

# Englisch

Serie 1a

## B) Leseverstehen

Prüfungsdauer: **40 Minuten**  
Hilfsmittel: **keine**

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B)	Leseverstehen	<b>30</b>	

**Nicht mit Bleistift schreiben!**

Examinator/Examinatorin .....

Experte/Expertin .....

## Magical Musical Tour

*Festivals have become synonymous with summer, attracting thousands of music fans and lining up the biggest rock and pop stars. Sample our pick of this summer's hottest festivals.*

### A Melt Festival

When it comes to unorthodox venues, Melt reigns supreme. Once a surface coal mine located 20 kilometres from the small town of Dessau, the site of Melt Festival is truly something to behold and one of the many reasons so many descend upon the German electronic music festival each year. Revellers have dubbed this weekend of madness the 'City of Iron'. The old mining machinery, disco balls and neon lights fuse together so that they can be seen for miles around, creating something that can't be appreciated fully until seen in person. Be prepared to party hard alongside the oh-so-cool Berlin crowd, while listening to some of the big names. Those attending the festival have the standard options of camping or staying in nearby hotels, but why do this when you could choose to jump on the party train at Munich or Cologne, an all-day, all-night express train which runs for the duration of the festival?

### B Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival

Held in Indio, California, this three-day festival is really a spectacle. With impressive multimedia-equipped sets, grand ornamental structures and stage performances, and three stages on which a diverse sampling of musicians of varying popularity levels perform simultaneously, Coachella keeps concert-goers' sensory receptors consistently satisfied, with hardly a static moment in between doses of perpetual amusement. The music event features a wide range of genres, including alternative rock, hip-hop and electronic music. This festival, kicking off the season in late April, would be one of the more accessible festivals, featuring a contentious three day line-up and plenty of music to dance to. Coachella has become famous for bringing together bands that have broken apart and is known for its continuous live music and strong lineup.

### C Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts

Held the last weekend in June, Glaso, as it is often called, showcases a wide range of musical talent. All types of rock music, as well as dance, folk and punk styles are on display at this outdoor venue in Pilton, England. The event covers over 900 acres (3.6 square kilometers) and consists of more than 700 live performances on more than 80 stages. While unofficial attendance once reached upward of 250,000 concert goers, strict enforcement in recent years holds attendance at around 100,000. The event, which is a tremendous undertaking, is run mainly by volunteers. Nonprofit OXFAM provides volunteers to work at the concert, and in return, OXFAM receives a sizable donation from the profits. If you plan to attend the festival, check the dates. Every five years or so, the festival typically takes a year off to give the organizers and the farm a chance to recover.

### D Montreux Jazz Festival

The Montreux Jazz Festival began as an all jazz act in 1967, but by the 1970s it had opened up to rock and pop bands. Over the years, the festival's lineup has included a pretty diverse range of talent. The festival is held each year in early July on the banks of Lake Geneva in Switzerland. It was originally held at the Montreux Casino. But when the casino burned in 1971, the festival travelled to other venues until the casino was rebuilt in 1975. A major musical expansion in the 1980s made staging the various acts in the rather small casino a logistical problem. So today, the Montreux Jazz Festival is headquartered at the local convention center. The event is a long one; it runs for sixteen days. Attendees may buy tickets by day or even by artist. Although it now features a wide range of musicians - 1,000 total in 2009 -- the festival still likes to throw a spotlight on jazz, blues and reggae greats.

**TASK 2**

**16 POINTS**

**You are going to read an article about good manners. For questions 15-22 choose from the options A, B, C or D the answer which you think expresses best what the text says.**

## **Good manners help the world go round**

*As the saying goes ... 'the way you treat others is how others will treat you.'*

Nothing says "middle age" like phoning the police to complain about teenagers lighting fireworks in the park. Of course, it was after midnight and therefore illegal. But even as I made the call, I knew this wasn't about reporting a crime. No, it was a cry for help against rudeness.

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As the fireworks exploded outside my window, I remembered every act of bad manners during the past week: every forgotten "please" and "thank you"; the man next to me on the train who sneezed without a handkerchief for the entire journey; the man on the bicycle who shouted at an old gentleman who criticized him for riding through a red traffic light; the colleagues who couldn't even say a simple "good morning".

