



2007 German

Higher – Reading and Directed Writing

Finalised Marking Instructions

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Marking Key

The comprehension questions are designed to find out whether the candidates have understood the main points of the passage.

In the marking schemes which follow, a bullet point designates information required for the award of 1 point; a word or concept underlined must be evident within an answer before the point can be awarded.

To assess an answer, tick each piece of information which constitutes a correct point. If the information is subsequently contradicted in the same answer, put a cross through the relevant tick. Similarly, if correct information is accompanied in the same answer by information which shows lack of real understanding, put a cross through the relevant tick.

No points can be awarded in a sentence whose overall meaning is unclear.

The inclusion of irrelevant information in an answer should not be penalised unless it contradicts the text.

If information required but not given in answer to one question appears in answer to a different question, it cannot be credited with any marks unless it would also correctly answer that question.

The total mark awarded for each question should be written on the inside margin, at the end of the relevant question.

When the comprehension questions have been marked, points should be totalled and written on the inside margin as a mark out of 20.

Section I – General Points

Correct points should be marked with a tick and the total number of marks written in the inside margin after each heading.

No marks should be given for points written under a different heading unless they would also answer that heading. In such a case, the mark should be transferred to the total for the heading under which the mark was originally allocated.

The total number of points scored should be written in the inner margin at the end of Section I.

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Question/Acceptable answers	1 point	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
<p>1. (a) What experience made Ulrich Blos start dreaming about a life in Australia?</p>	<p>1 point</p>	<p>He visited a farm in Australia Any mention of Austria</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He worked on a farm in Australia (in 2001) 			
<p>(b) How does he feel about Germany now?</p>	<p>2 points</p>	<p>(up-)tight/close/restricted/ restrictive/constrictive/narrow/ narrow-minded</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is cramped/limited/crowded/packed/enclosed/ not open enough/restricting/constricting/ claustrophobic/limiting he feels confined and closed in/it feels too small 		<p>so much stress very stressful</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • too much stress/too stressful 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • too much pressure to succeed/achieve/perform/work hard/do well 		<p>industrial output</p>	<p>pressure</p>
<p>(any 2 from 3)</p>			
<p>(c) When might he go to Australia to live?</p>	<p>1 point</p>	<p>erwachsen = mature</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • when the children are older/grown-up/adults when the children grow up 			

Question/Acceptable answers	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
<p>2. Read lines 15–25.</p> <p>(a) Why is Marie Merkel thinking about moving to Australia?</p> <p>2 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> with her <u>qualifications</u> she has/will have.... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... good prospects/opportunities/chances in Australia ... a good chance of succeeding/doing well/getting a job in Australia ... a good/greater/better chance in Australia Her qualifications as a nurse could be wanted in Australia her daughter can/could start school at (age of) four in a year her daughter will be able to start school in Australia 	<p>It's a good opportunity with her qualifications</p> <p>in four years time for four years with four years she <u>wants</u> to go to school there when she is four</p>	<p>she will start at school when she is 4 (ie no mention of Australia)</p>
<p>(b) What is the only thing that is stopping her from going?</p> <p>1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> she does not have the money/the 2000 dollars....for a visa and the test she'd have to sit <p>the cost/expense of the visa and test she would have to sit</p>		<p><u>It</u> would cost 2000 dollars. She does not have that much money. She does not have the money to get in to Australia.</p>

Question/Acceptable answers	2 points	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
<p>3. Read lines 26–44.</p> <p>What does Gerhard Scheller say about starting a new life in Australia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it/you can/could/might be lonely it is sometimes lonely • (when you are) sitting <u>quietly/silently</u> in a corner • you cannot understand <u>jokes</u>/one <u>joke</u> in English • to speak to Australians you need to know/learn about Australian/their politics/sport/humour 	(any 2 from 4)	<p>the beginning can make you lonely it is/was lonely alone</p> <p>stumm = dumb</p> <p>English jokes wit</p> <p>reden=to read an interest in Australian politics Humor=comedy</p>	

