

# Series C2 Exam Paper

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## Instructions to Learners

**PLEASE READ THE TEXT BELOW VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE ATTEMPTING ANY OF THE ASSESSMENT.**

***You will need no other materials.***

### Learner instructions:

- Check that you have the correct question paper.
- Sign and date the examination paper.

Please use **BLACK PEN** when answering this examination paper.

All of the questions for the examination paper are in the examination booklet.

Short and extended response questions should be answered in the question paper booklet.

Use the VTCT Theory Examination Answer Sheet to record your answers for the multiple choice questions (MCQ), which are identified by four square boxes on the examination paper.

**MCQ answers that are not recorded on the VTCT Theory Examination Answer Sheet will not be marked or counted.**

If you make a mistake on the VTCT Theory Examination Answer Sheet, please cross it out and put your name against it and then mark the correct answer.



**Notify your exam invigilator immediately if you think there is an error in your exam. Your invigilator will refer the matter immediately to the Exams Officer.**



**LISTENING PAPER - 30 MARKS**

**Listening Part 1**

You will hear 8 sentences or questions.

Listen to each sentence or question, then choose the correct response to each sentence or question from the options A), B), C) or D).

You will hear the recording **twice**.

For each sentence or question, place a **black mark** over the correct answer on your answer sheet.

<b>1</b>			
A	Yes, it had a strong point to make.	B	I love a film about sport.
C	It's a long way to the cinema from your house.	D	I don't like violent films.
<b>2</b>			
A	I decided to replace the old parts.	B	The tiles broke when I moved the cupboard.
C	We've had a leak, unfortunately.	D	Sorry, it got dirty while I was doing some work.
<b>3</b>			
A	Take a quick nap, then.	B	Get something to eat.
C	I'll lend you some cash.	D	I'll help you.
<b>4</b>			
A	Why doesn't he take the lift?	B	What can we do to cheer him up?
C	Does he have lots of rubbish to get rid of?	D	Is he able to get up again?
<b>5</b>			
A	Yes, it's really expensive.	B	Yes, it can be so untidy.
C	Yes, it's hard to eat so many vegetables.	D	Yes, ultra-processed food is really unhealthy.



<b>6</b>			
A	I'd hate to be a runner-up.	B	Didn't she do well!
C	Last but not least, I'd say.	D	Who is she going to present it to?
<b>7</b>			
A	That would make me feel dizzy!	B	It's dangerous to have stairs without a banister.
C	Glass seems like a very odd choice to me.	D	All modern steps are quite steep nowadays.
<b>8</b>			
A	You'd better stop bank-rolling his activities then!	B	I bet he'll end up at a top university.
C	He can't laze about in bed half the day, you know.	D	Is he eating you out of house and home, then?

**Total for Listening Part 1 = 8 MARKS**



## Listening Part 2A

Listen to a conversation, then select the correct answer for questions 9-14 by choosing from A), B), C) or D).

You will hear the conversation **twice**.

For each sentence or question, place a **black mark** over the correct answer on your answer sheet.

**There are 12 marks available for Part Two, 6 marks each for Parts A and B.**

<b>9</b>	<b>What does Gemma say about creating custom-made clothes?</b>			
A	It can prove quite profitable.	B	It will be one of her main activities.	
C	It's a laborious process.	D	It will be easy to find clients for this.	
<b>10</b>	<b>What services does she mention offering?</b>			
A	Shortening the length of clothing.	B	Adding sleeves.	
C	Redesigning the style of items.	D	Making clothing bigger.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Michael believes that Gemma's business</b>			
A	addresses a current gap in the market.	B	may have a limited market.	
C	should focus on local customers.	D	may not be sustainable in the long term.	
<b>12</b>	<b>What reservations does Gemma have about advertising?</b>			
A	She doesn't want to borrow money from the bank.	B	She is concerned about the cost.	
C	She knows exactly how to do it.	D	She can't decide on the best method.	
<b>13</b>	<b>What is said about having a website?</b>			
A	It would be useful for advertising.	B	Richard could create one for free.	
C	Gemma is not interested.	D	It is not difficult to set up.	



