



**English Speaking Board**

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**ESB Level 3 Certificate in ESOL  
International All modes - (C2)  
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## **C2 Speaking Test**

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

## TOPIC 1 – FAME (C2)

### Part 2

#### **Candidate A:**

**“Being famous is more a burden than a blessing.”**

- Loss of privacy
- People’s expectations
- Pressure to perform

## TOPIC 1 – FAME (C2)

### Part 2

#### **Candidate B:**

**“Actors and sports stars should not be paid such high salaries.”**

- Entertainment does not save lives
- People as commodities
- Caring professions should be paid more

## TOPIC 2 – LUCK (C2)

### Part 2

#### **Candidate A:**

**“Lotteries encourage gambling and should be banned.”**

- Lotteries target poorer people
- Risks of gambling
- Real winners are the lottery organisers

## TOPIC 2 – LUCK (C2)

### Part 2

#### **Candidate B:**

**“There is no such thing as good luck. We are ultimately responsible for what happens to us.”**

- Making the right choices
- Taking opportunities
- An optimistic outlook

## TOPIC 3 – ANIMALS (C2)

### Part 2

**Candidate A:**

**“Zoos play an important role in today’s society.”**

- Education and enjoyment
- Help protect endangered species
- Develop scientific knowledge

## TOPIC 3 – ANIMALS (C2)

### Part 2

#### Candidate B:

**“Governments need to do more to protect endangered species.”**

- Some species lost forever
- The importance of bio-diversity
- Stricter laws

## TOPIC 4 – LANGUAGES (C2)

### Part 2

**Candidate A:**

**“School children should learn other foreign languages besides English.”**

- Linguistic diversity
- Languages of the future
- Employment prospects



## TOPIC 4 – LANGUAGES (C2)

### Part 2

#### Candidate B:

**“To learn a language well you have to live in a country where it is spoken.”**

- Being surrounded by the language
- Opportunities to interact
- Culture and language

**TOPIC 5 – THE NATURAL WORLD (C2)**  
**(Can be used with three candidates)**

**Part 2**

**Candidate A:**

**“Areas of outstanding natural beauty should not be privately owned.”**

- Nature belongs to everyone
- Unfair for only a few to benefit
- Upkeep and maintenance

**TOPIC 5 – THE NATURAL WORLD (C2)**  
**(Can be used with three candidates)**

**Part 2**

**Candidate B:**

**“Many beautiful areas have been ruined by tourist developments.”**

- Hotel complexes are often ugly
- Destruction of natural habitat
- Traditional ways of life destroyed

**TOPIC 5 – THE NATURAL WORLD (C2)**  
**(Can be used with three candidates)**

**Part 2**

**Candidate C:**

**“Living in the country is much better than living in a city.”**

- Peace and quiet
- Amenities in the countryside
- Contact with nature

**TOPIC 6 – SHOPPING C2)**  
**(Can be used with three candidates)**

**Part 2**

**Candidate A:**

**“Quality is more important than price.”**

- Cheap items may not last long
- Well-known brands
- Reliability

**TOPIC 6 – SHOPPING (C2)**  
**(Can be used with three candidates)**

**Part 2**

**Candidate B:**

**“Free plastic carrier bags in supermarkets should be banned.”**

- Environmental hazard
- Encourages waste
- Alternatives e.g. surcharges, reusable bags

**TOPIC 6 – SHOPPING (C2)**  
**(Can be used with three candidates)**

**Part 2**

**Candidate C:**

**“Discount stores have more disadvantages than advantages.”**

- Poor quality
- Limited choice
- Poor customer service

