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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. Louise thinks red is a better colour for**
 - A. traditional brides.
 - B. colder seasons.
 - C. summer weddings.

- 2. The phone won't be exchanged for a new one because**
 - A. the owner cannot find the guarantee.
 - B. it can probably be repaired at the factory.
 - C. the damage wasn't caused by the company.

- 3. Natalie agrees to**
 - A. begin saving in seven days.
 - B. start putting money in the bank immediately.
 - C. buy less food for her mother's visit.

- 4. From 3pm until 5pm, Radio Ribble will have**
 - A. a cooking demonstration.
 - B. a literary theme.
 - C. an Italian focus.

- 5. Lola will not be allowed to go to the party because**
 - A. her exam results were disappointing.
 - B. she deliberately deceived her mother.
 - C. she took something that didn't belong to her.

- 6. Jessica tells the manager she has**
A. had experience in sales.
B. been employed in a variety of shops.
C. a problem with her references.
- 7. A taxi to the station is not an option due to the**
A. poor weather conditions.
B. rush hour queues.
C. time it will take to get to the station.
- 8. The shop assistant's attitude to the mistake is**
A. apologetic and annoying.
B. apologetic yet unhelpful.
C. apologetic and sympathetic.
- 9. Marcus prefers dogs to cats because they**
A. develop real relationships with their owners.
B. enable their owners to do more exercise.
C. are very independent creatures.
- 10. Arthur chooses to buy a book**
A. as it will help Uncle Harry pass the time.
B. because he doesn't know what else to buy.
C. as Uncle Harry doesn't like fruit.

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

ESB B2 Level 1 Listening (Part Two)

You will hear a conversation between two friends, Janet and Bill, talking about a new leisure centre.

For questions 11 – 20, mark each statement TRUE (T) or FALSE (F).

You will hear Part Two **TWICE**.

You have one minute to read the questions for Part Two.

The New Leisure Centre

11. Bill visited the leisure centre yesterday. _____
12. Janet said there were no lockers at the centre. _____
13. Bill likes to do weight lifting. _____
14. Janet is a serious runner. _____
15. Janet is happy with the leisure centre's fees. _____
16. The café is open to anyone. _____
17. Bill thought the staff were very helpful. _____
18. Janet was familiar with the running equipment. _____
19. Bill wants to go to the gym on Saturdays. _____
20. Janet would like to meet for coffee. _____

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

ESB B2 Level 1 Reading (Part One)

You are going to read an article about whales. For questions 21 – 24, match the headings below (A – G) with the appropriate paragraph. The first heading has been done as an example.
There are **TWO** headings that you do not need.

Whales

Example: F. Physical Features

Whales are amazing, intelligent mammals that spend their entire life in the ocean. They have streamlined bodies and they swim by using their large horizontal tails which they move up and down in the water, unlike fish which swim by moving their tails from left to right. Because whales breathe air, they have to come up to the surface of the sea to take in oxygen. They blow the old air, together with a great fountain of water, out through a hole in the top of their head. They fill their lungs with enormous amounts of fresh air before diving down into the sea again. They can stay under water for up to an hour before they have to come up to the surface to breathe. Whales are so large that they have very few natural enemies apart from human beings who have hunted them almost to the point of extinction.

21.

Whales are incredibly fast swimmers and the pilot whale, the fastest of all, can swim up to 48 km/h. They are to be found in all the oceans of the world and they swim thousands of kilometres every year as they migrate enormous distances from the cold waters of the polar regions to warm tropical seas where the females give birth to a single baby which is known as a calf. Grey whales make the longest migration of any whale and they travel about 20,000 kilometres every year.

22.

Whales belong to a group of animals called cetaceans (from the Greek word 'ketos'), which also includes dolphins and porpoises, and the family contains over 75 different species. Whales themselves can be divided into two groups, whales with teeth that catch fish and other sea creatures including marine mammals and whales without teeth that live on plankton and other marine organisms. The toothless whales are much bigger than the whales with teeth and the very biggest whale of all is the blue whale.

23.

Blue whales are the largest animals ever to have existed on Earth and are bigger than the dinosaurs. They grow to about 25m long and weigh about 109 tonnes. A new-born

blue whale calf is about 7.6m long and weighs around 6 tonnes. The baby stays with its mother for a year or longer and does not become a mature adult until it is about 15. Blue whales can live for up to 40 years. A blue whale will eat as much as 4100kg of plankton every day during the summer months when food is plentiful.