<b>14</b>	<b>Michael</b>		
A	offers to help set up the business.	B	thinks start-ups are very risky.
C	is happy to listen to any more of her ideas.	D	advises renting a base to work from.

**Total for Listening Part 2A = 6 MARKS**



## Listening Part 2B

Listen to an interview, then select the correct answer for questions 15-20 by choosing from A), B), C) or D).

You will hear the interview **twice**.

For each sentence or question, place **a black mark** over the correct answer on your answer sheet.

**There are 12 marks available for Part Two, 6 marks each for Parts A and B.**

<b>15</b>	<b>How does Darren West respond to the interviewer’s flattery?</b>			
A	Conceitedly.	B	Reproachfully.	
C	Humbly.	D	Contentedly.	
<b>16</b>	<b>What did Darren do whilst taking a break?</b>			
A	Took a holiday and saw lots of shows.	B	Played the guitar in a group.	
C	Made some musicals.	D	Watched his friend’s band play.	
<b>17</b>	<b>The interviewer thinks theatre acting would</b>			
A	be straightforward for Darren.	B	be more difficult than film acting.	
C	lack the challenge Darren needs.	D	offer him much needed experience.	
<b>18</b>	<b>Darren implies</b>			
A	he prefers theatre to films.	B	theatre work is tiring.	
C	he wants to play a variety of roles.	D	he likes playing exciting characters.	
<b>19</b>	<b>What does Darren say about finding a film to act in?</b>			
A	There isn’t as much acting work available anymore.	B	His acting skills aren’t suitable for a lot of roles.	
C	He often doesn’t like the characters and script.	D	It’s problematic to get everything he wants in one film.	



<b>20</b>	<b>What does Darren say about his upcoming film?</b>		
A	He has just finished filming it.	B	There are some rising stars in it.
C	It's predominantly well-known actors in it.	D	It's a historical thriller.

**Total for Listening Part 2B = 6 MARKS**



**Listening Part 3**

Listen to a broadcast, then select the correct answer to questions 21-30 by choosing from A), B), C) or D).

You will hear the broadcast **twice**.

For each sentence or question, place a **black mark** over the correct answer on your answer sheet.

<b>21</b>	<b>The speaker implies</b>	
A	space exploration is unnecessary.	B we should know more about our waters.
C	there is more diversity in the sea than on land.	D we are critical of ocean research.
<b>22</b>	<b>The study of ocean life can potentially give us new sources of</b>	
A	minerals.	B fuels.
C	metals.	D medical therapies.
<b>23</b>	<b>Research into oceans can improve our knowledge of</b>	
A	weather forecasting.	B natural disasters.
C	how health is affected by the sea.	D the upper atmosphere.
<b>24</b>	<b>What is said about today's medicines?</b>	
A	They are unnatural.	B They all come from trees.
C	They mainly originate from land.	D Some have come from marine life.
<b>25</b>	<b>Why was Paul Scheuer well known?</b>	
A	He was one of the first to study in his field.	B He made systematic searches for new drugs.
C	He studied crabs and lobsters.	D He was a doctor in Hawaii.
<b>26</b>	<b>What does the speaker say about Scheuer's collection of marine organisms?</b>	
A	It was limited to one species.	B It contained a huge variety.
C	It had surprising life forms.	D It was the first of its kind.



<b>27</b>	<b>How did Scheuer feel about the lack of defence features on the creatures he studied?</b>		
A	Fascinated.	B	Disconcerted.
C	Astonished.	D	Sceptical.
<b>28</b>	<b>What typical defence features were missing in the organisms Scheuer studied?</b>		
A	Hard shells.	B	Sharp beaks.
C	Poison.	D	Talons.
<b>29</b>	<b>The chemicals marine life produce can help with</b>		
A	producing anaesthetic.	B	easing skin rashes.
C	virus prevention.	D	treatment of influenza.
<b>30</b>	<b>Why are sea organisms believed to be adept at producing chemicals?</b>		
A	To protect themselves.	B	To immobilise their prey.
C	To kill parasites that invade them.	D	To cause disease in attackers.

