



**Corvinus Language Examination Centre**  
**English for Economics**  
**Listening Comprehension Test**  
**Basic Level (B1)**

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Értékelő 1:  
Értékelő 2:

Welcome to the Listening Test of the Corvinus Language Examination Centre. Please switch off your mobile phone and put it away. You are not allowed to use a dictionary during the test.

You will hear each text of the test three times. At the end of the test you will have two minutes to fill in any missing answers.

At the end of every pause you will hear this sound. (“gong”)

Do not use your own paper as you can write your answers only on the test paper. Only answers written in the space indicated will be accepted. You can use a blue pen.

Make any necessary changes very clearly because only one answer will be accepted.

You have already received the envelope containing your test and your bar code. Open the envelope and stick the bar code onto the top right corner of the test paper. Do not stick the sticker containing your name on the test paper.

Open the envelope now.

Listening Test. Now you have two minutes to look through the questions.

**PART ONE**

**I. Based on the text you hear, circle the letter 'T' (True) or 'F' (False).**

**(5x1) 5 points**

0. *He did not live with his parents before his marriage.* *F*
1. He got married when he was 22. **T F**
2. His wife and his mother don't like each other. **T F**
3. He was born in Italy. **T F**
4. His mother is English. **T F**
5. Young people in England leave their parents as soon as possible. **T F**

**II. Write in the words you hear.**

**(5x1) 5 p**

0. *A man is talking ... **about** ... his family*
1.  
I got married and started a family of my .....
2.  
My mother has ..... a lot with our two children.
3.  
I am not ..... English.
4.  
I have two .....
5.  
Well, not as often as in other countries ..... Italy.

## PART TWO

**I. Based on the text you hear, write in the information. (5x1) 5 p**

0. *The interviewer looks at a ... c.v. ...*

1. The number of employees Jack Cornwall was responsible for: .....
2. The number of years he worked for that company: .....
3. The time when the new position opens: .....
4. The time his wife's new job will start: .....
5. The people they are going to see on the way to Emoryville: .....

**II. Based on the text you hear, circle the correct answer. (5x1) 5 p**

0. *It wasn't Jack Cornwall's task ...*

*a) to deal with employees      b) to do the ordering      c) to write  
computer programs*

1. Jack Cornwall worked at Computer Country as ...  
a) a manager                      b) a store assistant                      c) an engineer
2. The most difficult part of his job was ...  
a) handling the boss                      b) handling angry customers                      c) handling the inventory
3. I left the company ...  
a) last year                      b) last week                      c) last month
4. The reason he left *Computer Country* was that ...  
a) his wife got a new job                      b) his wife got ill                      c) his wife left him
5. He and his wife will travel to Emoryville by ...  
a) train                      b) car                      c) bus



**ANSWER KEY**

**PART ONE**

**I. TRUE OR FALSE**

**(5x1) 5 p**

1.	<b>T</b>
2.	<b>F</b>
3.	<b>F</b>
4.	<b>T</b>
5.	<b>T</b>

**II. Write in the words you hear.**

**(5x1) 5 p**

1.	Own
2.	Helped
3.	Typically
4.	Brothers
5.	Like

**PART TWO**

**I. Based on the text you hear, write in the information.**

**(5x1) 5 p**

1.	about 30 employees
2.	3 1/2 years
3.	the middle of next month
4.	in a few weeks
5.	his parents

**II. Based on the text you hear, circle the correct answer.**

**(5x1) 5 p**

1.	<b>A</b>
2.	<b>B</b>
3.	<b>C</b>
4.	<b>A</b>
5.	<b>B</b>

## TAPESCRIPT:

### PART ONE

#### A man is talking about his family

I lived at home with my parents until **I was twenty-two. Then I got married** and started a family of my **own**. But I still see both my parents almost every day. They live very close to us, and my mother has **helped** a lot with our two children. **My wife gets on very well with her**, and father, too. Perhaps **I am not typically English even though I was born here. My father's Italian**, and the whole family has always stayed together. I have two **brothers**, and they live very close, too. **It doesn't happen very often in England, I mean your typical English boy or girl usually leaves home as soon as possible, in their teens or early twenties**, and they don't see their parents very often after that. Well, not as often as in other countries **like Italy**, at least.