24.

Sadly, as a result of hunting, blue whales are an endangered species. The International Whaling Commission gave them protected status in 1966 although there are some countries, Japan and Norway in particular, which still continue to hunt them. There are approximately 12,000 to 14,000 blue whales worldwide and since whale hunting has decreased in recent years, it seems that the blue whale population is starting to recover.

- A Whale Watching**
- B Future of the Species**
- C Socialising**
- D Giants of the Sea**
- E Moving through the Oceans**
- F Physical Features**
- G Different Types of Whale**

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For questions 25 – 30, decide which is the correct answer A, B, C or D.

- 25. According to the text, whales**
- A. use their tails for steering through the water.
 - B. move their tails from side to side in the water.
 - C. swim through the water by using their tails.
 - D. use their tails to slow down in the water.
- 26. Whales breathe**
- A. in the same way as fish do.
 - B. through their mouths.
 - C. through a hole on the top of their head.
 - D. when swimming near the surface of the sea.
- 27. Female whales**
- A. stay with their calves for about six months.
 - B. leave their calves when they mature.
 - C. give birth to their calves in warm seas.
 - D. often produce twins.
- 28. The cetacean which travels the furthest is the**
- A. dolphin.
 - B. blue whale.
 - C. pilot whale.
 - D. grey whale.
- 29. According to the text,**
- A. all whales have the same diet.
 - B. toothless whales do not eat mammals.
 - C. all whales hunt in groups for food.
 - D. the biggest whales eat the largest fish.
- 30. According to the text, in the last few decades, blue whale**
- A. numbers have decreased.
 - B. protection has increased.
 - C. hunting has reduced.
 - D. hunting has stopped.

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ESB B2 Level 1 Reading (Part Two)

**You are going to read an article about traditional weddings.
For questions 31 – 35, decide which is the correct answer A, B, C or D.**

Traditional Wedding Customs

Everyone enjoys a wedding and all over the world there are many different ways of getting married. Some weddings are romantic and some of them may seem a little strange but each culture has its own way of making wedding days extra special.

In Italy, in the past, weddings usually took place on a Sunday morning. The bride wore a veil over her face to protect her from bad spirits, while the bridegroom carried a piece of metal in his pocket to keep away these same evil spirits. After the wedding, the couple broke a vase, and the number of pieces would represent the number of years that they would be happily married. Food was always an important part of an Italian wedding; calamari, fish, pork and pasta would always be on the menu, and any food left over was then thrown at the bride and groom!

In China, the bride wore a traditional bright red silk dress that reached down to the ground and covered her neck and arms. During the reception, she would change her dress several times to indicate the wealth of her family. On the day of the wedding, the bridegroom and his friends came to the bride's home and her friends would not let him in until he had paid some money. Once in the house, he had a cup of tea with the bride's parents. The food at a Chinese wedding, a meal with ten to twelve courses, was also designed to show the wealth of the bride's parents.

In Mexico, the bride's dress would depend on the region of the country she came from. It could vary from a simple white cotton dress to a colourful embroidered one with a Spanish veil. The bride fastened three ribbons to her dress; a yellow ribbon signifying food, a blue one signifying money and a red one signifying love. During the wedding ceremony, the man gave his bride thirteen coins, and the priest then tied a band of flowers around the couple's necks to represent their unity. The food at the wedding would traditionally be spicy rice, beans and tortillas with a wedding cake made with nuts and dried fruit.

In Sweden, a crown of leaves was used to decorate the bride's head to represent her purity and her parents put gold and silver coins in her shoes. This meant she would never be poor. In some regions, the bride carried a bunch of flowers, which smelt horrible to keep away evil spirits. The couple entered the church together, and it was said the first one through the door would be the boss in the marriage! The traditional Swedish wedding dinner lasted for three days, and included fish, meatballs and jam. After the wedding, every guest gave a speech to honour the newly-married couple, after which they would all sing love songs.