Question/Acceptable answers	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
4. Read lines 45–64.		
<p>(a) What do Germans thinking of emigrating to Australia need to be aware of, according to Gerhard?</p> <p>1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high cost <u>and</u> time needed to return to Germany it costs/takes a lot of time and money to go/get back to Germany/to visit Germany it costs/takes a lot of time and money to come (back) from Australia 	<p>to come to Australia from Germany to move to Australia</p>	
<p>(b) What information does Gerhard give about his working life? Mention three things.</p> <p>3 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • often works six days a week • has never worked so hard/so long/such long hours in his life • no lunch/dinner/midday break even in 40 degree heat • pay/wages/money/salary is less <u>than in Germany/at home</u> wages are low compared with Germany <p>(3 from 4)</p>	<p>six periods a week</p> <p>no lunch (=omission of break) 40 gradual job-shadower</p> <p>Lohn=reward</p>	<p>he works long and hard</p>

Question/Acceptable answers	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
<p>5. Read lines 65–82.</p> <p>(a) What sums up Australia as far as Antje Eildermann is concerned?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the smell of smoke/it smells of smoke • the laugh/call/cry/shriek/scream of the kookaburra/a bird 	<p>2 points</p>	<p>any mention of cigarettes/smoking</p> <p>the noise of the bird</p>
<p>(b) Antje never intended to emigrate. Why did she stay in Australia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • met and married Marcel met her husband met someone and got married 	<p>1 point</p>	<p>treffen=to hit</p>
<p>(c) What does she like about people in Sydney?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their openness/they are (very) open it is easy to get to know them/make contact with them you make acquaintances quickly you make/form contacts quickly 	<p>1 point</p>	<p>offen=frank they are quick to contact you you can become friends quickly friendly and welcoming</p>

Question/Acceptable answers	Unacceptable answers	Irrelevant/Insufficient
6. Read lines 83–101.		
(a) What does Antje say about schools in Australia?	1 point	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the school system is not so/very good good schools are generally/mostly/usually/normally/ mainly/(very) often/predominantly/as a rule private and expensive 		
(b) Why will they probably return to Berlin one day?	2 points	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> she wants her children to go to school in Germany/a German school Antje will/wants to take over/take on/run her parents’ business/firm/company in Berlin 	<p>because of good German state schools</p> <p>She will <u>have to</u> take over her parents’ business. Parents are handing over business to Antje. Antje will inherit the business one day.</p> <p>undertake/overtake/own</p> <p>Any suggestion that the business sells Tchibo coffee</p>	

Translation into English

The translation into English is allocated 10 marks. The text for translation will be divided into a number of sense units. Each sense unit is worth 2 marks, which will be awarded according to the quality and accuracy of the translation into English. In assessing the candidate's performance, the descriptions detailed below will be used. Each sense unit will be awarded one of the marks shown. The total number of marks gained will, where necessary, be converted to a score out of 10.

Category	Mark	Description
Good	2	Essential information and relevant details are understood and conveyed clearly and accurately, with appropriate use of English.
Satisfactory	1	Essential information is understood and conveyed clearly and comprehensibly, although some of the details may be translated in an imprecise or inaccurate manner. The key message is conveyed in spite of inaccuracies and weaknesses in the use of English.
Unsatisfactory	0	The candidate fails to demonstrate sufficient understanding of the essential information and relevant details. Errors may include mistranslation and/or the failure to translate relevant details.

7. UNIT 1

TEXT	GOOD 2	SATISFACTORY 1	UNSATISFACTORY 0
<p>Gerhard Scheller hat seinen deutschen Pass abgegeben</p>	<p>Gerhard Scheller</p> <p>has given up/in/back gave up/in/back has handed in/over/back handed in/over/back</p> <p>his</p> <p>German passport</p>	<p>had given up has gave up</p>	<p>has submitted (in) any inclusion of 'müssen' gave away got rid of</p> <p>her</p> <p>German pass Omission of German</p> <p>used to have a German passport He had his German passport given over/taken away. He has a German passport to hand in.</p>

10. UNIT 2

TEXT	GOOD 2	SATISFACTORY 1	UNSATISFACTORY 0
<p>und ist jetzt stolz darauf, australischer Staatsbürger zu sein.</p>	<p>and is now proud of/about being to be an Australian citizen an Australian national</p>	<p>Omission of 'and' and is now proud of it and is now proud of the fact that he is going to be an Australian state citizen an Australian national citizen to have Australian nationality and is now proud of his Australian nationality/citizenship. and is proud that he is an Australian citizen</p>	<p>Omission of 'now' jetzt= still/today shows pride in being proud on it darauf=afterwards, on it, as a result, after that He is now a proud Australian citizen.</p>

