

ESB Level 1 Certificate in ESOL International All Modes
(B2)

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TOPIC 1 – Town versus Countryside (B2)

Part 2

Candidate A's Statement

To many people, the benefits of living in a big city are the facilities available such as the theatre and restaurants, but only the rich are able to enjoy them.

Candidate B's Statement

People who move from the city to the countryside do not understand the rural lifestyle and so may cause problems with their new neighbours.

TOPIC 2 – Computers & Technology (B2)

Part 2

Candidate A's Statement

In the future, nobody will be able to learn, work or have fun if they do not know how to use a computer.

Candidate B's Statement

The development of home appliances such as the washing machine, dishwasher and the vacuum cleaner have given women more freedom.

TOPIC 3 – Film & Television (B2)

Part 2

Candidate A's Statement

Television should be used as a means of educating people and not just a way of providing entertainment.

Candidate B's Statement

Children watch too much television which is harmful to them and parents should do more to limit the time young people spend in front of the set.

TOPIC 4 – Relationships (B2)

Part 2

Candidate A's Statement

Friends are more important than family.

Candidate B's Statement

Parents often don't understand their children and are too strict with them.

Topic 5 – School and Education

Part 2

Candidate A's Statement

The school timetable is too old-fashioned and doesn't allow students to study subjects that are useful for life today

Candidate B's Statement

Private schools give too many advantages to children and all education should be provided by the state.

TOPIC 6 – Health & Fitness (B2)

Part 2

Candidate A's Statement

Smoking is a serious health hazard and should be banned in all public places.

Candidate B's Statement

Obesity (people getting too fat) is such a big problem that governments should stop TV advertisements for unhealthy food.

Candidate C's Statement

Many of today's models are too thin and they set a bad example to young girls who want to look like them.