

Centro Universitario de Idiomas

CUI – ING B2

Modelo de Examen

NB/ The whole test is meant to be completed within 120 minutes. Sections 1 through 3 correspond to the Listening parts, and take 20 minutes in total, which are part of the two hours allotted.

Please, [click here to access the MP3 file needed for SECTIONS 1, 2 and 3.](#)

SECTION 1

You will have 10 seconds to read each question and the corresponding options. Then listen to the recording. After the recording you will have 10 seconds to choose the correct option.

Put a cross next to the correct answer, as in the example

Example. Who are the speakers?

A Tom's work colleagues

B Tom's friends

C Tom's parents

1. Who is the speaker?

A a police officer

B a youth club leader

C an angry neighbour

2. Who are the speakers?

A head teacher and student

B parent and child

C journalist and young person

3. What are the speakers discussing?

A youth unemployment

B hobbies and interests

C local facilities

4. Where is the speaker?

A in a factory

B in a supermarket

C at a farm

5. Where is the speaker?

A in a shopping centre

B at a careers convention

C in the workplace

6. How does the man feel about the woman's decision?

A He's doubtful about it.

B He admires it.

C He's anxious about it.

7. Who is the speaker?

A a TV presenter

B an economist

C a charity worker

8. How is the girl feeling?

A angry

B unwell

C bored

9. What is the speaker doing?

A apologising

B persuading

C warning

10. What is the speaker really saying?

A I think you can do any job you're interested in.

B I think you're interested in different types of jobs.

C I don't think you're trying very hard to get a job.

SECTION 2

You will hear a recording about development funding. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear.

Make sure you spell the words correctly.

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SECTION 3 – Part A

You will hear a telephone conversation. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the conversation.

You will hear the recording twice.

Example. The caller is interested in a career as a social worker

12. The course has been available at the university for _____

13. The university works with _____ in the local area.

14. As part of the course students have to undertake _____

15. Applicants are more likely to get a place on the course if they have done _____

16. Potential students must apply for the course by _____

SECTION 3 – Part B

You will hear a talk. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the talk. You will hear the recording twice.

Example. The British Youth Parliament aims to improve the world

17. Members must be at least _____ years old.

18. Elections are held all over _____

19. The yearly meeting of the British Youth Parliament is known as their _____

20. At the moment the British Youth Parliament is trying to get rid of _____

21. If you want more information you should visit _____

This is the end of the listening section of the test.

Now go on to the other sections of the test.

SECTION 4

Read each text and put a cross (X) by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

Example.

We are a long-established family business that provides a reliable upholstery service that repairs antique furniture. We would welcome _____ from you for us to arrange a visit with our extensive range of fabrics.

A an enquiry

B some work

C a suggestion

22. Do you want to expand your horizons, help people in developing countries and make some great new friends? Then why not spend your summer holidays working for charity on one of our range of fantastic _____ in South East Asia?

A vacations

B projects

C adventures

23. WorkAid is a leading non-profit organisation that helps people to volunteer overseas and make a real difference to others. You may be on a _____, career break or wanting to volunteer on a working holiday.

A journey

B charity

C gap year

24. Careers advice is available here every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Come and see us and get yourself back into _____.

A work

B time

C line

25. The East Humberside Youth Club supports socially excluded children and young people from Hull and its surrounding areas, and helps them to fulfil their potential as capable, confident young adults through a structured _____ of sporting, artistic and recreational activities.

A entertainment

B neighbourhood

C programme

26. Recruitment websites, employment agencies and local papers are just a few of the places you can look for vacancies. But there are also personalised techniques you can use to find the right _____ for you.

A way

B job

C advert

SECTION 5

Read the passage and answer the questions below. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

Dream Jobs

By Giovanni Marks

During our teens, all the pupils at my school had to have a meeting with a 'careers advisor' who only seemed to know about jobs at the local ship-building works. That was fine for some, but many of us would have liked to hear about a wider range of opportunities at that time. If only she had known about the jobs I've been researching for this article! It seems there are positions out there that are almost too good to be true.

