

German Level 1 – Sample 2009 Examination Questions

90090: Listen to and understand simple spoken German in familiar contexts

Note: These sample questions are based on the texts and questions in the 2007 paper

PASSAGE ONE: A PODCAST ABOUT LINZ

Students at the *Akademisches Gymnasium* in Linz (see map below) produce a weekly podcast (or online radio programme). Listen to Anja, Wolf, Axel and Mia talking about their city, their favourite places and events.



Glossary:

Linzertorte a tart made of hazelnut pastry and redcurrant or raspberry jam that originated in Linz

Question One

- What class are the students in?
- Give details about where Linz is situated.
- What additional information is given about Linz?
- Give all details about why Anja likes Linz

Question Two

What does Wolf say about the castle and the botanical garden?

Question Three

- Where is the children's market and what do children do there?
- What activities are offered at the youth centre and when?
- What is unusual about Axel's involvement in the programme?
- How does Mia like to eat *Linzertorte*?

PASSAGE THREE: WEATHER FORECAST FOR LINZ

Before leaving for a visit to Linz, you listen to next week's weather forecast to help you decide what to pack.

Question Four

- (a) What will happen on Friday?
- (b) Give details of Friday's temperature AND weather conditions
- (c) Give details of how AND why Friday's weather will be different in the north and in the Alps.

Question Five

- (a) What activity is not recommended on Saturday or Sunday, and why?
- (b) What is recommended instead, and why?
- (c) Why is it better to wait until Monday?

Assessment Schedule

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Notes for Assessors

Formatting of the schedule

Responses at Merit level are underlined.

Responses at Excellence level are **bolded**.

The Achievement column contains achievement level responses only.

The Merit column contains the achievement level responses and underlined merit level responses.

The Excellence column contains the achievement level responses, underlined merit level responses, and **bolded** excellence responses.

In order to arrive at a final grade, assessors are to:

- make a judgement for each Question using the shaded 'Judgement' row; the judgement will be A or M or E or N
- make a judgement for the standard as a whole using the 'Overall Judgement Statement' at the end of the schedule.

Editing / altering the schedule

The shaded 'Judgement' rows and the 'Overall Judgement Statement' are provided as a guide.

Assessors may alter them to ensure that learners are awarded the grade that their responses indicate is appropriate against the requirements of the standard.

Dot points may be added, deleted or edited as above to ensure that learners are awarded the grade that their responses indicate is appropriate against the requirements of the standard.

Making the overall judgement

Higher level judgements are to be based at all times on qualitative (not quantitative) grounds that revolve around recognition of detail and higher level structures, and inference. Typically:

- achievement level responses will give relevant information
- those at merit will contain more specific details
- those at excellence will show in depth understanding / the ability to infer meaning.

That is, the learner's ability to extract and interpret information from the text(s) will determine the grade awarded.

Evidence Statement

Question	Achieved	Merit	Excellence
One			
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's in the north of Austria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's in the north of Austria <u>About 46 km south-east of Passau</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's in the north of Austria <u>About 46 km south-east of Passau</u>
(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's a harbour town/city It lies on a big river For 500 years It imports products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's a harbour town/city It lies on a big river For 500 years It imports products <u>From the world</u> <u>It's (been) important and rich</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's a harbour town/city It lies on a big river For over 500 years It imports products <u>From the whole world</u> <u>It's (been) one of the most important and richest cities in Austria</u>
(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can do so much here There are big inter-national music festivals In 2009 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can do so much here There are big inter-national music festivals In 2009 <u>Linz will be the European Cultural Capital</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can do so much here There are big inter-national music festivals In 2009 <u>Linz will be the European Cultural Capital</u>
Judgement	5 dot points	7 dot points, 2 <u>underlined</u>	8 dot points including: 1 bolded and 2 others, <u>underlined</u> or bolded
Two			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's in the south of the city Very big 10 000 different plants & flowers You can go for walks Take great photos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's in the south of the city Very big 10 000 different plants & flowers You can go for walks Take great photos <u>Not far from the marketplace</u> <u>sit by the lake</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's in the south of the city Very big 10 000 different plants & flowers You can go for walks Take great photos <u>Not far from the marketplace</u> <u>Sit by the lake</u> You learn a lot about the history of the town
Judgement	3 dot points	5 dot points, 2 <u>underlined</u>	7 dot points including: 1 bolded and 2, <u>underlined</u>

Question	Achieved	Merit	Excellence
Three			
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the new town hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the new town hall <u>They make & sell things</u> <u>They do handicrafts</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the new town hall <u>They make & sell things</u> <u>They do handicrafts</u>
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table tennis Handball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table tennis <u>on Wednesdays</u> Handball <u>on Thursdays</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table tennis on Wednesdays Handball on Thursdays Holiday programme for 7-14-year-olds
(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is already 16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is already 16 <u>He is allowed to participate</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is already 16 <u>He is allowed to participate</u> because he looks after the children
(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warm with vanilla ice cream 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warm with vanilla ice cream 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warm with vanilla ice cream
Judgement	5 dot points	7 dot points, 2 <u>underlined</u>	8 dot points including: 1 bolded and 2 others, <u>underlined</u> or bolded
Four			
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will be warm & dry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will be warm & dry <u>It will be warmer & drier (comparative used)</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will be warm & dry <u>It will be warmer & drier (comparative used)</u>
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the morning 4 degrees & rain Afternoon 9 degrees & sunny 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the morning 4 degrees & rain Afternoon 9 degrees & sunny 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the morning 4 degrees & rain Afternoon 9 degrees & sunny
(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the north very cold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the north very cold <u>because of a strong westerly</u> <u>Alps much colder</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the north very cold <u>because of a strong westerly</u> <u>Alps much colder</u> Than earlier in the week Because it will be snowing
Judgement	3 dot points	5 dot points, 2 <u>underlined</u>	6 dot points including: 1 bolded and 2 <u>underlined</u>

Question	Achieved	Merit	Excellence
Five			
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skiing; • Raining heavily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skiing; • Raining heavily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skiing; • Raining heavily
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home • Read a good book • Watch TV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home • Read a good book • Watch TV • <u>Because it's no fun</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home • Read a good book • Watch TV • Because it can be dangerous • <u>Because it's no fun</u>
(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be sunny 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be sunny • <u>Temperature will be 5 degrees</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be sunny • <u>Temperature will be 5 degrees</u>
Judgement	3 dot points	4 dot points, 1 <u>underlined</u>	5 dot points including: 1 bolded and 2 others, <u>underlined</u> or bolded

Overall Judgement Statement

Achievement	Merit	Excellence
Any 3 A or M or E	2 x M 2 other A or M or E	2 x E 2 other A or M or E