**Total for Listening Part 3 = 10 MARKS**  
**TOTAL FOR LISTENING PAPER = 30 MARKS**



**READING PAPER - 30 MARKS**

**Reading Part 1**

Read the text below and then select the correct answer to questions 31-38 by choosing from A), B), C) or D).

Fill in the space on your answer sheet with a **black pen only**.

There is only **one correct answer** for each number.

For each sentence or question, place a **black mark** over the correct answer on your answer sheet.

1	The Chinese authorities have long been concerned about gaming and other
2	online activities among young people. Rules had limited children's online game-playing
3	to 90 minutes per day, rising to three hours on holidays. Nevertheless, in a new
4	development: China's video game regulator has said that online gamers under the age of 18
5	would only be permitted to play between 8pm to 9pm on Fridays, weekends and holidays.
6	Additionally, gaming companies have been instructed to prevent children
7	playing outside these times. Inspections of online gaming companies are also set to
8	increase, to verify that the time limits are being enforced. One Chinese gaming giant
9	has announced it will be _____ facial recognition to stop children playing, following
10	fears that children are using adult IDs to circumvent rules.
11	This latest move by the authorities reflects a long-running concern about the impact
12	that has consequently ensued. The article prompted significant falls in the value of
13	shares in some of China's _____ online gaming firms.
14	For imposing these new regulations, the Chinese government is hoping to foster
15	positive energy among young people. While many Chinese parents applaud the
16	gaming restriction, some posts on social media criticise the government intrusion as
17	being "unreasonable" and "arbitrary".



<b>31</b>	<b>Which line has a punctuation error?</b>			
A	Line 2.	B	Line 3.	
C	Line 4.	D	Line 5.	
<b>32</b>	<b>Which line has a grammatical error?</b>			
A	Line 5.	B	Line 6.	
C	Line 7.	D	Line 8.	
<b>33</b>	<b>Which words could fill the gap in line 9?</b>			
A	chasing away	B	taking off	
C	putting through	D	rolling out	
<b>34</b>	<b>Which line has a punctuation error?</b>			
A	Line 10.	B	Line 11.	
C	Line 16.	D	Line 17.	
<b>35</b>	<b>Which word could fill the gap in line 13?</b>			
A	forefront	B	foremost	
C	foreknown	D	foreseen	
<b>36</b>	<b>Which line has a spelling mistake?</b>			
A	Line 9.	B	Line 10.	
C	Line 11.	D	Line 12.	
<b>37</b>	<b>Which line has a grammatical error?</b>			
A	Line 9.	B	Line 11.	
C	Line 12.	D	Line 14.	



<b>38</b>	<b>Which line has a spelling mistake?</b>		
A	Line 14.	B	Line 15.
C	Line 16.	D	Line 17.

**Total for Reading Part 1 = 8 MARKS**



**Reading Part 2**

Read the text below and then select the correct answer to questions 39-46 by choosing from A), B), C) or D).

Fill in the space on your answer sheet with a **black pen only**.

There is only **one correct answer** for each number.

For each sentence or question, place a **black mark** over the correct answer on your answer sheet.