10. UNIT 4

TEXT	GOOD 2	SATISFACTORY 1	UNSATISFACTORY 0
<p>als sie in <i>Hamburg</i> Informatik studierten.</p>	<p>when/whilst</p> <p>they studied/did they were studying/doing</p> <p>computing science computer science IT Information Technology Information Systems Information Science</p> <p>in Hamburg.</p>	<p>as/while</p> <p>they have studied studying</p> <p>addition of 'both'</p> <p>Information Studies</p> <p>Omission of 'Hamburg'</p> <p>when they were computing students in Hamburg.</p> <p>when they were in Hamburg studying computing.</p>	<p>since</p> <p>she studied they learned</p> <p>information Informatiks computer</p> <p>Omission of 'Informatik'</p>

10. UNIT 5

TEXT	GOOD 2	SATISFACTORY 1	UNSATISFACTORY 0
<p>Seit 1994 leben sie in einem Vorort von <i>Sydney</i>.</p>	<p>Since 1994</p> <p>they have been living they have lived</p> <p>in a suburb</p> <p>of Sydney. in a Sydney suburb.</p>	<p>they are living they live they lived</p> <p>in the suburb(s) in a suburb area</p> <p>in Sydney</p>	<p>In/Until/By 1994</p> <p>sie=she (unless repeated error from earlier unit)</p> <p>Omission of 'in einem Vorort'</p> <p>near by from outside before at</p>

Higher Writing

Task: Directed Writing, addressing 6 bullet points.

- Assessment Process:
- 1 With reference to *Content, Accuracy and Language Resource*, assess the overall quality of the response and allocate it to a pegged mark.
 - 2 Check that all 6 bullet points have been addressed.
 - 3 Deduct 2 marks (ie single marks, not pegged ones) for each bullet not addressed, up to a maximum of 2 bullets. If 3 or more bullets have not been addressed, the mark must be 0.

Category	Mark	Content	Accuracy	Language Resource – Variety, Range, Structures
Very Good	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All bullet points are covered fully, in a balanced way, including a number of complex sentences. • Some candidates may also provide additional information. • A wide range of verbs/verb forms, tenses and constructions is used. • Overall this comes over as a competent, well thought-out account of the event which reads naturally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate handles all aspects of grammar and spelling accurately, although the language may contain some minor errors or even one more serious error. • Where the candidate attempts to use language more appropriate to post-Higher, a slightly higher number of inaccuracies need not detract from the overall very good impression. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate is comfortable with almost all the grammar used and generally uses a different verb or verb form in each sentence. • There is good use of a variety of tenses, adjectives, adverbs and prepositional phrases and, where appropriate, word order. • The candidate uses co-ordinating conjunctions and subordinate clauses throughout the writing. • The language flows well.
Good	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All bullet points are addressed, generally quite fully, and some complex sentences may be included. • The response to one bullet point may be thin, although other bullet points are dealt with in some detail. • The candidate uses a reasonable range of verbs/verb forms and other constructions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate generally handles verbs and other parts of speech accurately but simply. • There may be some errors in spelling, adjective endings and, where relevant, case endings. • Use of accents may be less secure. • Where the candidate is attempting to use more complex vocabulary and structures, these may be less successful, although basic structures are used accurately. • There may be minor misuse of dictionary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be less variety in the verbs used. • Most of the more complex sentences use co-ordinating conjunctions, and there may also be examples of subordinating conjunctions where appropriate. • In one bullet point the language may be more basic than might otherwise be expected at this level. • Overall the writing will be competent, mainly correct, but pedestrian.

Category	Mark	Content	Accuracy	Language Resource – Variety, Range, Structures
Satisfactory	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate uses mainly simple, more basic sentences. • The language is perhaps repetitive and uses a limited range of verbs and fixed phrases not appropriate to this level. • In some examples, one or two bullet points may be less fully addressed. • In some cases, the content may be similar to that of good or very good examples, but with some serious accuracy issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The verbs are generally correct, but basic. • Tenses may be inconsistent, with present tenses being used at times instead of past tenses. • There are quite a few errors in other parts of speech – personal pronouns, gender of nouns, adjective endings, cases, singular/plural confusion – and in the use of accents. • Some prepositions may be inaccurate or omitted eg I went the town. • While the language may be reasonably accurate in three or four bullet points, in the remaining two control of the language structure may deteriorate significantly. • Overall, there is more correct than incorrect and there is the impression overall that the candidate can handle tenses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate copes with the past tense of some verbs. • A limited range of verbs is used to address some of the bullet points. • Candidate relies on a limited range of vocabulary and structures. • When using the perfect tense, the past participle is incorrect or the auxiliary verb is omitted on occasion. • Sentences may be basic and mainly brief. • There is minimal use of adjectives, probably mainly after “is” eg The boss was helpful. • The candidate has a weak knowledge of plurals. • There may be several spelling errors eg reversal of vowel combinations.

