, the Fringe began to promote itself more actively as an alternative festival, and since the 1970s has sold more tickets than the official festival. Over time, new dimensions were added, including art, jazz, and film festivals. In the 1980s, while the UK economy experienced a gradual slowdown, the festival saw a rise in comedy performances, the world’s first science festival, held separately in spring, and a new book and storytelling festival. Many future star names performed there: in 1997, Joanne Rowling read from her new Harry Potter novel to a group of about twenty children!

23.

Expansion has brought joys but also challenges. Pollution and overcrowding cause damage to parks, which take months to recover. While the Fringe aims to include anyone wishing to perform, many critics also worry that too much of the comedy nowadays is simply not good enough and that many smaller venues should not be used. There are also many temporary staff and volunteers who are not given enough time off, though some do get free accommodation. Local people rarely complain formally, but research suggests that although most are in favour of the Fringe,

satisfaction levels are falling. To help with this, the Fringe now offers residents very cheap tickets, and local charities receive free tickets and bus travel, which has led to a growth in the number of local people taking part.

24.

I visited the Fringe twice while living in the city. Not generally a lover of crowded places, I found the atmosphere in the packed streets delightful and enjoyed watching the many talented street performers. Though my recall often lets me down, I can still clearly remember many details, from a wonderful huge sell-out comedy gig to an equally fun free show with a tiny audience that was all about cat food! Live performance is wonderful, and I must return to Edinburgh one day.

- A Reflecting on the Past**
- B Divided Opinion**
- C Major Developments**
- D Environmental Issues**
- E Seeing an Opportunity**
- F Example: The Beginning**

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

For questions 25 – 30, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

25. The first Edinburgh festival

- A. did not include street artists.
- B. highlighted Scottish theatre groups.
- C. was nearly celebrated in Austria.
- D. had a playful atmosphere.

26. The first Fringe performers

- A. assisted each other.
- B. attracted a lot of attention.
- C. arrived a year after the main festival.
- D. chose the name 'Fringe'.

27. According to the text,

- A. the Fringe and official festival became closer.
- B. children performed some early Harry Potter.
- C. the festival's growth slowed in the 1980s.
- D. the science festival is not held in August.

28. Critics of the festival say

- A. not enough comedy is performed there.
- B. environmental damage is permanent.
- C. many unsuitable venues are being used.
- D. volunteers need free accommodation.

29. According to the text, residents of the city

- A. are participating more frequently.
- B. now receive free tickets.
- C. often make official protests.
- D. are increasingly satisfied.

30. The author states that he

- A. preferred the large comedy show.
- B. enjoys being in busy streets.
- C. lives in the city of Edinburgh.
- D. tends to forget things.

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

ESB B2 Level 1 Reading (Part Two)

**You are going to read a text about tennis player Bjorn Borg.
For questions 31 – 35, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.**

Bjorn Borg, Tennis Legend

Bjorn Borg was born near Stockholm, Sweden in 1956. His father, a fine sportsman, won a tennis racquet in a table tennis tournament and gave it to his eight-year-old son. Bjorn, who was a keen ice hockey player, started hitting a tennis ball against a garage door the next day and instantly fell in love with the sport. He asked to join the local club, but it was full. When he finally got his chance, he showed ability and was chosen for special coaching, travelling to Stockholm after school. His parents were concerned when his schoolwork suffered but let him choose his own way in life.

Borg's rise to the top of the game was spectacular. He left school and then turned professional aged just fourteen, winning the French Open, one of the biggest tournaments in tennis, at eighteen. In 1976, he won his first Wimbledon title. The hot weather that year suited his style of play and his natural speed around the court was improved by special grass court shoes that few other players wore. Reaching the final, he was losing 3-0 in the first set to the Romanian, Ilie Nastase, who was widely predicted to win, but Borg won the match and the whole tournament without the loss of a set. He went on to win five Wimbledon titles in a row and six French Open titles.

Always looking extremely calm on the tennis court earned Borg the name 'Iceman' in the newspapers. It was even reported, although incorrectly, that he had a very low heart rate of thirty-five beats per minute, adding to his cool image. As a youth, however, he did have a terrible temper and was suspended from his club for several months, which taught him to control his feelings. Very precise in his preparation, he also felt he had to be at his ideal weight of seventy-three kilos to play well, and at Wimbledon he always stayed in the same suite at the same hotel. Borg's excellent forehand was an unusually complicated movement, not seen in other players before or since, which hardly changed from the very beginning of his career. His serve, something he worked hard to develop, was another weapon, but, as he said himself, his determination was his greatest strength.

Great champions need strong opposition and John McEnroe was Borg's complete opposite on court, frequently shouting, complaining, and swearing. The two played an epic Wimbledon final in 1980, which Borg won. The following year, however, Borg lost in the final to McEnroe, who said he felt Borg seemed strangely relieved. When McEnroe beat Borg again in the US Open final, Borg suddenly decided to quit tennis, though he delayed making the decision public as he hoped to change his mind. McEnroe might have been expected to welcome this news, but he tried to persuade Borg to continue. He missed his opponent and said they were far more alike in character off-court than people realised.

