

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.

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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.

1				
A	I'll come too, I want to see the new pool.	B	I can't really afford to pay for you, too.	
C	Great. What are you planning on getting?	D	I don't think we'll manage to do that.	
2				
A	Don't worry, it doesn't influence me at all.	B	Yes, it does take an impartial view of events.	
C	No, there's a lot of misinformation in it.	D	I agree, it's certainly the most up-to-date.	
3				
A	I don't think he'll be able to help me with that.	B	Why? We've discussed it already.	
C	It's pretty fresh at the moment anyway, actually.	D	There's no point, he's already done it, you see.	
4				
A	You need to say you need more peace and quiet.	B	Don't keep lending him money that you don't get back.	
C	Ask him to behave more politely with your guests.	D	Just tell him you want some help with the cleaning.	
5				
A	Well, it's not unreasonable to expect punctuality.	B	It sounds like he's very flexible, then.	
C	Surely that's impossible while you're still learning.	D	That's too much work to produce in my opinion.	



6			
A	I can fill you in on some basics if you like.	B	You don't need to be actively involved, you know.
C	I suppose that's why your vote is so important to you.	D	That's because you studied it at university.
7			
A	It's actually less straightforward than she thinks.	B	Yes, it's far too complicated for me to understand.
C	I know, it's much too expensive to move these days.	D	I'm surprised because most people find it tiresome.
8			
A	Why does it make you feel so distressed?	B	Yes, it was quite disappointing, wasn't it?
C	I wouldn't be so concerned about it if I were you.	D	Personally, I don't enjoy seeing things about the past.

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.

9	What does Sara say about her acting career?	
A	She was involved in acting in her childhood.	B
C	She became less interested in it as she got older.	D
B	She was well-known for her ability to imitate accents.	D
D	People discouraged her from doing it.	
10	What does Sara say about the acting industry in general?	
A	There are too many actors these days.	B
C	There are lots of acting jobs around.	D
B	All actors want to be famous.	
D	It's an unreliable source of income.	
11	Sara says that being a successful actor can be attributed to	
A	having a professional agent.	B
C	how well a person is able to act.	D
B	a combination of luck and talent.	
D	how the audience perceives them.	
12	What is Sara's opinion of actors becoming an instant success?	
A	It's fairly rare.	B
C	It's incomprehensible.	D
B	It's due to hard work.	
D	It's related to ability.	
13	According to Sara, what is the reason why people give up training?	
A	Not enjoying amateur groups.	B
C	Feeling anxious.	D
B	Having insufficient time.	
D	Not getting enough auditions.	

14	This broadcast highlights the		
A	reasons people want to get into acting.	B	easiest routes into an acting career.
C	issues involved in pursuing an acting career.	D	means of achieving success in acting.

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.

15	How does the interviewer react to Theo's question?		
A	She finds it's an interesting question.	B	She struggles to find an answer to it.
C	She is unable to remember the question.	D	She gives a detailed response.
16	What does the interviewer say about infantile amnesia?		
A	She disagrees with what Theo has said.	B	She thinks it is an engaging subject to discuss.
C	She admits she knows nothing about it.	D	She questions whether it really exists.
17	Theo says that studies into infantile amnesia		
A	show babies do not have memories in the initial months of their life.	B	have proved that many theories are correct.
C	are lacking in some important details.	D	have not clarified the reason why it happens.
18	The manner in which the interviewer offers his theory is		
A	humble.	B	apologetic.
C	defensive.	D	reserved.
19	Theo mentions one possible reason for infantile amnesia may be		
A	malfunctioning of the hippocampus.	B	memory only develops in their second year.
C	an inability to use language at that stage of life.	D	underdevelopment of the front region of the brain.



20	What does Theo say about his own research study?		
A	He has found a group of researchers.	B	He is looking for participants.
C	He has conducted some of the experiments.	D	He intends to publish his results.

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.

