

Englisch

Serie 1a

A) Grammatik

Prüfungsdauer: 20 Minuten
Hilfsmittel: keine

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		Mögliche Punkte	Erzielte Punkte
A)	Grammatik	40	

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USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 1

20 POINTS

For questions 1-10, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. You must use the word given in **bold** print. **Do not change this word.** Your answer must consist of **two to five words**, including the word given.

- 1 There were very few participants at the discussion last night.
took
Hardly _____ the discussion last night.
- 2 Ann hasn't seen any of her relatives for years.
since
It's _____ any of her relatives.
- 3 The new director has postponed her first staff meeting.
put
The first staff meeting _____ by the new director.
- 4 The car mechanic has serviced John's car.
had
John _____ by his car mechanic.
- 5 During the festival the mayor didn't let people camp in the town.
allowed
In the town, camping _____ the festival was taking place.
- 6 Mike always goes to bed before midnight.
used
Mike _____ to bed after midnight.
- 7 She has always wanted to be a professional singer.
ambition
It has _____ be a professional singer.
- 8 I think you should profit from this exceptional offer.
were
If I _____ advantage of this exceptional offer.
- 9 It's impossible that Mary wrote this great short story!
can't
Mary _____ this great short story!
- 10 It's such a pity Sue refused the offer.
wish
I _____ the offer.

TASK 2

10 POINTS

Read the following text and use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

NO MORE FRIENDLY SKIES

Fear of (1) _____ is a problem that many people

FLY

have. Another problem is being charged for every service. Don't

(2) _____ me: Fares have dropped, but fuel costs

UNDERSTAND

have sky-rocketed. Therefore, airlines (3) _____ need

CLEAR

other sources of income to be (4) _____ .

PROFIT

The first things to go were meals. Then the free drinks service was stopped.

Next, no more pillows and blankets. Do you want (5) _____

WARM

and comfort? Well, it has its price. One airline will soon start charging for carry-

on bags. I partly (6) _____ with this idea, though,

SYMPATHY

since waiting in a long queue behind the person trying to stuff the bags in the

overhead bin can be quite (7) _____ - especially

PLEASE

when asked by the staff to move on quickly. How about charging that jerk

(8) _____ as much?

TWO

It is (9) _____, however, that airlines will take up

LIKE

this (10) _____ of mine, I'm sorry to say.

SUGGEST

TASK 3

10 POINTS

Read the text and fill the gaps with **one** suitable word.

LEARNING TO COOK IN BEAUTIFUL IRISH LANDSCAPE

I have (1) _____ given the chance to take a cookery course in Ireland, and I am curious to see what else the island nation might (2) _____ to offer in the way of culinary delights.

Carlingford is (3) _____ small medieval town, situated on Carlingford Lough, between Dublin and Belfast. Driving (4) _____ the airport to Carlingford already puts me (5) _____ a good mood: Hills rise gently, ruins of old stone churches overlook the deep blue Irish Sea. A sign points down a small road leading (6) _____ the *Ghan House Hotel*, (7) _____ owner welcomes me and directs me to a pretty room (8) _____. I sit down with a sigh of delight. Cooking should be fun, and it is! Chopping, rolling, weighing and mixing, the hours speed by. Hours later the six of us are still feeling hungry (9) _____ eating little bits here and (10) _____ while preparing our meal. But finally, silence settles over the beautiful dining-room and we begin to eat. Food and landscape: you can't beat it.

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B) Leseverstehen

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B)	Leseverstehen	30	

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READING COMPREHENSION

TASK 1

14 POINTS

You are going to read an international internet discussion about outdoor clothes lines in the United States.

Which person (A – F) ...

defends the rules of American community associations?	1	.....
mentions the simple pleasures and benefits of hanging out laundry?	2	.....
didn't personally choose to buy a tumble drier?	3	.....
criticizes the rules of American community associations?	4	.....
does not hang out their laundry for private and personal reasons?	5	.....
gives an example of Americans' laundry habits outside of the USA?	6	.....
explains that many Americans have no alternative to buying a community association home?	7	.....
states that basic freedom exists in the USA?	8	.....
does not hang up their laundry outdoors in order to keep it clean?	9	.....
is clearly very sceptical about environmental issues generally?	10	.....
says that not all the neighbours use their basements for laundry?	11	.....
says that they are too lazy to hang up the washing?	12	.....
has never understood a single argument against outdoor clothes lines?	13	.....
is usually willing to make fun of people from his own country?	14	.....

CLOTHES LINE - CLIMATE-FRIEND OR COMMUNITY-ENEMY?

*Rules imposed by community associations in the USA forbid tens of millions of American home owners to dry their washing outside because, the associations say, it's unsightly and even lowers property prices. But a number of 'clothes line rebels' have risked legal action by disobeying these rules, saying it is the duty of Americans to reduce their carbon footprint and leave their energy-hungry tumble driers switched off. **Below is a selection of your comments.***

A Personally, I don't hang my washing out on the line because I feel it's exposing myself. Living here in the north of England, where it can be fairly windy, there have been times when my washing has disappeared over the hedge and going round to ask if you can have your undies back is embarrassing. Secondly, it's just too much like hard work!

