

ENGLISCH

LESEVERSTEHEN SERIE 1/3



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PUNKTE UND BEWERTUNG	Erreichte Punkte	/ Maximum
Task A		/ 20
Task B		/ 5
Total		/ 25

Die Experten _____



Erlaubte Hilfsmittel: Wörterbuch

Zeit: 30 Minuten

A

Read the following text and the instructions on the opposite page.



The UGGly truth: They're hot, smelly and bad for your feet – so why are Ugg boots so popular?

If there's one thing in favour of the world's most hideous boots (and there is only one thing), it is the breathtaking honesty of the manufacturer. In Australia, where they were invented, "Ugg boot" appears in the dictionary with a little footnote: "Derivation: ugly." As many advertisements often suggest, "it does what it says on the tin".

This week it was revealed that so many pairs of Ugg boots are still flying off the shelves that stores regularly sell out. There's certainly something quite magical about the Ugg boot – and I mean that in a literal sense. It has an unexplainable power to change the world. Just like magic, it can instantly transform the prettiest woman in the most stylish skirt or tightest jeans into a stomping elephant crossing the savannah. Is there any less elegant way to finish off an outfit?

The Ugg boot's problem is fundamental. Sheepskin. Sheep are, of course, known for more than their skins. They are best known for brainlessly following the creature in front. This is probably why my lips curl up into a cruel smile when I read that as soon as a few paparazzi pictures have appeared of Jennifer Aniston, Kate Moss and Eva Longoria wearing their featured sheepskin boots, thousands of women have emptied the shelves of the awful things.

Ask any Ugg owner what makes her boots special and you'll hear the same words over and over again. They're comfy, they're warm, they feel so lovely on your feet. The same words you'll hear from your elderly uncle as he politely unwraps his latest pair of carpet slippers on Christmas Day. It only takes a moment to learn that, actually, they are not even as practical as they're made out to be. "I wore them in the snow last year," says Lexi, "because they're so warm – except Ugg boots are not waterproof. My feet were soaking. It was a nightmare. On the box it says you should wear them without socks. But if you do that they really get quite smelly."

After their arrival in America the boots really got a huge boost by Oprah Winfrey in 2000, who spent more than \$50,000 buying pairs for her 350 staff and included them on her Oprah's Favourite Things show. It was, of course, only a matter of time before they arrived in the shops in the UK. The fact that Vogue magazine went mad for them – as did Kate Moss – probably explains why they took off so quickly. Orthopaedists warn that just because they're not stilettos, and don't look glamorous, Uggs do come with their dangers since the foot is not very well supported, which can be damaging to your arch. When the sole wears through, it looks like the slippers of an old lady hobbling around a nursing home.

TASK A1
(12 POINTS)

Punkte

Tick the best answer – A, B or C.

1. **In the first paragraph the writer suggests that . . .**
A the boots should be put in a tin because they're so ugly.
B no other name could have been more suitable.
C manufacturers weren't honest enough.
2. **The most amazing thing about Uggs is . . .**
A the negative influence they have on how women look.
B that stores have plenty of Uggs in stock.
C how they compliment any outfit.
3. **Media photos have . . .**
A influenced female consumers.
B caused stars to purchase Uggs.
C caused more sheep to be killed.
4. **Uggs are . . .**
A a practical gift for older people.
B practically waterproof.
C only suitable for dry conditions.
5. **The boots' popularity first took off . . .**
A after a well-known magazine bought them for their staff.
B only after they arrived in the UK.
C after being promoted by a TV celebrity.
6. **Uggs can . . .**
A do more damage to your feet than stilettos.
B have a negative impact on the way you walk.
C be used as slippers for elderly women.



**TASK A2
(8 POINTS)**

Punkte

**Read the article below. 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.**

Internet addiction – Crackberry is no joke!

American college students are hooked on mobile phones, social media and the Internet, and showing symptoms similar to drug and alcohol addictions, **1).....** to a new study.

Researchers at the University of Maryland who asked 200 students to give up all media for one full day found that after 24 hours many showed not only signs of withdrawal but also were unable to function **2).....** without their media and social links.