21	Who is Ben Bacon?			
A	A linguist.	B	A historian.	
C	A researcher.	D	An artist.	
22	How are the images painted in the cave described?			
A	Fascinating.	B	Memorable.	
C	Enlightening.	D	Elementary.	
23	What does the speaker say about the animal paintings?			
A	They were painted around fifty thousand years ago.	B	People had offered theories as to their meaning.	
C	They have inexplicable markings on them.	D	They often have numbers written on them.	
24	How did Ben Bacon feel about what he could see in the cave paintings?			
A	Stunned.	B	Perplexed.	
C	Disturbed.	D	Inspired.	
25	What theory was in existence about the signs in the cave painting?			
A	They recorded how many animals were seen.	B	They represented the type of animals observed.	
C	They logged the number of animals born.	D	They showed which animals were captured.	
26	Ben Bacon believes the signs			
A	could be related to when animals were captured.	B	might be associated with animal feeding trends.	
C	may be linked to when animals hunted.	D	could be concerned with animal migration.	

27	The presenter says that it is possible our ancestors		
A	often moved around for their own survival.	B	were competent in rearing animals.
C	wanted to record when animals would be in herds.	D	often found themselves in vulnerable situations.
28	The patterns in the cave paintings		
A	are not considered to be writing.	B	are debatably thought to be writing.
C	have been confirmed as the earliest writing system.	D	have had their importance overstated.
29	The cave paintings are considered significant because they		
A	show that our ancestors hunted by moonlight.	B	reveal how our ancestors disregarded the animal life cycle.
C	dispute current theories on how advanced our ancestors were.	D	uncover the importance of art for celebration in ancient society.
30	How does the presenter report Ben Bacon's research?		
A	Negatively.	B	Approvingly.
C	Cautiously.	D	Objectively.

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	In todays editorial I want to throw open a debate on obligatory helmet
2	use for cyclists. The Transportation Association has endorsed the
3	adoption of laws making bicycle helmets a fundamental requirement
4	for all cyclists. Cyclists are already encouraged to wear helmets and take
5	safety precautions while cycling so one would imagine that this
6	proposed law is wholly logical. Nonetheless, in cities in countries where
7	helmet use legally has been enforced, evidence suggests that this measure
8	has actually had the reverse outcome. How? The number of people
9	riding bikes in city centres immediately declined which consequently
10	_____ the "Safety in Numbers" effect. The "Safety in Numbers"
11	effect _____ conditions on our streets for cyclists because:
12	the greater the number of riders, the fewer the hazards encountered.
13	The truth is, mandatory helmet laws may not give rise _____ their
14	intended goal, which is to make streets safer for cyclists. In fact,
15	counter-intuitively, the opposite remains a case across the majority
16	of cities globally that have initiated this type of legislation.
17	I believe what is indispensable is structural reforms like complete
18	street redesigns, which have been proven to make public
19	spaces safe for everybody, regardless of the mode of transport.
20	I'd like to hear from cyclists, pedestrians, drivers and motorbike riders
21	for their views on this highly contentious matter.



31	Which line has a punctuation error?		
A	Line 1.	B	Line 10.
C	Line 12.	D	Line 20.
32	Which line has a grammatical error?		
A	Line 5.	B	Line 7.
C	Line 8.	D	Line 9.
33	Which words could fill the gap in line 10?		
A	downscaled	B	diverted
C	declared	D	diminished
34	Which word could fill the gap in line 11?		
A	ameliorates	B	renovates
C	overhauls	D	surpasses
35	Which word could fill the gap in line 13?		
A	on	B	in
C	to	D	at
36	Which line has a grammatical error?		
A	Line 14.	B	Line 15.
C	Line 16.	D	Line 17.
37	Which line has a spelling mistake?		
A	Line 15.	B	Line 16.
C	Line 17.	D	Line 19.