B I love seeing washing blowing on a line - it's comforting, familiar, and restful. I own a tumble drier but have never used it (it came as part of the washing machine, which was a present) as I much prefer hanging washing out. It smells better, it feels better, it generally irons better, it costs less and it doesn't destroy the environment. I just can't comprehend this thing some people have about washing being "common" (hence lowering house prices). How does seeing that someone is doing washing lower house prices?

C Look, ordinarily, I'm all for joking about my fellow countrymen. But there's an important point that seems to have been overlooked by the majority of your responses: this is not a nationwide or even state law. It is, instead, the act of "community associations," which in America refers to the developers of private, condominium complexes. They have the right to make whatever rules they like, and if you don't like their rules, then you buy a property elsewhere. So, to those complaining, I say this: We're still at liberty to let our socks and shirts fly in the breeze of the Land of the Free!

D Generally here in Germany and the Netherlands there are few restrictions but drying outside seems not to be the order of the day. Often houses in the Netherlands have warm, well insulated attics where washing can be hung out of the way - here in Germany I have a cellar under the whole of the house where there is an unheated washroom and another room that is heated (we personally hang the washing in the washroom). Funnily enough, in our row of four similar houses, the only people hanging washing outside are our Californian neighbours!

E The choice really comes down to either buying a relatively new home that is governed by association rules or buying an older home that isn't. Quite a few people only tolerate community association rules because there is no other option when buying a newer property. The prohibition on hanging out laundry is only one of many highly intrusive rules enforced by many home owner associations to present an artificial and idealized view of their community. Unfortunately, the result is a sterile conformity that doesn't reflect real life.

F I use a gas tumble drier myself, which is standard in every home here. I live on the north edge of the Piney Woods. We have no basement. If you dry your clothes outside, they get full of pollen. As for the carbon footprint, we mostly don't believe it. The news last night carried a report on the effects of a new proposed 'green' tax . If Congress passed that, the economy would be decimated and the temperature would be reduced by .0015 degrees in 100 years. Not a heck of a lot of difference. What it would do is make Al Gore and friends a ton of cash.

TASK 2

16 POINTS

You are going to read an article about the increasing numbers of jellyfish around the coast of Britain. Eight sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-I the one which belongs in each gap (15-22). There is one extra sentence which does not belong in the article.

WHY ARE WE PLAGUED BY JELLYFISH?



Jellyfish numbers appear to be on the rise in UK waters, research suggests. Why?

With the number of jellyfish rising around Britain's coastline, it's not only beachgoers who have to watch out. Torness nuclear power plant in Scotland recently had to shut down after moon jellyfish blocked the water intake system.15..... Some areas, including the Irish Sea and the east coast of Scotland, have been invaded by so many that they now resemble a "jellyfish soup", says the Marine Conservation Society (MCS). So why the increase?

According to research, there is strong evidence that an increase is linked to three main factors - pollution, overfishing and possibly climate change.

.....16..... This is causing increased nutrients in the water, which in turn can boost jellyfish numbers as the nutrients increase plankton which jellyfish feed on.

Overfishing means jellyfish do not face their usual predators and competitors.

.....17..... So have smaller fish which compete for food with the jellyfish.

It is argued that climate change can cause more favourable conditions for jellyfish. Their adaptability, some biologists claim, gives them an advantage over some other sea creatures.

It is difficult to estimate the jellyfish population in UK waters because very little research has been done.18.....

Dr Victoria Hobson, from EcoJel, a project researching the distribution and abundance of jellyfish says, "This makes it

difficult to be clear about how numbers have changed." Also, in recent years people have been doing a lot more water sports, so people are spotting more. And with the development of smartphones it is also much easier to report those sightings.

.....19..... "However," Dr Hobson continues, "Our survey clearly shows that people who have lived by the coast for years have never seen anything like it."

EcoJel's project involves tagging jellyfish to study their movements.

Monitoring jellyfish numbers is important because they are an indication of the state of oceans. If they overtake fish and start to dominate an area, this can cause environmental and economic problems, says Dr Hobson.20.....

In 2007 a jellyfish invasion wiped out Northern Ireland's only salmon farm, killing more than 100,000 fish. At the time a spokesman said the attack could cost the company more than £1m.

.....21..... In 2008 the Red Cross treated 400 people for jellyfish stings in a single day on a beach in Malaga, Spain.

But one consequence to come from the growing numbers is increased sightings in UK waters of leatherback sea turtles, which feed on jellyfish. Dr Paul Richards, a marine biologist, says there has been an unusually high number of sightings recently - six in six days.

.....22..... It's definitely a good year for turtles!"

- A In the past they were ignored in long-term fishing surveys.
- B Indeed, this is precisely what has happened off the coast of Namibia.
- C Large fish, which eat jellyfish, have been drastically reduced by bad fishing practices.
- D Pollution such as sewage and agricultural fertilisers run off the land and into the sea.
- E Populations of all sea creatures are on the decline.
- F They can also have an impact on tourism.
- G Several tonnes of the creatures had to be cleared out.
- H These factors make it difficult to interpret if there are actually more jellyfish or just more sightings.
- I That's an amazing number.