- 31. According to the text, an Italian woman**
A. got married on a Saturday.
B. sometimes got food thrown at her.
C. wore a veil for good luck.
D. attached four ribbons to her dress.
- 32. In Italian weddings, a vase was smashed to**
A. bring the couple luck.
B. scare off evil spirits.
C. throw at the bride and groom.
D. show the couple's happy future.
- 33. In a Chinese marriage ceremony, it was important that**
A. the food was cooked by the bride.
B. the man never visited the woman's home.
C. the bride wore a simple dress.
D. the bride showed her parents' wealth.
- 34. As part of a Mexican marriage celebration, the**
A. cake was cooked with spices and fruit.
B. type of food depended on the region.
C. woman was given money by the man.
D. bride always wore a colourful dress.
- 35. In Sweden,**
A. love songs were sung after the ceremony.
B. the bride got gold and silver from the man.
C. the couple went separately to the church.
D. the bride wore leaves to keep away evil spirits.

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ESB B2 Level 1 Use of English (Part One)

For questions 36 – 45, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

36. My daughter lives _____ number 14 Station Road.
A. on C. around
B. at D. by
37. My wife does not like _____ in the sun while we are on holiday.
A. to laying C. to lie
B. laid D. lay
38. We _____ have gone away this weekend, but my mother is coming to stay.
A. need C. would
B. shall D. will
39. We have two children but _____ went to university.
A. neither C. either
B. many D. some
40. My job was hard, however, _____ the second year it got much easier.
A. between C. among
B. during D. inside
41. I wish I _____ on holiday last summer.
A. have gone C. had gone
B. have been D. has been gone
42. I cannot come now, I _____ for a phone call from my mother.
A. am waiting C. will wait
B. have waited D. was waiting
43. The whole class took the exam, but not _____ passed.
A. all C. several
B. each D. every
44. The teacher, _____ comes from Madrid, teaches Spanish.
A. which C. whose
B. who D. what
45. My sister and I are _____ the same height.
A. closely C. nearly
B. near D. close

ESB B2 Level 1 Use of English (Part Three)

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

The Importance of Exercise

Have you ever heard the expression "use it or lose it"? It's true! Your muscles will become weak, your joints will be stiff and your heart and lungs won't function properly. Inactivity is as (56) _____ of a health risk as smoking! Regular exercise is necessary for physical fitness and good health. It reduces the risk of heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes and (57) _____ diseases. It can improve your appearance and delay the ageing process.

When you exercise, your body uses energy to keep going. A good form of exercise involves continuous and rhythmic physical (58) _____, such as walking and cycling. It increases your stamina by training your body to become more efficient and use less energy for the same (59) _____ of work. Exercising with weights (60) _____ your muscles for greater strength and endurance. Your posture (61) _____ better, and your muscles firmer and more toned. You not only feel well, but you look well, too!

Stretching exercises are also important (62) _____ good posture. They will improve your flexibility. Exercise reduces the chance of injury and helps balance and coordination. If you (63) _____ tense areas, such as the upper back or neck, stretching can help "loosen" those muscles. Exercise is also a key to weight control (64) _____ it burns calories. If you burn off more calories than you take in, you lose weight. It's as simple as that! Once you begin to exercise regularly, you will discover many more reasons why exercise is so important to improving the (65) _____ of your life.

56. A. many C. much
B. same D. more

57. A. difficult C. frequent
B. other D. extra

58. A. emotion C. direction
B. connection D. motion

59. A. amount C. group
B. total D. extent

60. A. grows C. decreases
B. spreads D. develops

61. A. will be C. must be
B. ought to D. have to be

62. A. of C. for
B. with D. on

63. A. had C. having
B. are having D. have

64. A. however C. yet
B. because D. thus

65. A. quantity C. quality
B. level D. amount

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 do not sell those chairs anymore, they have been _____.
A. continued B. continuous C. discontinued
67. That type of drug is very tightly _____ so we could not buy it.
A. deregulated B. regulated C. regulate
68. The cake that Mary baked was burnt. It was obviously _____.
A. underdone B. overdone C. undone
69. After hitting his head on the door, John was _____ for ten minutes.
A. conscious B. unconscious C. conscience
70. To get into a football game, you _____ a ticket.
A. require B. requirement C. requiring

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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. Write an **email** to your friend telling him/her about a trip you have just been on. Explain where you went, and what you did there, and what you enjoyed about it.
2. Write a **story** that begins with '*My friend and I were walking home late one night when we heard a loud noise*'...Continue the story.
3. Today, a lot of money is spent on exploring space. Do you think this is a good idea? Should the money be spent on making things better on our own planet? Write an **essay** giving your views.

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