38	Which line has a spelling mistake?		
A	Line 18.	B	Line 19.
C	Line 20.	D	Line 21.

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	Have you ever wondered why eating junk food is so enjoyable? Well, it has literally been engineered to make us overeat it and want more of it more frequently.
2	Food manufacturers spend a fortune creating products that reach what is referred to as the bliss point; the exact balance of salt, sugar, fat, and flavours that leaves your brain craving more. Manufacturers take into account a variety of factors during food production. First there's the salivary response (the formula to make you salivate). Then there's crunch point (the formula to get the ideal crunch). Next, dynamic contrast (the combination of different taste sensations in food) and finally the vanishing caloric density. This involves creating foods that literally melt in the mouth but also rapidly vanish. This signals to your brain that you're not consuming as much as you actually are, so these foods are literally telling your brain that you're not full.
3	As we eat junk food, the brain neurons produce the hormone dopamine, which creates a sensation of pleasure. Simultaneously, junk food makes the body's nervous system curb the activity of the receptors. Receptors are a type of protective physiological reaction to an abnormally high level of dopamine presence. This means you actually need more junk food (to produce more dopamine) to stimulate pleasure. These foods also influence other chemical responses in the body. Another hormone, leptin, has the role of signalling to the body when it is full, while ghrelin and insulin also influence how much you eat. Unfortunately, junk food overrides all of these natural systems making it very tough for the body to recognise when you are really full or hungry.
4	Marketing of junk food also has an impact. Society is bombarded with videos and images of delicious foods reminding us to eat regardless of our need to eat. Junk food companies influence our food choices by creating rituals out of eating their foods. For example, conditioning us to think we need to eat popcorn at the cinema. Associations are created between certain foods and activities. Responses to certain foods become ingrained to the extent that when you do see that food your brain triggers the memories and emotional response that came along with it, encouraging you to eat it again.
5	In my opinion, junk foods are products that resemble food and may contain food but are not food themselves. Real food comes from plants or animals and does not have a barcode. Nor does it have ingredients, because real food is ingredients. The reality is when you eat junk food you are not only up against the food itself, you are up against food science experts, companies, research and brands whose sole purpose is to create food that people will love, in order to make a profit. This is simply the reality of business and the current state of affairs in the food industry. However, every time that you buy these foods you are funding further research, development, and marketing on the exact same foods that are already so highly addictive.

39	What is the bliss point?	
A	The expense involved in the development of certain foods.	B Designing a product that will satisfy hunger.
C	Establishing what creates a sensation of hunger.	D Attaining the perfect combination of ingredients.
40	Which factor focuses on the flavour experienced in the food?	
A	The salivary response.	B Crunch point.
C	Dynamic contrast.	D Vanishing caloric density.
41	According to the text, what regulates hormone activity in the body?	
A	Dopamine.	B Receptors.
C	Leptin.	D Ghrelin and insulin.
42	What response does junk food produce?	
A	It disrupts the body's normal hormonal processes.	B It can damage the body's nervous system.
C	It produces sensations of enjoyment and being full.	D It can make a person feel hungrier.
43	What is the purpose of the fourth paragraph?	
A	To analyse the psychological response to junk food.	B To highlight the physical consequences of junk food advertising.
C	To condemn companies manufacturing junk food.	D To question the need to eat junk food.
44	The writer's position regarding junk food is that it	
A	should have a higher content of natural products.	B is unhealthy because it contains too many ingredients.
C	is scientifically engineered to taste so delicious.	D bears very little relation to genuine food.
45	What is the writer's attitude towards the food industry business?	
A	Sarcastic.	B Resigned.
C	Stereotypical.	D Liberal.



46	What does the writer imply in the final paragraph?		
A	People are starting to control their eating habits.	B	People don't know the ingredients of junk food.
C	People should think carefully before purchasing junk food.	D	People are at risk of developing health problems.