- 31. The young Bjorn Borg**
- A. was asked to join a tennis club.
 - B. won his first tennis racquet.
 - C. did not initially like tennis.
 - D. was not pushed by his parents.
- 32. At Wimbledon in 1976, Borg**
- A. was expected to win the final.
 - B. found the hot weather difficult.
 - C. only lost one set of tennis.
 - D. was helped by special footwear.
- 33. According to the text, Borg**
- A. had a heart rate of thirty-five beats a minute.
 - B. was naturally very calm on the tennis court.
 - C. worried about how much he weighed.
 - D. enjoyed staying at different Wimbledon hotels.
- 34. Borg's forehand**
- A. was his most remarkable quality.
 - B. changed a lot during his career.
 - C. was not simple in style.
 - D. was widely copied by others.
- 35. According to the text,**
- A. McEnroe and Borg were similar people off-court.
 - B. Borg immediately broadcast his decision to retire.
 - C. Borg was upset when he lost the 1981 Wimbledon final.
 - D. McEnroe was pleased when Borg decided to retire.

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ESB B2 Level 1 Use of English (Part One)

For questions 36 – 45, complete the sentences below by choosing the correct answer A, B, C or D.

36. _____ I liked most was the garden.
A. What C. Where
B. That D. Which
37. We _____ to the beach if we had seen the weather forecast.
A. would go C. would have gone
B. had gone D. did go
38. I'll call you when I _____ there.
A. got C. get
B. will get D. am getting
39. I wish I _____ do it, but it's too hard.
A. couldn't C. can't
B. could D. can
40. Not only _____ good quality, it's very cheap as well.
A. it is C. it isn't
B. is it D. isn't it
41. She _____ ill for the last few days, so she's going to the doctor.
A. felt C. feels
B. is feeling D. has been feeling
42. They've got two children, _____?
A. haven't they C. weren't they
B. won't they D. don't they
43. Thanks. It's very kind, but you really _____ have bought a present.
A. mustn't C. can't
B. won't D. needn't
44. The car _____ at the moment.
A. has been repaired C. is being repaired
B. will be repaired D. is repaired
45. It's a great book – it's really worth _____.
A. read C. to read
B. reading D. having read

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ESB B2 Level 1 Use of English (Part Three)

For questions 56 – 65, read the text and for each gap choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Strange Jobs

The world of work can occasionally **(56)**_____ interesting and fun opportunities that most of us would never think of, and many of them do not really require any qualifications. You might not see it in your daily job search, but we heard of one lucky person who **(57)**_____ a waterslide tester and travelled the world testing different slides to see how exciting they were. Not a job where you need to **(58)**_____ you are enjoying yourself, it sounds like being paid to go on holiday, but without the queues. However, if queuing **(59)**_____ to you, there are jobs where all you have to do is wait in line to buy newly-released desirable products and be paid for your patience.

Golf is a popular sport in many countries, and given that many golfers spend **(60)**_____ time looking for golf balls than hitting them, it is perhaps not surprising that some people earn a **(61)**_____ diving into ponds and lakes to find lost balls. Some golf clubs obviously feel this is a worthwhile cost if it keeps their customers happy.

Another unusual job that people can do, **(62)**_____ they enjoy travelling, is that of helping medical staff deal with patients. I know of someone who has an enjoyable and well-paid career visiting several countries, advising doctors and nurses on how to **(63)**_____ people they are looking after in a more sympathetic manner.

If that is not your thing, then the role of Chief Listening Officer might be. In this role, you are responsible **(64)**_____ 'listening in' to conversations on social media about a certain brand or company and feeding information back, helping the relevant organisation improve **(65)**_____ business strategies.

56. A. make up C. pick up
B. throw up D. talk up

57. A. would become C. had become
B. is becoming D. will become

58. A. pretend C. assume
B. suppose D. act

59. A. appeals C. benefits
B. attracts D. agrees

60. A. much C. less
B. little D. more

61. A. money C. living
B. way D. keep

62. A. considering C. since
B. provided D. whereas

63. A. conduct C. manage
B. treat D. direct

64. A. with C. of
B. about D. for

65. A. its C. our
B. his D. your

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

ESB B2 Level 1 Use of English (Part Four)

For questions 66 – 70, complete the sentences below by choosing the correct answer A, B or C.

- 66. We had to send the stock back to the _____.**
A. manufacturer B. manufacture C. manufacturing
- 67. The teachers had a lot of _____ to do at the weekend.**
A. markers B. marks C. marking
- 68. He tried to _____ me, but I wasn't interested.**
A. impression B. impressive C. impress
- 69. She is going to give a _____ at the wedding.**
A. speech B. speaking C. spoke
- 70. I felt _____ about asking her for help.**
A. easy B. uneasy C. ease

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ESB B2 Level 1 Writing

Choose **ONE** of the following options. Write between 180 – 200 words in English. USE THE SEPARATE WRITING ANSWER BOOKLET.

1. You have just won a writing competition and you are surprised and excited. Write an **email** to a friend telling him/her what you wrote about, what you won and your plans for using the prize.
2. *‘The old woman with white hair and bright blue eyes smiled as she looked at me and asked, “Do you know who I am?”’*
Write a **story** that begins with the sentence above.
3. *‘It is only by making mistakes that we learn.’* Write an **essay** saying to what extent you agree or disagree with this statement, giving reasons and examples.

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