English Speaking Board

ESB Entry Level Certificate in ESOL
International All Modes (Entry 3) - (B1)
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B1 Speaking Test

CANDIDATE PROMPTS

Not to be distributed until immediately prior to the oral assessments.

Part 2

Candidate A:

- What does your closest friend look like?

- Do you and your friends have similar personalities?

Part 2

Candidate B:

- In your family, who do you most look like?

- Describe the personality of your closest friend.

TOPIC 1 – Appearance and Personality (B1)

Part 3

Candidates A and B:

- Which of the following characteristics is the most important for a teacher to have?

Very intelligent

Always cheerful

Patient

A good sense of humour

TOPIC 2 – Cinema (B1)

Part 2

Candidate A:

- How often do you go to the cinema?

- What type of films do you like to watch?

TOPIC 2 – Cinema (B1)

Part 2

Candidate B:

- Do you prefer cinema or television?

- Would you like to be in a film? Why/ why not?

Part 3

Candidates A and B:

- Which of the following would make you watch a film and why?

  A friend has recommended it

  You have already read the book which it is based on

  Your favourite film star is in the film

  A television or magazine advertisement

TOPIC 3 – Games and Sports (B1)

Part 2

Candidate A:

- Describe a game you enjoy playing.

- Tell me about the sports your family enjoys.

Part 2

Candidate B:

- What is the most popular sport in your country?

- Do you prefer team sports or sports that you do on your own?

TOPIC 3 – Games and Sports (B1)

Part 3

Candidates A and B:

- If you wanted to start a new sport what would help you decide?

  Not too expensive

  Easy to learn

  Meeting new people

  Entering competitions

Part 2

Candidate A:

- Which subject at school do you think is the most useful and why?

- When and where do you like to study?

Part 2

Candidate B:

- Have you got a good memory?

- Do you like to study listening to music or in silence?

TOPIC 4 – Learning (B1)

Part 3

Candidates A and B:

- What problems do you have when doing an exam?

  Running out of time

  Understanding instructions

  Remembering information

  Difficulty concentrating

TOPIC 5 – Invitations (B1)
(Can be used with three candidates)

Part 2

Candidate A:

- How important is it to invite friends to your home?

- What was the last event that you were invited to?

TOPIC 5 – Invitations (B1)
(Can be used with three candidates)

Part 2

Candidate B:

- In your country, how do you make guests feel welcome?

- How do you like to celebrate a family event?

TOPIC 5 – Invitations (B1)
(Can be used with three candidates)

Part 2

Candidate C:

- If you were invited to a friend's home, would you take them a gift?

- Do you prefer to go out with your friends or your family?

TOPIC 5 – Invitations (B1)
(Can be used with three candidates)

Part 3

Candidates A, B and C:

- If you were inviting your friends out to celebrate a birthday, where would you go and why?

  A restaurant

  A theme park

  A cinema

  A beach

  A museum

TOPIC 6 – Time (B1)
(Can be used with three candidates)

Part 2

Candidate A:

- What time do you like to get up in the morning and why?

- Is it important to always get enough sleep?

TOPIC 6 – Time (B1)
(Can be used with three candidates)

Part 2

Candidate B:

- Are you more energetic in the morning or the evening?

- What time of day do you usually work the best?

TOPIC 6 – Time (B1)
(Can be used with three candidates)

Part 2

Candidate C:

- What time do you usually go to bed and why?

- Are you good at organising your time?

TOPIC 6 – Time (B1)
(Can be used with three candidates)

Part 3

Candidates A, B and C:

- What do you like about spending time in a town centre?

  Going shopping

  Going to cafes/ restaurants

  Seeing lots of people

  Spending time in a park

  Going to museums/ art galleries