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German Listening and Discursive Writing

THURSDAY, 8 MAY

2:30 PM – 3:50 PM

Total marks — 70

SECTION 1 — LISTENING — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

You will hear two items in **German**. **Before you hear each item, you will have one minute to study the questions.** You will hear each item twice, with an interval of one minute between playings. You will then have time to answer the questions before hearing the next item. Write your answers clearly, in **English**, in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify which question you are attempting.

SECTION 2 — DISCURSIVE WRITING — 40 marks

Attempt ONE question.

Write your answer clearly, in **German**, in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet, you must clearly identify which question you are attempting.

You may use a German dictionary.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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SECTION 1 — LISTENING — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions

Item 1

Listen to the following news broadcast about working from home in Germany and then answer, in **English**, the questions below.

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| (a) More people are working from home. | |
| (i) What is the main reason for this? | 1 |
| (ii) What are the advantages? State any three things. | 3 |
| (b) Some people are critical about working from home. Why is this? State any two things. | 2 |
| (c) Why are many companies in favour of working from home for their employees? | 2 |
| (d) What are the results of a recent survey of companies in Germany? State any two things. | 2 |

Item 2

Listen to the following discussion between Steffi and Markus about their career options, and then answer, in **English**, the questions below.

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| (a) Markus did not have time to research the internet for career options. Why is this? | 2 |
| (b) Steffi is going to study at the University of Dresden in September. What different opportunities will she have there? | 3 |
| (c) Steffi talks about her accommodation. | |
| (i) What are her options? | 2 |
| (ii) Steffi is looking forward to moving away from home. Why is this? State any three things. | 3 |
| (d) Why will Steffi not be homesick? | 3 |
| (e) Markus talks about his career plans. | |
| (i) What options does he have? | 2 |
| (ii) Why does he have to think carefully about these options? | 2 |
| (iii) Why does Markus dismiss one of these options? | 1 |
| (f) Steffi suggests meeting her friend Sabine. Why is this? | 2 |

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SECTION 2 — DISCURSIVE WRITING — 40 marks

Attempt ONE question

Write an essay in **German**, of about 250–300 words, discussing **one** of the following statements.

3. Society

Alkohol ist genauso gefährlich wie illegale Drogen.

4. Learning

Die Schulzeit ist die schönste Zeit des Lebens.

5. Employability

Jede Arbeit verdient Respekt.

6. Culture

Lesen macht schlau und Computerspiele machen aggressiv.

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]