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So I very politely called the police who very politely said that they'd "look into it". For a moment, the world was in order again. I like to think that if the police had been available to 18<sup>th</sup>-century philosopher Edmund Burke, he would have made the same call. In Burke's view: "Manners are of more importance than laws. **Upon them** in a great measure, the laws depend."

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These days it seems old-fashioned to talk about good manners. Perhaps it is because we connect them with respect for the upper classes, or because we think manners are the same as etiquette. But while knowing how to speak to a lord or how to eat a bread roll (tear it, don't cut it) might matter in high society, it's not the same as the simple consideration for others that makes life more livable in any society.

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In fact, according to professor Pier Forni of John Hopkins University in Baltimore, politeness is really about survival. "We are civil when we believe that other people's claim to comfort and happiness is as valid as our own," Forni says. Good manners, however, are also something we do for ourselves. He claims they are good for us because they help us to manage our relationships, which are important to our health.

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He's not joking. According to the *British Medical Journal*, good table manners help you to control your weight. A study of 3,287 adults found that eating quickly almost doubles the risk of being overweight. Jo Bryant of *Debrett's A – Z of Modern Manners* says that good table manners allow us to concentrate on the people we are with. "Not speaking with your mouth full, not having your elbows on the table ... It all helps you to pace yourself", she told the Daily Telegraph.

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Clearly the book-publishing industry sees a crisis: as well as handbooks for adults, there are a number of new children's titles for spring, including *Good Manners on the Phone* and *Table Manners for Kids*. Shouldn't they be learning this from their parents?

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Canadian film-maker John Curtin, whose latest documentary is called *To Hell with Manners! The Decline of Civility* believes the use of technology is equally to blame. We're living in an "age of distraction", he says. How can we be polite to others, asks Curtin, while listening to an iPod, checking email or taking a call from someone too rude to be there in person? Good question. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go – my Blackberry is ringing.

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**READING COMPREHENSION**

**TASK 1**

**14 POINTS**

*You are going to read about music festivals around the world.*

**Which music festival(s) (A – D) ...**

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| was initially situated in another place?                  | 1  | ..... |         |
| is famous for re-uniting bands?                           | 2  | ..... |         |
| is purely devoted to one kind of music?                   | 3  | ..... |         |
| has more than one performance area?                       | 4  | ..... | 5 ..... |
| is the longest festival?                                  | 6  | ..... |         |
| is run by a charitable organisation?                      | 7  | ..... |         |
| has accommodation close to the festival?                  | 8  | ..... |         |
| originally focused on one genre of music?                 | 9  | ..... |         |
| is held in an unusual place?                              | 10 | ..... |         |
| is best when enjoyed in person?                           | 11 | ..... |         |
| used to have many unauthorised attendees?                 | 12 | ..... |         |
| does not take place every year?                           | 13 | ..... |         |
| offers a mix of industrial setting and modern technology? | 14 | ..... |         |

- 15 The writer called the police because he / she ... 

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- A was a middle aged person.  
B wanted to report a crime.  
C was upset by noisy teenagers.  
D was afraid of fireworks in the park.
- 16 As the fireworks exploded, the writer was reminded of ... 

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- A the many examples of bad-manners he/she had recently experienced.  
B the many co-workers who greeted each other every morning.  
C the many people who follow traffic regulations.  
D the many people who were courteous at every chance they got.
- 17 The writer's world "was in order again" because the police were going to ... 

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- A deal with the problem.  
B investigate the problem.  
C discuss the problem.  
D think about the problem.
- 18 What does "**upon them**" in line 15 refer to? 

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- A the laws  
B manners  
C the police  
D Edmund Burke's views
- 19 Life can be livable in any society if a person ... 

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- A has esteem for the high class society.  
B is polite.  
C has good table manners.  
D has respect for others.
- 20 Professor Pier Forni is of the opinion that good manners ... 

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- A are essential for one's health.  
B have a positive influence on human interaction.  
C are all about living in society.  
D help to control one's weight.
- 21 John Curtin believes that bad manners today are due to: 

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- A multi-tasking  
B bad upbringing  
C modern technology as such  
D computer games
- 22 Which phrase best describes the writer's outlook on manners today? 

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- A undecided  
B fairly positive  
C very pleased  
D disappointed