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	When people hear the word intelligence, they usually think of IQ testing. Intelligence is often defined as our intellectual potential, something genetic that can be measured and that is difficult to alter. The concept of multiple intelligences is a theory proposed by Harvard psychologist Howard Gardner. This theory suggests that traditional psychometric views of intelligence are limited. He proposed that all people have different kinds of intelligences and classified them into eight areas.
2	Firstly, linguistic intelligence deals with sensitivity to the spoken and written language, ability to learn languages, and capacity to use language to accomplish certain tasks. Logical-mathematical intelligence refers to the capability to analyse problems logically, carry out mathematical operations, and investigate issues scientifically. Spatial intelligence is the potential to recognise and manipulate patterns of position, those used by navigators and pilots for example, as well as the patterns of more confined spaces, such as those of importance to sculptors, surgeons, artists or architects. Bodily-kinesthetic intelligence is the potential of using the whole body or parts of it (such as the hand) to solve problems or to make things. Musical intelligence refers to the skill in the performance, composition, and appreciation of musical patterns. Interpersonal intelligence is the capacity to understand the intentions, motivations, and desires of other people and consequently to work effectively with others. Intrapersonal intelligence is the capacity to understand oneself, to have an effective working model of oneself-including one's own desires, fears and capacities and to use such information effectively in regulating one's own life. Finally naturalistic intelligence involves expertise in the recognition and classification of the numerous species, flora and fauna of the environment.
3	Gardner's multiple intelligence theory has come under fire from academics and other psychologists. These critics argue that Gardner's definition of intelligence is too broad and that his eight different "intelligences" merely represent abilities, talents and personality traits.
4	Despite this, the theory of multiple intelligences enjoys considerable popularity with educators who are not typically tied to the same standard of evidence and are less concerned with abstract inconsistencies. Many teachers utilise multiple intelligences in their teaching philosophies and integrate Gardner's theory into the classroom.
5	A common misconception about the theory of multiple intelligences is that it is synonymous with learning styles but Gardner states that learning styles refer to the way an individual is most comfortable approaching a range of tasks and materials. The theory states that everyone has all eight intelligences at varying degrees of proficiency and an individual's learning style is unrelated to the areas in which they are the most intelligent. For example, someone with linguistic intelligence may not necessarily learn best through writing and reading. Classifying students by their learning styles or intelligences alone may limit their potential for learning and educators need to take heed of this.



47	Howard Gardner states that	
A	intelligence is innate, measurable, intellectual ability.	B the conventional definition of intelligence is too narrow.
C	intelligence is difficult to categorise and define.	D psychologists disagree with measuring intelligence.
48	Which intelligence is associated with the ability to understand and use area?	
A	Logical-mathematical.	B Spatial.
C	Bodily-kinesthetic.	D Interpersonal.
49	Which intelligence relates to an understanding of verbal communication?	
A	Interpersonal.	B Intrapersonal.
C	Musical.	D Linguistic.
50	Gardner's theory has been criticised on the grounds that it	
A	is very generalised.	B mainly relates to psychology.
C	only supports his own research.	D is insufficiently representative of ability.
51	Why is Gardner's work welcomed in education?	
A	It provides evidence of students' progression.	B It is easy to apply the theories in classroom teaching.
C	Teachers are unconcerned about research evidence.	D It is linked to abstract educational theories.
52	What does the writer say about learning style?	
A	It is believed to correlate to the area of intelligence.	B People misunderstand its relationship to achievement.
C	It may not be linked to a person's area of intelligence.	D It isn't the focus of Gardner's theory.
53	What is the main function of this text?	
A	To evaluate.	B To persuade.
C	To praise.	D To denounce.



