ABOUT THIS MODULE

The Listening Module

The Listening Module measures your ability to understand spoken English in academic and everyday contexts. You listen to three audio recordings: a monologue, a dialogue and an academic lecture, and answer 18 multiple-choice questions. Questions appear before the audio and stay visible throughout both plays. You may answer at any time. The module assesses main idea, specific detail, speaker attitude, inference and the organisation of spoken discourse. Your Listening score contributes to your overall Manchester Exam score. Your CEFR level is based on your overall total.

18	2	3	120
ITEMS	PLAYS PER AUDIO	PARTS	MODULE SCORE

MODULE STRUCTURE

How the module is built

PART	AUDIO TYPE	AUDIO PLAYS	ITEMS	PART TIME
1	Monologue (one speaker)	Played twice	6	4.5 min plus audio
2	Dialogue (two speakers)	Played twice	6	4.5 min plus audio
3	Academic Lecture	Played twice	6	4.5 min plus audio
TOTAL	**3 audio sources**		**18**	**Audio-dependent**

MODULE TIMING

Each part: 4.5 minutes plus two full audio plays

PART 1	PART 2	PART 3
4.5 min plus audio	**4.5 min plus audio**	**4.5 min plus audio**
Monologue	Dialogue	Academic Lecture

Online exams use identity checks, periodic camera photographs and a lockdown browser where required. For centre exams, follow the instructions from the centre. In the online exam, you cannot return to a completed part. When a timer expires, the current stage ends and the exam continues according to the on-screen instructions.

PREPARE

Quiz types & strategies, part by part

Each part starts with 60 seconds to review the questions, then two audio plays separated by a 30-second gap. After the second play, you have 3 minutes to finish. Answer during or after the audio; total time depends on its length.

Part 1 — Monologue

Quiz type: 4-option multiple choice

Listen to a single-speaker talk, played twice automatically, and answer six 4-option questions during or after the audio. Items test main idea, speaker purpose, organisation, and specific detail. Use preparation time to read the questions.

- Catch the main idea in the first 30 seconds — the opening signals topic and purpose.
- Track signposting (first, next, however, in conclusion) to locate details on the second play.
- Use the second play to verify, not to start; the first play is your full attempt.
- On detail items, the correct answer reflects what the speaker actually said — watch changed nouns/numbers.

Part 2 — Dialogue

Quiz type: 4-option multiple choice

Listen to a conversation between two speakers, played twice. Answer six questions during or after the audio on relationship, attitude and agreement, the function of utterances (why a speaker says something), and detail.

- Identify the speakers immediately — mark them S1 / S2 with short role labels on the notepad.
- Track agreement, disagreement, and tone shifts (actually, well, but, I'm not sure).
- Notice why things are said, not just what — to clarify, challenge, reassure, or deflect.
- Note who said what — blending the two speakers is the most common Part 2 error.

Part 3 — Academic Lecture

Quiz type: 4-option multiple choice

Listen to a university-style lecture, played twice. Answer six questions during or after the audio on the main argument, detail, implication and inference, and organisation of ideas. Follow how the lecture develops its argument.

- Capture the lecturer's thesis early — the first 30–45 seconds state topic, position, and structure.
- Distinguish claims from examples; mark each with a different symbol on the notepad.
- Listen for hedging (tends to, often, generally) — wrong answers turn a hedged claim into an absolute one.
- Track implication: an inference must be supported by what was said and not contradicted by it.

SCORING & AFTER THE TEST

How you are scored & your options

HOW YOUR RESPONSES ARE SCORED

Automatically scored against the answer key

All Listening items are multiple-choice and are scored automatically against the answer key using the configured points for each part. The three part scores combine to a maximum of 120. Rescoring is not available for this module; One Module Retake remains available. Use the computer speakers: headphones are not permitted. Use the on-screen notepad for your notes; notes are not scored and are cleared between parts.

AFTER YOU TEST / YOUR 30-DAY OPTIONS

Once your scores are issued, you have **30 days** to choose before your official report is finalised:
1. One Module Retake (OMR). Re-sit a single module for a $40 fee. A superscore model applies — the higher of your two module scores is used, so your total can only stay the same or improve. One OMR per sitting.
2. Accept your score. Once you accept, OMR is no longer available.

Rescoring is not available for this module — all items are machine-scored, so there is no human judgement to re-verify. Rescoring remains available for Writing and Speaking only. If you do not act within 30 days, your score is automatically accepted.

YOUR SCORE

How your performance is reported

Your official Listening score is reported out of 120, rounded to the nearest 5. Each of the five official module scores is rounded before they are added to give your overall Manchester Exam score on a 0-600 scale. Your CEFR level is assigned from this overall total, not from an individual module score.

0–120	0–600	A1 — C2	5
MODULE SCORE	OVERALL COMPOSITE	CEFR LEVELS	REPORTING INCREMENT