Susan Moeller, the study’s project director, said many students wrote about how they hated losing their media connections, which was like going **3).....** friends and family. “I clearly am addicted and so dependent it makes me sick,” said one student. “Having a Blackberry, a laptop, a television, and an iPod, people have become unable to live without these gadgets.”

Moeller said students complained most about their need to use text messages, instant messages, e-mail and Facebook. “Texting my friends gives me a constant feeling of comfort,” wrote one of the students who **4).....** about their reactions. “When I did not have those two luxuries, I felt quite alone and cut off from my life.”

The American Psychiatric Association does not recognize so-called Internet addiction as an illness but **5).....** as a problem of modern life. In one extreme example in South Korea reported by the media, a couple had neglected their three-month-old daughter, who died of hunger, because they were on the computer for **6).....** 12 hours a day raising a virtual child.

In the United States a small private U.S. centre called ReSTART opened last year to treat excessive use of the Internet, video gaming and texting. The centre’s website shows various examples of students who ran up large debts or dropped out of college due to **7).....** obsession.

Few students reported watching TV news or reading a newspaper. Students in the Maryland study also showed no loyalty to the news, a news personality or news platform. They keep a casual relationship to news brands, and rarely know the difference between news and general information. The study shows that they care about what is going on among their friends and families and even in the world. Loyalty does not seem tied to **8).....** single device or application or news outlet.

Put the letter here ↓

1.	A regarding	B according	C following	
2.	A good	B best	C well	
3.	A about with	B without	C out with	
4.	A blogged	B blogging	C blogs	
5.	A than	B quite	C rather	
6.	A up to	B about to	C near to	
7.	A these	B her	C their	
8.	A any	B no	C none	



B (5 POINTS)

Punkte

**Read the different books offered by a book club.
Decide which book (A–H) would be suitable for each person listed below.
Write the letter on the line on the right. Do not use any letter more than once.**

- A** *Your magic power to be rich:* Three classic updated volumes showing secret, tried and tested, methods to gain personal wealth. Easy to read and follow, suitable for people with very little business experience.
- B** *Showing Math who’s boss:* Actress Danica McKeller gives students the tricks they need to power through tests and homework in her unique “just us girls” style.
- C** *What to do when disaster strikes:* Expert advice on how to be better prepared for any emergency, like fires, floods or hurricanes. Start sleeping easier at night knowing everything is going to be alright.
- D** *Retirement without borders:* Filled with detailed advice and fool-proof formulas for beating the stock market. This book outlines an effective way to become truly rich. Don’t wait until the last minute, start preparing today.
- E** *Computer for dummies – A quick reference for everyday:* This well-organised reference helps you to quickly find the answers to frequently asked questions and have all the programmes at your finger tips.
- F** *Get the numbers right:* Do all those scary figures give you nightmares? Back again, Danica McKeller will help you become more confident and be better prepared for bookkeeping classes.
- G** *No Job? No Prob!* How to pay your bills and feed your mind, and have fun while you’re out of work. Also get valuable tips on finding your next job. Fun and free activities are also included.
- H** *Complete idiot’s guide to computers:* Just bought a new computer and don’t know how to put it together? Learn all the basics about your hardware.

Put the letter here ↓

1. Micky’s just lost his job, his house has burnt down – what more can happen? How will he know what to do when the next catastrophe hits?	
2. Frederic and Becky are looking forward to the day when he sells the family business. If Frederic can make a few good investments, it won’t be long before they’re off to Dubai.	
3. Bonnie has just started high school and has quickly learnt that Algebra is not her thing. She always sits at the back of the classroom and prays that the teacher won’t ask her any questions.	
4. Victor has been made redundant again and is dreaming of being a millionaire someday. The rent and bills haven’t been paid yet. Why is it so hard to find good employment? What’s he doing wrong?	
5. Margie is 59, has recently finished her first computer course. Her son has just put the latest software on their computer. She is having trouble with her emails and her appointment calendar is all mixed up.	