Take, for example, the job with the title 'Ice cream flavour advisor' for ice cream manufacturer Frederick's. Imagine making and tasting ice cream for a living! From the Fredrick's website I learned that the people who do this job are all chefs and food scientists, and often go on what they call 'taste hunts' where they travel to other countries, trying new foods to get inspiration for new products. The website's home page also states that 'every ingredient deserves consideration', meaning anything from peanuts to potatoes could make it into the next flavour advisor's invention. I guess the one downside of this job could be tasting failed creations.

For those worried about the health implications of eating so much ice cream, then how about something more active? The perfect job for water sports lovers was advertised in 2015 by holiday company Travel Now. They needed a water slide tester! This involved getting into swimming gear and speeding down slides at various holiday centres around the world to check for any issues. The company was seeking applicants with strong written and verbal skills, experience in social media and a willingness to travel.

Another job that seems impossibly wonderful is one for those who dream of living on a remote island. As the caretaker of a private island in the Maldives, Simon Grainger gets to enjoy fabulous weather, fishing and boating as part of his job. However, he says that while it may sound more like an extended holiday than work, the responsibilities of the job can be very demanding. These include maintaining and repairing the island owners' property and cleaning up after storms. On top of that,



being by yourself on an island means that your social life suffers. Seeing friends involves an hour's boat ride, which is never easy and sometimes impossible. Grainger warns anyone considering a job like his to be realistic about it. He explains you've got to be very practical with good physical fitness, and happy in your own company. If you are this type of person, you'll do the job well and never want to go back to life on the mainland.

A fortune cookie is a moon-shaped biscuit given away in Chinese restaurants that contains a little piece of paper with a message on it. Millions of these are read every day, but few realise that people actually get paid to write the words of wisdom you find when you crack your cookie open. Daisy Cheng, president of New Asian Food in Los Angeles, used to be **one such person**. It wasn't exactly her chosen career path, it was more of a role she fell into. When the company expanded and realised they needed to update their cookie messages, she was asked to do it because her English language skills were stronger than other employees'. She found it difficult to start with, but soon she was finding inspiration everywhere, from subway signs to newspapers.

As a writer myself, I would love to create messages for fortune cookies, but I would be delighted to do any one of these amazing jobs. Listen up careers advisors!

Example.

How does the writer feel about the careers advisor he met when he was younger?

- A He regrets that she was unable to help any of the teenagers.
- B He found her guidance quite useful at the time.
- C He thought it was unnecessary to see her.
- X D** He wishes she had been aware of a greater variety of job options.

27. What is claimed on the website for Frederick's ice cream?

- A There is no food type that they will refuse to experiment with.
- B They are able to make most ingredients taste good in ice cream.
- C They trial every new flavour creation internationally before it goes on sale.
- D No other ice cream producer has greater expertise.

28. Applicants for the job of water slide tester were required by Travel Now to

- A be good at communicating with people.
- B have plenty of travel experience.
- C have good IT qualifications.
- D be very physically fit.

29. What does Grainger say about his role as caretaker on a private island?

- A He is considering giving it up so he can move back to the mainland.
- B The only thing that is hard about it is being alone on the island.
- C It might not be the right job for everyone.
- D The holiday lifestyle involved is not always enjoyable.

30. What does the fifth paragraph say about Daisy Cheng getting her job as fortune cookie writer?

- A She did not deliberately choose to do the job.
- B She got the job because none of her colleagues spoke any English.
- C She applied for it when the company grew and needed more people to do the job.
- D She tried to avoid doing the job at first.

31. What does 'one such person' refer to in the fifth paragraph?

- A someone who is a company vice president
- B someone from New York
- C someone who didn't know fortune cookie message writers existed
- D someone who writes the messages in fortune cookies

SECTION 6 – Part A

Read the web article below and answer the questions.

Innocent Water provides clean drinking water in developing countries across southern Asia. The company was founded by Cathy Cousins in 2002 when she returned to the UK from a year's travelling after university. She contracted dysentery in Bangladesh after drinking dirty water.

Despite being very sick, she realised she was "one of the few lucky ones": more than 4000 people worldwide die daily due to lack of clean drinking water. Her brainchild was to sell ethical bottled water, to concerned people who wanted it, using the profits to provide safe drinking water for remote communities. Initially, Cathy had just a shoestring budget and a few volunteers to help her. She set up Innocent Water intending to be honest and outspoken about water supplies in developing countries.