1	<p>Hi Fred</p> <p>Since you weren't able to make to our little jaunt, I thought I'd drop you a line to put you in the picture about what went on. Well, thanks for the loan of your new tent. None of us could make head nor tail of the manual, though. There were ropes, poles and pegs all over the place! We thought we'd be there for all eternity trying to get it up. In the end the guy who pitched his tent next to ours came over to show us the error of our ways. I think he fancied himself as a bit of a camping expert, no doubt doing his good deed for the day.</p>
2	<p>Anyhow, we went off as planned on the forest hike through the hills the next day. Otto, our orienteering expert, proved anything but. It seemed to take an age, not aided by the fact that it was blowing a gale and lashing it down. Nevertheless, we got to the tower on the peak. The views were to die for. Definitely your kind of thing. Did you get the photos I messaged to you? We somehow managed to lose Sam on the way back down, but since we had no problem with phone signals we kept in touch and were reunited back at camp.</p>
3	<p>The walk to the lake went fairly well. Max had somehow managed to forget his wetsuit but insisted on going in anyway. The guy is completely nuts. I was shaking like a leaf when I got out and I was fully kitted out, not just in swimming trunks! Between you and me I don't know what all the fuss about wild swimming is. OK, if you're in a warm climate surrounded by palms and shimmering waters, then yes, it'd be out of this world. That doesn't exactly sound like the muddy, glacial water we were subjected to, though. The others were raving about it so I didn't voice my opinion. I don't want to come across as a killjoy, after all.</p>
4	<p>The quad biking afternoon we had lined up didn't come off. It's a long story which I won't go into here (I will fill you in when I see you because it's pretty hilarious) but we did manage to get into Hellisfield and sign up for the rock-climbing. To be honest I gave it a miss. I was splitting my sides watching Max and Sam, though. The pair of them kept sliding down, going nowhere fast. I shouldn't mock though, at least they had a go. Then our neighbour, the one who helped with the tent, turned up. It seemed his skills in rock climbing weren't on the same level as tent erecting. He looked quite <b>disconcerted</b> to see us though, a bit of a fall from glory for him, no doubt, after saving us from tent disaster only days earlier!</p>
5	<p>Well, anyhow we had a good laugh despite the ups and downs. You'll definitely have to come next time! Anyhow, let's try and get together soon. I need to give you your tent back. Let me know when you're free.</p> <p>Eric</p>

<b>39</b>	<b>What is said about the tent?</b>	
A	It was relatively old-fashioned.	B The equipment to put it together was faulty.
C	The instructions for it were incomprehensible.	D The manual gave incorrect guidelines.
<b>40</b>	<b>What best describes Eric’s attitude towards their neighbour?</b>	
A	Completely indebted.	B Mildly sarcastic.
C	Totally impressed.	D Completely flabbergasted.
<b>41</b>	<b>What does Eric say about the hill ramble?</b>	
A	Otto was of no use.	B They became lost.
C	Weather conditions were just about acceptable.	D They didn’t reach their intended destination.
<b>42</b>	<b>Eric implies Fred</b>	
A	would not have liked the walk.	B didn’t receive the images he sent.
C	is good at keeping in contact.	D enjoys scenic panoramas.
<b>43</b>	<b>On the lake swim</b>	
A	Eric didn’t wear a wetsuit.	B Max wore swimming trunks.
C	Max was freezing when he got out of the water.	D Eric felt crazy.
<b>44</b>	<b>The general consensus on wild swimming is that it</b>	
A	is an outstanding activity.	B involves too much fuss.
C	will dampen your mood.	D is fun in the right scenario.
<b>45</b>	<b>When the group went rock-climbing</b>	
A	Eric’s friend found his climbing skills amusing.	B they did it quickly.
C	Eric decided to opt out.	D their neighbour offered advice on how to climb.



46	<b>What word could replace 'disconcerted' in the fourth paragraph?</b>		
A	gratified	B	perturbed
C	detached	D	apologetic

**Total for Reading Part 2 = 8 MARKS**



### Reading Part 3

Read the text below and then select the correct answer to questions 47-54 by choosing from A), B), C) or D).

Fill in the space on your answer sheet with a **black pen only**.

There is only **one correct answer** for each number.

For each sentence or question, place a **black mark** over the correct answer on your answer sheet.