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C) Textproduktion

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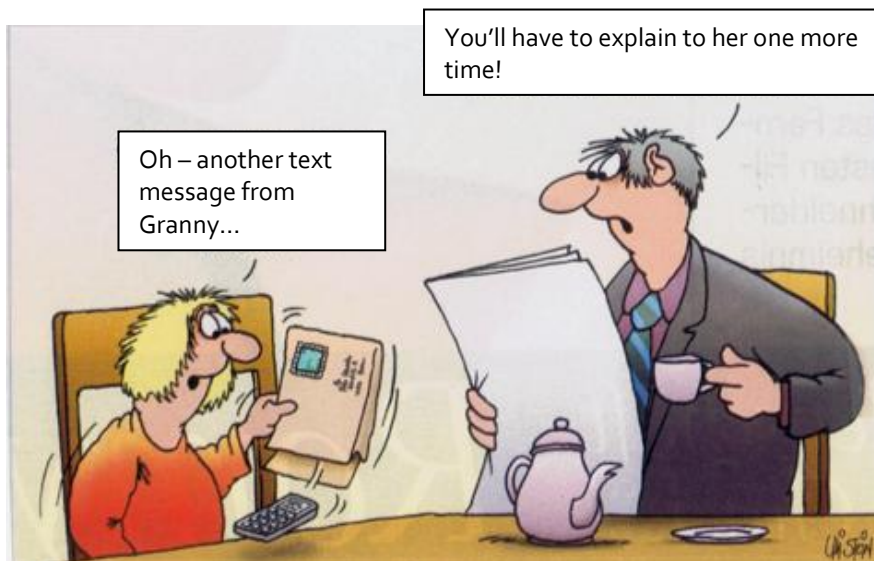
30 POINTS

Complete **one** of the following tasks in 180 – 220 words.

Task 1 The best holidays are the ones spent somewhere you have never been before. Discuss.

Write your **essay**.

Task 2 You see this announcement in a student magazine:



Texting, Twitter, Facebook & Co.

Do modern communication technologies play an important role in your life? If so, write an article describing how you and people you know use or do not use modern communication technologies, including a few tips for fellow users. The best article will win a prize.

Write an entertaining **article**.

Task 3 You want to improve your English by staying in the US for three months. Unfortunately, you do not have enough money for a language school or to just travel. A friend of yours is a student at a High School. She has invited you to stay with her. You want to take up her offer and attend the local High School, too. Write to her, asking about

- length of stay ok?
- paying for the accommodation/food
- attending the High School
- subjects
- sports facilities
- who to contact

Write an **email** to your friend in an appropriate style.

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D) Hörverstehen

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

TASK 1

20 POINTS

RADIO PROGRAMME ON “POVERTY AND EDUCATION”

In the first part of the test you will hear a radio programme discussing the possible effects of poverty on education.

As you listen, fill in the gaps 1-10 in the notes below. In some gaps more than one word is necessary for a complete answer.

The presented OECD report links to academic performance.

Alice thinks it logical that children from a background perform less well at school.

In countries such as and poorer students are more likely to achieve high grades than in the UK.

Professor Kelly analyses the influence of factors on childhood development.

The term refers to how people live and work together.

Children’s cognitive skills were also analysed – that’s the way children .

Children from poorer backgrounds were more likely to be clingy and restless than their richer counterparts.

The in some countries also help underprivileged students to develop motivation to do well.

Dan lists five countries that are in making poorer students achieve high results.

According to the OECD study, the top five national school systems are in .

TASK 2

20 POINTS

ANGELA SIMPSON – A POLICE OFFICER

In the second part of the test you will hear an interview with Angela Simpson, a woman who works as a police officer.

For questions 1-10, mark the best answer, A, B, or C.

1. As a child, Angela

- A shared a house with an Irish family.
- B used to live in an ethnically diverse area.
- C did not have any British friends.

2. Angela decided to join the police force because

- A she was sexually discriminated in her old job.
- B she wanted to work with people in the streets.
- C she was not challenged in her former job.

3. For Angela it is important to work in an area

- A where she does not have any social ties.
- B that she knows like her own pocket.
- C where a lot of trouble occurs regularly.

4. Angela's new position in the police force involves

- A getting people interested in police work.
- B working very long hours and overtime.
- C taking care of the socially underprivileged.

5. Working as a patrol officer has

- A helped her to read people's body language.
- B made her become more relaxed.
- C improved her communicative skills.

6. The shift work system

- A leads to social isolation.
- B has only positive side effects.
- C might lead to a romantic relationship.

7. Angela's bungalow

- A is a surprise to some of her friends.
- B is situated in a trendy district of Leeds.
- C was formerly owned by an elderly couple.

8. Spending a pleasant evening means

- A cooking together with her mother
- B enjoying a film and eating sweets
- C eating out at the Italian with her boyfriend.

9. Angela's sister

- A is her closest friend.
- B is five years her junior.
- C works in the medical field.

10. Angela's mother is her role model because she

- A taught her children to believe in themselves.
- B financed her children's education all by herself.
- C had never complained about her own hard life.