Example. In which part of the world does Innocent Water sell its products? Southern Asia

32. What did Cathy do before she went travelling?
33. How many lives does dirty water claim each day?
34. Who did Cathy intend would benefit from her company?
35. Who assisted Cathy at the start of the project?

SECTION 6 – Part B

Read the newspaper article below and answer the questions.

A new survey of 16-24 year olds reveals that 82% of young people "cannot live" without the internet. The research, generated by the youth charity TeenNet, also found that eight out of ten young people under 24 use the web to look for advice. About 25% of those surveyed added that online resources are so good that they don't feel any need to discuss their problems personally.

Despite many recent examples of poor internet security, 69% of youth surveyed said they believed the internet to be a safe place "if you know what you're doing".

John Wright, a Professor of Psychology, believes that 'the middle-aged but especially the elderly are probably most vulnerable to internet scams. Today's youth have grown up with technology and have a deep understanding of how it works.'

Example. What age were the survey's client group? 16-24 (years)

36. Who organized the survey?

37. What does a large percentage of young people use the internet for?

38. How many young internet users feel that the service is secure?

39. Who do professionals think are most likely to be the victim of an internet scam?

SECTION 7

Read the web article and complete the notes. Write no more than three words in each gap from the article.

Portfolio Careers: Creating a Career out of Several Part-Time Jobs

If you have a portfolio career, you have several part-time jobs instead of one traditional full-time job. These might include part-time, temporary and free-lance employment with different employers: when combined, the jobs are the equivalent of a full-time position. A portfolio career offers more flexibility, freedom and variety than conventional employment, but involves some risk as well as requiring a high level of organisational skills.

If you opt for a portfolio career, it will usually be built around core skills or interests. For example, someone whose background is in education may teach part-time, write text books and examination materials, mark exams at certain times of the year, and perhaps train other teachers.

Most employment experts believe that James Hardy, an American management guru, was responsible for the sudden increase in the popularity of portfolio careers in the early 1990s. He suggested that individuals could gain more control over their working lives by having several small jobs rather than one big one.

Many people believe that another factor in the increasing status of portfolio careers is Harold Rivers' recent book *How to Succeed in a Workplace without Jobs*. He suggests that the lack of job security today means that we are all temporary workers. There are many reasons to consider a portfolio career: to gain better work/life balance; to experience variety and use a range of skills; to control your own work life and to seek new challenges.

One survey of portfolio careerists shows that the majority (around 65%) were satisfied with their success in establishing a new type of career. They mainly put their success down to their ability to network. But, establishing a portfolio career isn't easy for many. It can be difficult to balance the demands of different jobs and find employers willing to take you on a part-time basis. There's also the possibility of isolation if you work from home, a possible drop in earnings and the risk of being out of work for periods of time.

Example. A portfolio career consists of several part-time jobs rather than a full-time job.

40. A portfolio career can include different kinds of _____.

41. A portfolio career would suit someone who is able to _____ themselves well.

42. Key _____ will usually be at the centre of a portfolio career.

43. James Hardy thought portfolio careers gave individuals more _____ in relation to their professional lives.

44. Portfolio careers have also gained status because there is not much _____ nowadays.

45. Most successful portfolio careerists believe that this is because they can _____ well.

46. If you have a portfolio career, possible risks include temporary unemployment, feeling alone and less _____ .

SECTION 8

Use the information in **Section 7** to help you write your answer.

47. You have read the article about portfolio careers. Write an email giving advice to a friend who is considering changing to a portfolio career. Write about 90 - 120 words and include the following information:

- the advantages of a portfolio career
- the disadvantages of a portfolio career
- how you think your friend could succeed

Write your answer here.

SECTION 9

Choose one of the topics below and write your answer in 150 – 200 words.

48. A)

Your teacher gives you the following statement and asks you to write an essay.

We all have to take responsibility for the quality of life in developing countries: we can't just leave it to our governments.

Write an essay agreeing or disagreeing with this statement giving reasons and examples.

- OR -

48. B)

You see this post in an online magazine.

Blog entries wanted!

Lots of young people are going on their two-week summer holiday soon. We want to know, where are the best places to visit? Tell us about where to go and what to see in your country! Write a blog entry for the online magazine. Include the following information:

- a place to visit in your country
- something young people should see while they are there
- an activity they might enjoy
- Explain why your recommendations are suitable for young people.