1	Shipping containers have gained immense popularity in recent years as a sustainable and unique housing option. Originally designed for the transport of goods across oceans, these structures are now being utilised as environmentally-friendly housing units. Owing to their flexibility and affordability, container homes have become a symbol of <b>ingenuity</b> and a step in the right direction towards a greener future.
2	Since shipping containers are modular, they can be stacked, lined up and linked to form sizeable living spaces which provide endless design potential. The container units can be used as standalone homes or combined with multiple containers to create a multilevel residence. Indeed, one of the most eye-catching aspects of container housing is its look. Clean, clear-cut lines, industrial feel and minimalist design produce a unique visual appeal.
3	Container homes are an effective option for those wanting to live in an environmentally-friendly manner. By reusing existing shipping containers, the need for new building materials is significantly reduced compared to the carbon footprint left by traditional home construction. In addition, container homes can be equipped with eco-friendly features such as rainwater harvesting systems, solar panels and energy-efficient insulation which further diminish their environmental impact. However, an electrician who is familiar with shipping container architecture would also have to design and install custom electrical setups for the house as well as a plumber being required to install the necessary plumbing work.
4	Containerised housing offers an economical alternative to traditional housing. Shipping containers are relatively inexpensive, which, in conjunction with their modular construction, makes them an appealing opportunity for those who are budget-conscious. In addition, the construction process is often faster and more streamlined than conventional homes, resulting in significant savings. With housing costs on the rise, these homes offer more people the means to own a home without spending a fortune.
5	Built to withstand the harsh conditions of international shipping, shipping containers are exceedingly robust and sturdy. Because they are made of steel, they can withstand extreme weather events which makes them a suitable choice for homes in areas prone to natural disasters. In addition, they require minimal maintenance, last longer and reduce ongoing maintenance costs because the materials are resistant to rot, decay, pests and mould.
6	Container living does involve considerations. Steel shipping containers do not have access to natural light. Therefore, installing skylights would be required to make the interior space look brighter. These homes can be more costly to insure than traditional homes as steel is a more volatile material than the wood or bricks of standard homes. Shipping containers can also be challenging to source, since there is only a limited supply of them available, which is especially true if you want it to be in flawless condition. Another point to consider is that container homes can be loud on account of steel conducting sound better than many other common building materials.





47	<b>Which word could replace 'ingenuity' in the first paragraph?</b>	
A	initiation	B intuition
C	innovation	D investment
48	<b>What is the best title for the second paragraph?</b>	
A	Sociology	B Aesthetics
C	Technology	D Mechanics
49	<b>Where are drawbacks of container housing mentioned in the text?</b>	
A	Paragraphs 5 & 6.	B Paragraphs 3 & 6.
C	Paragraph 6.	D Paragraphs 3, 5 & 6.
50	<b>Which paragraph is about the durability of container houses?</b>	
A	1.	B 3.
C	5.	D 6.
51	<b>The main purpose of paragraph 4 is to discuss</b>	
A	the cost of containerised housing.	B the flexibility of containerised housing.
C	the construction of containerised housing.	D the popularity of containerised housing.
52	<b>What is a disadvantage of having a home made from steel?</b>	
A	It is difficult to find insurance cover for them.	B It is impossible to introduce natural light.
C	Container materials are more expensive to buy.	D They are noisier than traditional homes.
53	<b>It is challenging to find containers</b>	
A	made from materials other than steel.	B which conform to building laws.
C	that are perfect.	D that appeal to everybody's tastes.



<b>54</b>	<b>The purpose of this test is to</b>		
A	evaluate container homes.	B	persuade readers to purchase a container home.
C	provide a review of different types of container homes.	D	present an opinion on container homes.

**Total for Reading Part 3 = 8 MARKS**

**Reading Part 4**

Read the text below and then select the correct answer to questions 55-60 by choosing from A), B), C) or D).

Fill in the space on your answer sheet with a **black pen only**.

There is only **one correct answer** for each number.

For each sentence or question, place a **black mark** over the correct answer on your answer sheet.

