

ENGLISCH

LESEVERSTEHEN SERIE 2/3



Kandidatennummer _____

Name _____

Vorname _____

Datum der Prüfung _____

PUNKTE UND BEWERTUNG	Erreichte Punkte	/ Maximum
Task A		/ 15
Task B		/ 10
Total		/ 25

Die Experten _____



Erlaubte Hilfsmittel: Wörterbuch, gedruckt oder elektronisch

Zeit: 25 Minuten

A



America's first night high school

The first impressions are rather frightening. Visitors must sign in and show identification before they can get into the building. Such strict security gives one the feeling of entering a prison or **1)**..... other dangerous place. But what a wrong first impression! Manhattan Comprehensive Night High School may be the friendliest, most caring institution in all of New York City. A school **2)**..... is the last opportunity for many of its students, it is their best chance to turn their lives around, and make friends in the process. Manhattan Comp, as it's called, is the first full-time night high school in America.

Students must go to high school until the age of sixteen in America, but many students drop out, either before or after they reach sixteen, and before **3)**..... their high school diplomas. Until now, night education programmes for 'dropouts' only provided the basics and then gave them a certificate for attending. The students receive an academic diploma, which they say is more helpful in getting a job than a certificate. More than sixty percent of Manhattan Comp's students go on to college. But now Manhattan Comp offers the total high school experience, complete with 'lunch' break, physical education and clubs.

Most of the school's 450 students have either been thrown out of or dropped out of other schools. Some of **4)**..... have been in two or three schools before this one.

What seems to make this school work for these difficult students is the staff and most importantly, the headmaster. All the students call him Howard. As he walks through the building, he greets students by name, asks about families or jobs and jokes with them about the food in the school cafeteria. The institution is his own creation. He designed and opened it in 1989.

Most students at Manhattan Comp are between eighteen and twenty-two years old. You must be at least seventeen to enrol. Students that go to day high schools are usually between fourteen and eighteen years old. Classes are from 5 to 11 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. All the creative courses like art, playwriting and video production are on Sundays. School semesters last ten weeks, which gives students the opportunity to take time **5)**..... for family matters or jobs. On average, most students spend between six months and two years at Manhattan Comp instead of the regular four years in normal high schools because they have already completed some of their qualifications.

Punkte

TASK A1 (5 POINTS)

Read the article about 'America's first night high school'. Choose the best expression to fill each gap – A, B or C. For each answer, put the correct letter on the line on the right.

			Put the letter here ↓	
1.	A some	B any	C ever
2.	A what	B who	C which
3.	A becoming	B receiving	C holding
4.	A them	B their	C those
5.	A on	B off	C in

TASK A2 (10 POINTS)

Read the article about 'America's first night high school' again. Answer the questions below.

1. Two reasons why it feels like a prison.	a)
	b)
2. Why is a diploma better than a certificate?

3. What's their school background when they enter?

4. Minimum age of admission

5. Time taken by majority of students to finish studies.

B (10 POINTS)

Punkte

**Look at the list of 'Flats Rent' and 'Flats for Wanted'.
Decide which flat (A–H) would be most suitable for each person (1–5) listed below.
You may not use any letter more than once.**

Flats for Rent

- A** Four-bedroom flat in a new building just outside the city centre. Balcony with a great view of the river. Big lounge, separate dining room and small kitchen.
- B** Modern two-bedroom flat with cable TV. Near train station. Unfurnished.
- C** New luxury flat with three bedrooms and two baths. Modern kitchen with dining area, big lounge with view of Central Park. Underground parking.
- D** Large one-bedroom flat above a city-centre nightclub. Parking space. Rental on weekly or monthly basis.
- E** Studio, furnished. Quiet street, just a short walk from the station. Small washing machine in bathroom. Good terms available.
- F** Large furnished two-bedroom flat with modern kitchen. City centre location, close to bars and restaurants.
- G** One-bedroom furnished flat on quiet street. Parking on street. No washing machine but launderette only 2 minutes' walk.
- H** Three- bedroom flat. Built in the 1970s. On the 8th floor. Newly furnished. Only 10 miles outside the city centre. Dishwasher and washing machine. Playground. Parking space.

Flats wanted

Put the letter here ↓

1. Bob and Jack are looking for a furnished two-bedroom flat. It has to be in the city centre. It would be ideal if it had satellite TV but it's not essential.	
2. Jimmy needs a one-bedroom flat in city centre for three months. Parking space essential. Furnished or unfurnished.	
3. Betty, Annie and Shelia want to share a three-bedroom flat that is located in the city centre. Dishwasher would be great. Parking space essential.	
4. Michelle is needs a furnished one-bedroom flat or studio. She wants a quiet location and a washing machine.	
5. Jeff and Sarah are looking for a large unfurnished three or four-bedroom flat. Location not important but they would like something modern. Parking isn't important.	