IESOL Assessment Listening
RQF Level: Level 3
(CEFR Level: C2)
Candidate Booklet – Listening
SAMPLE 2

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.

Guide time: Approx. 30 minutes  Total marks available: 22
Listening Task 1

Listen to the recording and circle the correct option – a, b, c, or d. An example has been done for you.

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

You will hear the recording twice.

Example: What are the participants discussing?

a) A TV programme.
b) An email they received.
c) Climate change.  
d) Recent gossip.

1. Which word best describes Katie’s initial position on the issue?

a) Curious.
b) Unconvinced.
c) Enthusiastic.
d) Pessimistic.

2. The article Simon is quoting suggests that global warming:

a) is worsening despite the scientific information available.
b) can only truly be understood by the scientific community.
c) is still doubted by a number of scientists.
d) now requires people to consider how best to react.

3. According to Simon, the recorded changes in global temperatures are:

a) insignificant.
b) rocketing.
c) consistent.
d) inaccurate.

4. Which figure describes the current population of Adélie penguins:

a) 30 thousand pairs.
b) 20 thousand penguins.
c) 60% of what it used to be.
d) Over 20 thousand penguins.
5. According to Simon:
   a) invasive species are now struggling in cooler areas.
   b) butterflies cannot find the alpine plants they need.
   c) some flora and fauna are migrating to more elevated areas.
   d) spruce bark beetles are contributing to the spread of forest fires.

6. Towards the end of the conversation, Katie:
   a) is fully committed to preventing global warming.
   b) still doubts the existence of global warming.
   c) starts to understand the impact of global warming.
   d) suggests several practical ways of preventing global warming.

(6 marks)
Listening Task 2

Listen to the recording and circle the correct option – a, b, c, or d. An example has been done for you.

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

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Example: The speaker decided to talk about this topic because:

a) she is a hedgehog enthusiast.
b) she has a pet hedgehog.
c) she is often asked about pet hedgehogs.
d) hedgehogs can be dangerous.

1. According to the speaker, pet hedgehogs:

a) tend to be much larger than wild hedgehogs.
b) are more popular in African countries.
c) are good pets for those allergic to other animals.
d) are kept by an increasing number of people.

2. The best way to handle a hedgehog is to:

a) use a towel to hold it until it unfurls.
b) leave it alone until it unfurls.
c) try and relax the strong muscles on its back.
d) hold it regularly and gently unfurl it.

3. Which of the following is true?

a) Some viral illness transfer from people to their pet hedgehogs.
b) Some pathogens can be transmitted from hedgehogs to people.
c) Hedgehogs carry more contagious diseases than other animals.
d) Fungal transfer from a hedgehog's quills is very difficult to prevent.

4. Domesticated hedgehogs:

a) should be fed snails, amphibians and lizards.
b) should not be fed insects.
c) benefit most from ready-made pet food.
d) can be fed cooked meat.
5. Hedgehogs are a good match for owners who:
   a) are not easily woken up.
   b) like to have an early bedtime.
   c) like to go out late at night.
   d) none of the above.

6. Which of the following poses a risk to the health of a pet hedgehog?
   a) Other hedgehogs sharing their environment.
   b) Insufficient opportunities to exercise.
   c) Losing the ability to sleep during the day.
   d) Contracting illness from human owners.

7. When a hedgehog makes a clicking sound, it means that it is:
   a) hungry.
   b) upset.
   c) happy.
   d) in pain.

8. Which is the best description of domesticated hedgehogs?
   a) Fearful, timid and silent.
   b) Potential disease-carriers but still good pets.
   c) Ideal for owners with children.
   d) Predatory insectivores and very solitary.
Listening Task 3

Listen to the recording and answer the questions below. There are 3 speakers. An example has been done for you.

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

You will hear the recording twice.

Which speaker...

Example: believes that voting gives people a voice? Speaker 2
1. abstained at the last election? Speaker ______
2. outlines a potential problem with the application of compulsory voting? Speaker ______
3. has detected a shift in the way people perceive voting? Speaker ______
4. suggests that upbringing influences who votes? Speaker ______
5. argues there might be a lack of choice in who to vote for? Speaker ______
6. admits to a personal weakness in the course of their argument? Speaker ______
7. thinks that some excuses given by non-voters are weak? Speaker ______
8. argues directly against their own actions? 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