Category	Mark	Content	Accuracy	Language Resource – Variety, Range, Structures
Unsatisfactory	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In some cases the content may be basic. • In other cases there may be little difference in content between Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory. • The language is repetitive, with undue reliance on fixed phrases and a limited range of common basic verbs such as <i>to be, to have, to play, to watch</i>. • While the language used to address the more predictable bullet points may be accurate, serious errors occur when the candidate attempts to address the less predictable areas. • The Directed Writing may be presented as a single paragraph. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to form tenses is inconsistent. • In the use of the perfect tense the auxiliary verb is omitted on a number of occasions. • There may be confusion between the singular and plural form of verbs. • There are errors in many other parts of speech – gender of nouns, cases, singular/plural confusion, spelling and, where appropriate, word order. • Several errors are serious, perhaps showing mother tongue interference. • There may be one sentence which is not intelligible to a sympathetic native speaker. • One area may be very weak. • Overall, there is more incorrect than correct. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate copes mainly only with the predictable language required at the earlier bullet points. • The verbs “was” and “went” may also be used correctly. • There is inconsistency in the use of various expressions, especially verbs. • Sentences are more basic. • An English word may appear in the writing or a word may be omitted. • There may be an example of serious dictionary misuse.

Category	Mark	Content	Accuracy	Language Resource – Variety, Range, Structures
Poor	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The content and language may be very basic. • However, in many cases the content may be little different from that expected at Unsatisfactory or even at Satisfactory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of the verbs are incorrect or even omitted. • There are many errors in other parts of speech – personal pronouns, gender of nouns, adjective endings, cases, singular/plural confusion – and in spelling and word order. • Prepositions are not used correctly. • The language is probably inaccurate throughout the writing. • Some sentences may not be understood by a sympathetic native speaker. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate cannot cope with more than one or two basic verbs, frequently “had” and “was”. • The candidate displays almost no knowledge of past tenses of verbs. • Verbs used more than once may be written differently on each occasion. • The candidate has a very limited vocabulary. • Several English or “made-up” words may appear in the writing. • There are examples of serious dictionary misuse.
Very Poor	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The content is very basic <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate has not completed at least three of the core bullet points. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Virtually) nothing is correct. • Most of the errors are serious. • Very little is intelligible to a sympathetic native speaker. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate copes only with “have” and “am”. • Very few words are correctly written in the foreign language. • English words are used. • There may be several examples of mother tongue interference. • There may be several examples of serious dictionary misuse.

What if....?	
the candidate only addresses one part of one of the introductory, predictable bullet points?	In such a case the candidate is deemed to have not addressed the bullet points and a 2 mark penalty is made (ie 2 marks are deducted from the final mark awarded). This procedure applies at all categories.
some bullet points fit into one category but others are in the next, lower category?	<p>It is important to look carefully at which bullet points are better addressed.</p> <p>If the better sections include the more predictable bullet points, the marker is less likely to be generous than if the unpredictable bullet points are of a better quality. If there is a serious decline after the initial bullet points, a lower mark must be awarded.</p> <p>It is also important to consider the balance of the bullet points. Sometimes a candidate writes twice as much about the opening bullet points – or even bullet points which are not there – than for the four remaining bullet points. In such cases, the lower mark being considered should be awarded.</p>
the marker is having great difficulty in deciding whether the writing is good enough to pass or not quite good enough to pass?	It is essential to consider carefully the accuracy of the verbs overall. If more verbs are correct than wrong, then it is likely that the candidate deserves to pass, unless there are many other inaccuracies in the writing.
the Directed Writing, from the point of view of content, looks as if it belongs in a top category, but where accuracy is concerned, contains some possibly serious grammatical errors in more basic structures as a result of using relatively advanced structures combined with a less than confident knowledge of the more basic structures?	This is a case where the candidate is more adventurous, but less accurate. It is always important to assess what it is the candidate <u>can</u> do, and thus highlight the positive. However, in such cases, it is likely that the candidate will be awarded 9.

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]