Adult level B2 English language course

Objective: To arrive at CEFR level B2. The suggested coursebook for this course is Compact B2 First – third edition with eBook and online practice.

Course content

1 Living day to day
Topics: Daily life, people.

Grammar and vocabulary: Present tenses, present simple in time clauses, adjectives ending in -ed and -ing, character adjectives, adjective prefixes and suffixes.

Exam based practice:
Reading and Use of English parts 7 and 3 – multiple matching, word formation.
Writing part 2 – an informal email – getting ideas, informal language.
Listening part 1 – multiple choice questions + short texts.
Speaking part 1 – talking about yourself.

2 Differing tastes
Topics: Food and drink, restaurants, relationships.

Grammar and vocabulary: Past tenses, fixed phrases.

Exam based practice:
Reading and Use of English parts 6 and 2 – gapped text, open cloze.
Writing part 2 – article – narrative linking expressions.
Listening part 2 – sentence completion.
Speaking part 2 – giving opinions, comparing.

3 Changing places
Topics: Travel and tourism, transport, festivals and customs.

Grammar and vocabulary: Modal verbs, adverbs of degree, dependent prepositions.

Exam based practice:
Reading and Use of English parts 5 and 1 – multiple choice questions + long text, multiple choice cloze.
Writing part 1 – essay – linking expressions, for and against.
Listening part 3 – multiple matching.
Speaking part 3 – turn taking, suggesting, speculating.

4 Getting creative
Topics: Entertainment (film, music, arts), leisure.

Grammar and vocabulary: Verbs followed by 'to + infinitive' or '-ing', too and enough, present perfect, phrasal verbs with on.

Exam based practice:
Reading and Use of English parts 6 and 4 – gapped text, key word transformation.
Writing part 2 – review – descriptive adjectives, recommendations.
Listening part 4 – multiple-choice questions + long text.
Speaking part 4 – asking for and justifying opinions.

5 Making your way
Topics: Education, study and learning, careers and jobs.

Grammar and vocabulary: Future forms, countable and uncountable nouns, phrasal verbs with take, noun suffixes.

Exam based practice:
Reading and Use of English parts 7 and 3 – multiple matching, word formation.
Writing part 2 – formal letter of application – formal expressions, achieving aims.
Listening part 2 – sentence completion.

Speaking part 1 – talking about future plans.

6 Setting the pace
Topics: Health and fitness, sport.

Grammar and vocabulary: Relative clauses (defining and non-defining), purpose links, medical vocabulary, phrasal verbs with up, sports vocabulary.

Exam based practice:
Reading and Use of English parts 5 and 2 – multiple-choice questions + long text, open cloze.
Writing part 2 – letter – informal language, purpose links.
Listening part 1 – multiple-choice questions + short texts.
Speaking part 3 – agreeing and disagreeing politely.

7 Feeling the heat
Topics: The environment, the weather.

Grammar and vocabulary: Conditionals 1-3, mixed conditionals, comparative forms, contrast links, phrases with in.

Exam based practice:
Reading and Use of English parts 6 and 4 – gapped text, key word transformation.
Writing part 1 – essay – contrast links, for and against.
Listening part 3 – multiple matching.
Speaking part 2 – comparing (-er, more, (not) as…as, etc.)

8 Moving ahead
Topics: Science, technology.

Grammar and vocabulary: Passive forms, articles, communications vocabulary, science and technology vocabulary, collocations.

Exam based practice:

Reading and Use of English parts 5 and 1 – multiple-choice questions + long text, multiple-choice cloze.
Writing part 2 – article – reason and result links, involving the reader.
Listening part 2 – sentence completion.
Speaking part 4 – adding more points.

9 Breaking news
Topics: The media, celebrities.

Grammar and vocabulary: Reported speech, media vocabulary, noun suffixes.

Exam based practice:
Reading and Use of English parts 7 and 3 – multiple matching, word formation.
Writing part 2 – report – recommending and suggesting.
Listening part 4 – multiple-choice questions + long text.
Speaking part 2 – keeping going.

10 Shopping around
Topics: Shopping and consumer goods, fashion.

Grammar and vocabulary: Adverbs of manner and opinion, wish and if only, causative have and get, clothing and shopping vocabulary, phrasal verbs with out, extreme adjectives.

Exam based practice:
Reading and Use of English parts 6 and 4 – gapped text, key word transformation.
Writing part 1 – essay – extreme adjectives, for and against.
Listening part 3 – multiple matching.
Speaking parts 3 and 4 – decision-making.