54	The language in this text is		
A	colloquial.	B	official.
C	literary.	D	academic.

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	<p>January 14th 2023 Janet Summers created a new post:</p> <p>The Stanfield News has just received a statement from the local council that they are intending to reintroduce fees to park in the two main town centre car parks which are currently free. The fee is unconfirmed as yet but is described as 'nominal' and will come into force from July. No further details were provided and we are wondering what local residents make of this unexpected announcement. Please post comments on this matter.</p>
2	<p># in reply to Janet Summers Banks95</p> <p>When the cinema, leisure centre and shopping mall were built two years ago, fees were removed to entice locals to come to the town centre to shop, eat out and for entertainment as opposed to going elsewhere. "Spend your money locally" was the message. Now they want to reinstate fees. That is absolutely scandalous.</p>
3	<p># in reply to Janet Summers AnaW</p> <p>People are already struggling financially and now the council are making our lives even harder. Well, I for one won't miss coming into town when the fees come into effect. There are plenty of alternatives where parking doesn't incur a charge.</p>
4	<p># in reply to Janet Summers ASWest</p> <p>This year the council have organised a food festival in the town centre, there was a summer party in Warren Park and a firework display and music at Christmas. I believe more events are forthcoming as well. All free. This is great for us, but has no doubt eaten into their budget. Now they're probably broke and looking for ways to recoup some cash. I think it's a bit short-sighted of them to give with one hand and take away with the other at a later stage, though. Personally, I'd prefer to dispense with the parties and keep the free parking.</p>
5	<p># in reply to Janet Summers Scottie1990 As a former councillor I can only say that the council does not do anything without seriously considering the impact it will have on residents and the community. I am positive there is a very good reason why parking fees must be reinstated and I'm sure if contacted representatives from the council would be only too happy to discuss it.</p>
6	<p># in reply to Scottie1990 AnaW</p> <p>@ Scottie1990 Well obviously, you would say that, wouldn't you? I'd like to know what that 'very good reason' is and why nobody has asked us about it in the first place rather than just announcing it as a done job.</p>
7	<p># in reply to Janet Summers Blakie</p> <p>Look, what we should actually be doing is taking this back to the council for some answers. There is still quite a bit of time before July and I believe there should've been a consultation process if the council really are as concerned about residents' opinions as Scottie1990 suggests. I'm organising an online petition against the fees so please click below to add your name and share with as many people as possible. parkingfeepetition@onlinepetitions.com</p>

55	The purpose of the social media post is to		
A	question council action.	B	publicise council viewpoint.
C	complain to readers.	D	request feedback.
56	Who expresses outrage at the council’s proposal?		
A	Banks95.	B	AnaW.
C	ASWest.	D	Blakie.
57	Who no longer intends to visit the centre?		
A	Banks95.	B	AnaW.
C	ASWest.	D	Blakie.
58	It is implied that Scottie1990 is		
A	narrow-minded.	B	judgemental.
C	narcissistic.	D	prejudiced.
59	ASWest’s attitude is best described as		
A	disinterested.	B	ingratiating.
C	balanced.	D	disconcerted.
60	Blakie		
A	intends to ask the council some questions.	B	is keen to arrange a consultation with the council.
C	wants other local people to register their discontent.	D	aims to initiate an online campaign to discredit the council.

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 have seen a documentary about traffic problems in city centres. You decide to write an article for your local newspaper about this topic.

Ideas to include in your article:

- What traffic problems exist in cities in your country.
- Two main ways these issues could be resolved.
- Which solution you think is better with reasons.
- How travelling in cities might evolve in the future.

Option B – You recently tried to book some flight tickets online. You experienced a lot of problems with this process. The airline has sent a link asking you to write a review. Write a review of their online booking service.

Ideas to include in your review:

- What difficulties you experienced whilst trying to book your flights.
- How customer service handled your issues.
- Whether the problems were satisfactorily resolved.
- What recommendations you suggest for improvement.

Option C – You have been discussing the ageing population in your English class. Your teacher has asked you write an essay on this topic.

Ideas to include in your essay:

- Reasons people are living for longer these days
- What advantages this has for society
- What negative impacts this may have
- How communities can support an ageing population

Option D - You work in a shop. The owner is going to refurbish it and wants some suggestions from the staff. You decide to submit a proposal with your ideas.

Ideas to include in your proposal:

- The current deficiencies in the design and décor of the shop
- How the interior design could be improved
- How products could be better presented and displayed
- How the exterior/window could better attract customers into the shop