1	The definition of monochrome is an image displaying a single colour or different shades of a single colour. Black and white photography is the most prominent example of monochrome art. This stands in stark contrast to contemporary colour photography in which the actual colours present in the subject are captured in the photograph.
2	Monochrome photography is most often utilised for artistic and aesthetic purposes. The earliest photographers made monochrome images since that was their only option. Today, however, the general public expects photos to be in colour and monochrome is seen as the infrequent and artistic option.
3	Without the colour in a photograph, we are left with images represented by their shape, form, and tone. This takes away distractions and helps keep the viewer's attention on what the photographer wants to communicate. Sometimes architectural photography can make good use of this concept where the message of the photo is all about shapes and lines. Monochrome also lends itself well to photos where the creator wants to greatly simplify the subject so minimalistic images are often well represented in monochrome. Without the addition of colour, a photographer will sometimes find monochrome an effective means to emphasise the texture of an object. This could be with subjects with rough textures, such as old wood or very smooth and almost non-textured features.
4	An <b>engaging</b> photograph causes the viewer to look at what the photographer wants them to look at, but things can undermine the main focus. You may have taken a great shot of a person but in the background is a screaming red object. In that scenario you could work to tone down the brightness and saturation of the distracting object, however maybe the best solution is to eliminate the distraction by doing away with the colour.



<b>55</b>	<b>The function of the second paragraph is to</b>	
A	explain the reasons colour photography has become popular.	B discuss the context in which monochrome is most prevalent.
C	account for the superiority of monochrome images.	D compare types of monochrome photography.
<b>56</b>	<b>Monochrome photographs are used to</b>	
A	emphasise specific aspects of an image.	B divert focus from unwanted elements in the image.
C	change the concept of the image.	D give a more realistic representation of an image.
<b>57</b>	<b>Subjects which are particularly suited to monochrome are</b>	
A	contrasting subjects.	B buildings.
C	modern subjects.	D images with much detail.
<b>58</b>	<b>Which word could replace 'engaging' in the fourth paragraph?</b>	
A	intriguing	B assessing
C	enhancing	D amusing.
<b>59</b>	<b>To take focus away from a brightly coloured item in an image you should</b>	
A	increase the brightness of the item.	B alter the purity of the colour of the item.
C	produce the image in black and white.	D remove the item.
<b>60</b>	<b>This text is</b>	
A	creative.	B argumentative.
C	official.	D educational.

**Total for Reading Part 4 = 6 MARKS**

**TOTAL FOR READING PAPER = 30 MARKS**



**WRITING PAPER - 30 MARKS****Writing Part 1**

Choose **ONE** of the following tasks between A, B, C and D.

Write a **formal** response in the correct format for the type of text. Please pay attention to the required word count for your text.

For your chosen **ONE** option, you must write between **250 and 300 words**.

Write clearly and use a **black pen only**.





**Option A – You and some friends have attended an event to raise money for charity. Write an article for the local newspaper highlighting the need for the work that the charity carries out.**

**Include in your article:**

- Background information about the charity
- Why the work of the charity is valuable
- Detail the way that the money raised will benefit the charity
- Explain how people can be involved in the work of the charity

**Option B – You have been discussing characters from books and films in class . The tutor has asked you to write a study of a character from fiction to share with other students in the class for discussion.**

**Include in your character study:**

- A description of the character
- How the character develops throughout the book/film
- How their behaviour/actions affect the plot
- Reasons why you are interested in this character

**Option C – You read a blog about issues with public transport in your country . The writer has asked for people’s views. You decide to post your opinion on public transport in your local area.**

**Include in your post:**

- Why a good public transport system is important
- Reasons people opt to use a car rather than public transport
- The strengths and weaknesses of public transport in your area
- What improvements you would make to the transport infrastructure

**Option D – You work in a new leisure centre. The management sent a survey to all the members to get feedback on the facilities. You have been asked to summarise the feedback in the report.**

**Summarise in your report:**

- What members think about the exercise classes
- Members’ opinions of the gym equipment and sport facilities
- The main areas of concern
- How management could address areas of weakness

















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