IESOL Assessment Listening
RQF Level: Level 2
(CEFR Level: C1)
Candidate Booklet – Listening
HIPPO SAMPLE

The following details must be completed:

Candidate Name: ____________________________
Candidate Date of Birth: DD / MM / YYYY
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

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. 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) Some varieties of wildlife found in Europe.
b) Academic research papers on amphibians.
c) The future of amphibians and reptiles in the UK.
d) The benefits of keeping snakes as pets.

1. To keep themselves warm, reptiles and amphibians:

a) internally generate body heat.
b) need to eat frequently.
c) need an external source of heat.
d) need to ensure that they are constantly moving.

2. Grass snakes are:

a) usually found on dry, grassy land.
b) known by three different names.
c) largely found only in zoos in the UK.
d) dark green in colour and poisonous.

3. Smooth snakes are usually:

a) similar sized, whether male or female.
b) bigger than grass snakes.
c) able to inject more venom than an adder.
d) found in the north of England.

4. Adders:

a) are very good at injecting venom.
b) are not well-adjusted to cold weather.
c) have the longest hibernation period of all snakes.
d) lay eggs during the summer months.
5. **Slow worms:**
   
   a) are the longest living snake.
   b) live longer in the wild.
   c) are often totally blind.
   d) are not truly a snake.

6. **Which best describes the interviewer’s attitude at the end of the discussion?**
   
   a) He was persuaded by Dr Jones’ expertise.
   b) He is keen to start keeping snakes as pets.
   c) His opinion remained unchanged.
   d) He was dismissive of Dr Jones’ expertise.

(6 marks)
Listening Task 2

Listen to the recording and circle the correct option – a, b, c, or d. You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played.

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1. A good speaker should:
   a) be enthusiastic about the subject.
   b) have advanced knowledge of the subject.
   c) have good attention to detail.
   d) not discuss personal experiences.

2. Typically, the audience tends to engage most at:
   a) the beginning.
   b) the end.
   c) the beginning and the end.
   d) various stages depending on the structure.

3. An average listener remembers __________ of the questions asked by the presenter.
   a) over 85%
   b) approximately half
   c) 30%
   d) less than 30%

4. An effective presentation:
   a) should not include too many questions.
   b) should avoid rhetorical questions.
   c) can include both types of questions.
   d) must include some direct questions.

5. Stories should be used in presentations:
   a) only if they make the audience laugh.
   b) to help the audience remember the content.
   c) only if they do not engage people’s emotions.
   d) particularly for younger audiences.
6. **Numbers and statistics should be:**
   a) used with caution.
   b) avoided whenever possible.
   c) used in presentations on scientific subjects only.
   d) included in handouts distributed before the presentation.

7. **It is important to use humour as it can:**
   a) engage attention.
   b) make the speaker more likeable.
   c) make the audience more likely to agree with the speaker’s viewpoint.
   d) make the audience more likely to attend future presentations.

8. **Distributing handouts at the beginning:**
   a) is strongly recommended.
   b) has some advantages.
   c) is never a good idea.
   d) increases the attention of the audience.

(8 marks)
Listening Task 3

Listen to the recording and answer the questions below. There are 4 speakers. You have one minute to read the questions before the recording is played.

You will hear the recording twice.

Which speaker...

Example: loves extreme and dangerous sports? Speaker 2
1. thinks gambling gives the biggest thrills? Speaker ____
2. recommends saving money over risk? Speaker ____
3. is prepared to risk a lot in a card game? Speaker ____
4. thinks of ‘extreme sports’ as actually safe? Speaker ____
5. follows advice from a family member? Speaker ____
6. is the most risk-averse person? Speaker ____
7. believes card games are not based on luck? Speaker ____
8. could be said to be addicted to gambling? Speaker ____

(8 marks)

END OF LISTENING ASSESSMENT