[http://www.chronologicalstorying.com/esl\\_efl/esl\\_efl\\_i\\_am.htm](http://www.chronologicalstorying.com/esl_efl/esl_efl_i_am.htm), 2005

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### PART TWO

#### The Job Interview

**Ms. Ballard:** I see on your c.v. that you worked **as a manager** at Computer Country. Could you tell me a little more about your responsibilities there?

**Jack Cornwall:** Sure. I was responsible for **about 30 employees**, I did all of the ordering for the store, and I kept track of the inventory.

**Ms. Ballard:** What was the most difficult part of your job?

**Jack Cornwall:** Probably **handling angry customers**. We didn't have them very often, but when we did, I needed to make sure they were well taken care of. After all, the customer is always right.

**Ms. Ballard:** That's how we feel here, too. How long did you work there?

**Jack Cornwall:** I was there for **3 1/2 years**. I left the company **last month**.

**Ms. Ballard:** And why did you leave?

**Jack Cornwall:** **My wife has been transferred to Emoryville** and I understand your company has an opening there, too.

**Ms. Ballard:** Yes, that's right, we do. But the position won't start until **the middle of next month**. Would that be a problem for you?

**Jack Cornwall:** No, not at all. My wife's new job doesn't begin for **a few weeks**, so we thought we would spend some time **driving** to Emoryville and stop **to see my parents**.

**Ms. Ballard:** That sounds nice. So tell me, why are you interested in this position?

**Jack Cornwall:** I know that your company has a great reputation and a wonderful product. When I heard about the opening in Emoryville, I took the opportunity.

**Ms. Ballard:** Well, I'm glad you did. Now, please tell me about...

<http://www.5minuteenglish.com/mar26.htm>, 2005

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## ORAL EXAMINATION

**The oral examination consists of three parts. You have 12 minutes to prepare for Part one and Part two. You can use this paper for your notes.**

### **PART ONE**

*You are attending a job interview. As you need to speak English at a basic level for the job, you are asked to summarise the following English text.*

### **PART TWO**

*Talk with the examiner about one of the two questions.*

### **PART THREE**

*Act out the situation with one of the examiners.*

## EXAMINER'CARD

1.

### ***PART ONE***

#### **China police uncover \$6m supermarket gift card theft**

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According to the police the six employees hacked into computer systems to add credit to 6,000 cards and used them to finance their shopping at supermarkets across Beijing. Police in the city's Fengtai district detail the theft in a post on their Weibo account. "Apple mobile phones and expensive liquor were their first choices," the post reads, adding that one "gift" was 50 boxes of the pricey Maotai liquor, each costing 5,000 yuan (\$750; £577).

They managed to get away with it for a whole year before a cashier found it strange that one of the single-use cards had already been used. The shop's management then discovered that thousands of cards had been hacked, and some of them topped up over and over again, as the paper illustrates in a computer animation. One of the arrested men had previously worked as an IT administrator for a major supermarket.

Two of those arrested had used the money stolen to buy apartments in a fashionable part of Beijing, where officers found a lot of expensive electrical equipment, "two of every kind", police said.

*bbc.com*

### ***PART TWO***

- a) How can you find a good job?
- b) What is a good advertisement like?

### ***PART THREE***

Examinee: Your English colleague phones and asks you how he/she can get to the hotel from the airport. . Recommend the airport minibus to him/her. Speak about its advantages and the risks of taking a taxi.

Examiner: You play the role of the English colleague.

- Ask your colleague about taking a taxi or the minibus
- Ask him/her why he/she does not recommend the taxi

## EXAMINEE'S CARD

**1.**

### ***PART ONE***

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### ***PART TWO***

***Choose one of the questions below and talk about it with the examiner.***

- a) How can you find a good job?
- b) What is a good advertisement like?

### ***PART THREE***

#### **Role play**

Examinee: Your English colleague phones and asks you how he/she can get to the hotel from the airport. . Recommend the airport minibus to him/her. Speak about its advantages and the risks of taking a taxi.