

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

Zeit: 25 Minuten

A



An evolving industry: Manufacturers need workers

Dan Meyer, 57, grew up in Freeport and has worked in manufacturing most of his life. After high school he started to work at Hanauer Machine Works, which eventually became Columbia Gear. He later opened his own machine shop, but that closed after a few years. He **1)**..... in sales and managed another operation before starting IPM in 1992.

Today the business employs about 50 people – including his son, Robert, who has an engineering degree. “I don’t know the **2)**..... why, but manufacturing always came easy to me,” says Dan Meyer, who never went to college. “Eric Clapton could pick up a guitar and make all those wonderful sounds. I could understand machines the same way. It’s something that’s in you. On the other hand, I was never a good student when I wasn’t interested.”

Not long after starting IPM, Meyer began to see how more and more American manufacturing companies closed or moved **3)**..... production to other countries. “I saw a long time ago that the mass-production things that are easy to make would no longer be made in the U.S.,” Meyer says. “But the U.S. can be successful by producing specialized high-tech products.” He points to a corner of his office where you can see some large mechanical parts. IPM makes parts for earth-moving and agricultural machines, military vehicles and hydraulic systems.

Meyer says the average wage **4)**..... the shop floor at IPM is about \$16.50 per hour; older employees can earn more than \$50,000 a year, including overtime. Still, Meyer finds it difficult to find qualified workers. “We’ve hired some workers from trade schools and some from other employers, but we have come to the point where we realize that we have to hire someone who knows a little about the business and then train them on the job,” Meyer says. “The character traits are just as important. If we’ve got someone who cares about what they’re doing and they show up on time, we can teach them how to do things. I can’t guarantee a job, but if you want to be in the manufacturing field, I believe it can happen.”

Women don’t seem to be looking for jobs in manufacturing. The percentage of women in manufacturing dropped to less than 30% of the workforce in the past ten years. “Five years ago, we had about a dozen women working in our **5)**....., and two of them operated machines,” said Cortney Ryan, human resources manager. “Today, a few of them have been promoted to higher jobs, so now we don’t have any women in manufacturing.”

Punkte

TASK A1 (5 POINTS)

Read the article about “An evolving industry: Manufacturers need workers”.
Choose the best expression to fill each gap – A, B or C.
For each answer, put the correct letter on the right.

Put the letter here ↓

1. A has worked	B worked	C working	
2. A ground	B logic	C reason	
3. A its	B their	C them	
4. A at	B on	C in	
5. A factory	B fabric	C floor	

TASK A2 (10 POINTS)

Read the article “An evolving industry: Manufacturers need workers” again.
Answer the questions below.

1. Number of companies that have belonged to Meyer	
2. Things Meyer was good at	a) b)
3. How the American industry can be profitable	
4. Attitudes the employees must have	a) b)
5. Number of women now operating machines in his company	

B
(10 POINTS)

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Different people read different magazines.**Decide which magazine (A–H) would be most suitable for each person listed below.****Write the letter on the line on the right. Do not use any letter more than once.**

- A** *The Great Outdoors* will lead you into the secrets of how to survive in the wild. Learn about putting up a tent, collecting wild berries and hunting skills. Our monthly issues feature advertisements and information about upcoming hunting classes in your area.
- B** *Global Glamour* is your number one lifestyle magazine. All you need to know about the latest jewellery fashion, celebrities' lives and fun articles make this your perfect companion to being up-to-date when chatting with your friends.
- C** *Country Kitchen* brings to you the latest cooking recipes so that you can surprise your guests and your family. Also included is our special "Grandmother's Corner" where you find ideas and tricks from the old days.
- D** *Corner Stone* is the magazine for both women and men who want to know how to be in style. Here you will find fashion for every moment in life. We make sure you are always dressed correctly for every special occasion.
- E** *Keel Accessories* features a special section on used and new boats, trailers to transport your boat and other boating gear. You will also find valuable test reports on new material on the market as well as exciting stories about adventures at sea.
- F** *Flight-Deck* is the nation's prime aviation magazine. Read about the latest news in civil and naval aviation, the latest aircraft technologies and NASA designs. Along with every issue you'll get a personal vacation guide booklet with information on small airports throughout the country.
- G** *Quantum* features reports on important people and gives inside information about these people's lives. You will further find information on balanced diets and you can learn how to keep your body in shape for maximum health and success.
- H** *Bike'n'Trails* tells you all about biking through the wild outdoors. It will list great camping sites in the mountains, where you can go mountain biking and enjoy the great scenery. Indicated trails may lead you through hunting grounds and take you to great fishing spots.

Put the letter here ▼

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| 1. Alvin likes fishing and going after wild animals.
He wants to learn how to do it better. | |
| 2. Pilot Harry sometimes likes being lazy on the couch, dreaming about
his future plan to have his own sailing yacht. | |
| 3. Betty already has lots of cooking magazines but she wants to have
information about the latest fashion in the clothes industry. | |
| 4. Bruce pays great attention to his healthy lifestyle and he wants to stay fit
and always be in good shape. | |
| 5. Charlie likes reading about the latest chit-chat about
the royal families in Europe. | |