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## Level 3 German 2024

### 91548 Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended spoken German texts

Credits: Five

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended spoken German texts.	Demonstrate clear understanding of a variety of extended spoken German texts.	Demonstrate thorough understanding of a variety of extended spoken German texts.

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**You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.**

Each of the questions in this assessment requires you to listen to a passage in German. You will hear each passage three times:

- The first time, you will hear it as a whole.
- The second and third times, you will hear it in sections, with a pause after each.
- As you listen, you may make notes in the space provided.
- Before the passage begins, you will have 30 seconds to read the question.
- Once the passage has finished, you will have time to review your answers.

Answer in your choice of English, te reo Māori, and/or German. If you need more room for any answer, use the extra space provided at the back of this booklet.

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Merit

TOTAL 14



# FIRST PASSAGE: 20 Jahre Wattolümpiade (20 years of the Mudflat Olympics)

Listen to a description of a very different sport event in Germany. Refer to the passage in your answer to Question One.

## Glossed vocabulary

das Watt

mudflats

der Schlitten

sled

der Teilnehmer

participant

wohltätig

charitable

## LISTENING NOTES

- Past: - There are in Germany very many different sports  
 - Some more popular than others Must have heard about M.F.O. for sure
- started 2004 - Every <sup>year</sup> ~~day~~ from the whole world - participants
- 20<sup>th</sup> time 2024 mudflat football, handball, volleyball, sledging  
 sadly last time hundreds of people  
 even though - weekend of August take part in the fun  
 very popular - last 20 years - money  
 huge success - Sponsors
- this year - 2024 is the last year  
 Organisers ~~added~~ <sup>thought of a pair</sup> new things  
 - Young and old take part  
 Made <sup>more</sup> ~~so~~ much money than last year  
 - Profit was also really high
- Best one of all time ausgedacht altharden  
 Sponsoren - großartig Inviting people from 2004?  
 have lots more money than previous years  
 Everyone was so happy
- It's fun for everybody  
 - Laughing is a must  
 the health is most important for this  
 last years  
 sponsors & organisers donate it to charities  
 that ~~involve~~ <sup>involve</sup> cleaner... <sup>health...</sup>

<https://www.spiegel.de/reise/deutschland/wattoluempiade-2009-quatsch-im-matsch-a-646054.html>



## QUESTION ONE

(a) What have the Mudflat Olympics been like in the past?

takes place every year;

The Mudflat Olympics have started in 2004 and <sup>^</sup> this year is the final year (2024). The Mudflat Olympics ~~are~~ <sup>is</sup> a very well known event that happens in Germany, and participants come in from all around the world. The sports involve: Mudflat football, Mudflat handball, Mudflat volleyball, and mudflat strolling. Hundreds of people from around the globe come in the last week of August to take part in this event. It is filled with fun and laughter is a must. It's been happening for 20 years and every year they sponsors bring in a lot of money to make this event happen and any profit they make is donated to charities involving promoting health. Health is the most important aspect of this event. <sup>For the past 20 years,</sup> ~~over~~ they made over 5 million dollars <sup>in</sup> profit which was donated.

b) What was different this year and why?

This year is different as it is the last year for the mudflat olympics, so the organisers and sponsors decided to make it bigger and better than ever. The organisers thought of a ~~few~~ pair of new things to add into the event this year, like inviting <sup>and adding a few new sports.</sup> ~~at the~~ everyone from 2004 back. Sponsors gave a whole lot more money this year compared to previous years, and the profit made this year was also very high. Everyone ~~young~~ young and old take part in the mudflat olympics and everyone was so happy.



## SECOND PASSAGE: *Ein Modell für die Zukunft? (A model for the future?)*

Listen to a report on a study of a four-day working week. Refer to the passage in your answer to Question Two.

### Glossed vocabulary

die Zufriedenheit	satisfaction
der Dienstleister	service provider
der Fachkräftemangel	skilled-worker shortage

### LISTENING NOTES

- Is this realistic? to receive 5 day pay to work 4 days
- Pilot study 55 offices 4 day week
- Different industries Reduce working <sup>improve</sup> satisfaction <sup>leistung</sup>  
time → effect on satisfaction, productivity?
- IT provider 4 day week in
- Jasvine
- very nice to have <sup>naturally</sup> <sup>extra day</sup>
  - ~~Do~~ Have more time for <sup>several</sup> hobbies such as sport
- more time to spend time with family
- stefan - At the start it's not so easy
- April - Do what done in 5 days do in 4 days <sup>organise well and</sup> <sup>work</sup> differently to get things done
- 20% <sup>holidays</sup> productivity increased
  - Iceland, Great Britain: test was successful
  - 9% stayed that way after the test
  - Actual work - happy
- 6 month study skilled-worker shortage



## QUESTION TWO

(a) What do the workers think about the four-day working week?

