NEW ESB FORMAT FROM DECEMBER 2017 - MAIN CHANGES AT A GLANCE

✓ The written papers in ALL levels have ONLY multiple choice questions.
✓ ALL the speaking exams are the same format.
✓ Same 20 predictive speaking topics for ALL levels.

B1 + B2 LISTENING EXAM – THE SAME FORMAT:

• Part One: 10 short dialogues with 3-option multiple choice questions.
• Part Two: 10 True/False questions on one extended dialogue.

B1 Use of English:

• Part Three: cloze text with 10 [A, B, C] multiple choice options
• Part Four: 5 questions with [A, B, C] multiple choice options [see B2, Part 4].

B1 Writing:

• Write one of the following: an email to someone you know, a story or an essay.

B2 Use of English

• ONLY 4 Parts, NO Part Five. Total of 70 questions.

B2 Writing:

• Write one of the following: an email to someone you know, a story or an essay.

C1 and C2 USE OF ENGLISH: ONLY multiple choice questions.

• Part three and Part four: cloze text with 10 [A, B, C, D] multiple choice options.

C1 Writing:

• Write one of the following: an email to someone you don’t know, a story or an essay.

C2 Writing:

• Write one of the following: an email to someone you don’t know, or one of two essays.

Speaking Exam:

B1 [11 minutes], B2 [11 minutes], C1 [13 minutes], C2 [15 minutes]

• Part One: Introductory Questions.
• Part Two: Interactive Discussion [based on visual prompts]
• Part Three: Responding to questions on a different topic to that covered in Part 2.

There are the same 20 predictive speaking topics for ALL the levels.