~~The workers think~~ Jasmine thinks that having an extra day off in the week is naturally very nice, because now she has more time for several of her hobbies. Jasmine plays a lot of sport so having a 4 day working week benefits her so she can play more sport in the weekend. Stefan on the other hand thinks that it can be difficult to adjust to the 4-day week at the start, as you ~~every~~ have to do ~~what~~ the work set for 5 days, in 4 days time. ~~However~~ Stefan says that they have to organise well and do things differently to get everything done in time. He also thinks its good as he will have more time to spend with family.

(b) What was the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this study was to see ~~if~~ the effect on worker satisfaction and productivity if the working week was shortened from 5 days to 4 days. A 6 month long pilot study was conducted across 55 workspaces from a variety of different industries. ~~to~~ ~~was~~ The test was successful in Iceland and Great Britain. ~~with~~ ~~the~~ The test resulted in a 20% decrease in sick days and an overall increase in productivity. There was also a decrease of skilled-worker shortage. ~~8~~ Workers were satisfied and overall happier at their workplaces, happy to do the work. 9% of the workplaces ~~stayed~~ remained with 4-day working week after the test was finished.



**THIRD PASSAGE: Weihnachten ist zu altmodisch, oder?**  
**(Christmas is too old fashioned, isn't it?)**

Listen to Gerlinde and Eberhard speaking on a podcast about their Christmas plans from last year. Refer to the passage in your answer to Question Three.

**Glossed vocabulary**

das Leid	suffering	still	quiet
spenden	to donate	anzünden	to light
das Lied	song		

**LISTENING NOTES**

- Gerlinde thinks that we are too modern office?
- Christmas is too old fashioned - too expensive for Christmas
  - No gifts given, no music, no decor
  - Ignore Christmas completely 29 → restaurant
  - 24 December ~~go to~~ a restaurant alone after eating <sup>went without musik and decor</sup> food - boring
  - Wish everyone Merry Christmas on the way home
  - After we get back home sit on the couch
  - Christmas is not too old fashioned ... E thinks it's better than G thinks.
- kneiper  
wet, cold, gray  
songs & laughter <sup>outside the homes</sup>  
everyone wished them Merry X-mas.  
on the way home
- There is too much suffering and hunger in the world that we can donate <sup>money</sup> to instead
  - Idea that we shouldn't celebrate X-mas.
  - Family and friends visit

23 on the table Advents kranz Advent calendar

- E → Work room went for away too long
- G → didn't say anything light the candles in the living room.



## QUESTION THREE

- (a) According to the podcast, how did Gerlinde's and Eberhard's attitudes change over the Christmas period?

Gerlinde <sup>and Eberhard</sup> thought that ~~Christmas was too old fashioned~~ they are too modern for Christmas. Gerlinde thinks that there is far too much suffering and hunger in the real world <sup>and</sup> that they can donate their money instead of spending it on presents and Christmas decorations. Gerlinde has the idea that they ignore Christmas completely this year, ~~by~~ having no Christmas music, no gifts, and no decorations, as it is too expensive, and they can donate the money instead. She wants to instead go to a restaurant and have a nice meal <sup>and visit family and friends</sup>. However on 24 December when they went alone to eat at a restaurant with no ~~re~~ Christmas songs playing, and no Christmas decorations, the food tasted bland and boring, and when they ~~to~~ went to find Kneiper after eating, it was wet, cold, and gray outside. On their way home, everyone wished them a merry Christmas and they could hear songs and laughter ~~outside~~ outside the houses. After they came back home, Gerlinde just sat on the couch while Eberhard went into his work room and didn't come out for a long while. At the end, they both feel robbed of the joy of Christmas ~~for~~ and Eberhard thinks that Christmas is ~~not~~ never too old fashioned and he says that he ~~was it~~ enjoys it even though Gerlinde doesn't think that way. He enjoys Christmas more than she does.

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- (b) What might Gerlinde have seen in the office and why? Justify your response using evidence from the passage.

Gerlinde might have seen Eberhard lighting candles in the office. This is because Eberhard felt strongly that Christmas is not too old fashioned and he wanted to experience the joy that the families <sup>experienced</sup> with the songs and laughter they heard on their way home from the restaurant. He felt that he should celebrate it. She might have also seen the advent calendar that Eberhard has in his office.



## Merit

**Subject:** Level 3 German

**Standard:** 91548

**Total score:** 14

Q	Grade score	Marker commentary
One	M5	The candidate provides a good amount of relevant information, and more details could help to achieve Excellence, e.g. about the reason why everyone is so happy with the event. Some merit-level information includes the amount raised over 20 years and the organisers having some new ideas.
Two	M5	Good information is conveyed. However, the candidate misunderstand that Steffen has not yet begun the 4-day working week. Part B contains some incorrect information, e.g. 9% of workplaces keeping the four-day week.
Three	A4	Some information is conveyed at Achieved level, e.g. donating money instead of celebrating. The word “Kneipe” is not understood. The candidate is unable to infer significant meaning for Part B and the answer is very short.