

Assessment Schedule – 2022

German: Demonstrate understanding of a variety of spoken German texts on familiar matters (91123)

Assessment Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p><i>Demonstrating understanding</i> involves making meaning of relevant information, ideas, and/or opinions in the texts.</p> <p>Responses as a whole show an understanding of the general meaning (gist) of the texts.</p>	<p><i>Demonstrating clear understanding</i> involves selecting relevant information, ideas, and/or opinions from the texts and communicating them unambiguously.</p> <p>Responses as a whole show a clear understanding of the content of the texts. Information is selected and connected to provide responses supported by relevant detailed examples from the texts.</p>	<p><i>Demonstrating thorough understanding</i> involves expanding on relevant information, ideas, and/or opinions, with supporting detail, to show understanding of the meanings or conclusions implied within the texts.</p> <p>Responses as a whole show a comprehensive understanding of the content and underlying meaning of the texts, including nuance and meanings not obviously stated in the texts.</p>

Evidence

N1	N2	A3	A4	M5	M6	E7	E8
Shows very little understanding and does not communicate the general meaning of the text.	Shows little understanding and does not communicate the general meaning of the text.	Demonstrates some understanding and communicates some of the general meaning of the text.	Demonstrates understanding and communicates the general meaning of the text.	Demonstrates clear understanding and unambiguously communicates some of the meaning by selecting and using relevant supporting detail from the text.	Demonstrates clear understanding and unambiguously communicates most of the meaning by selecting and using relevant supporting detail from the text.	Demonstrates thorough understanding and communicates some of the implied meanings by providing supporting detail from the text to justify conclusions.	Demonstrates thorough understanding and communicates most of the implied meanings by providing supporting detail from the text to fully justify conclusions.

N0 = No response; no relevant evidence.

Cut Scores

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
0 – 7	8 – 14	15 – 19	20 – 24

Sample Evidence

What follows is not a complete list of all acceptable responses, nor is it an indication of the exact wording required.

Assessment judgments are based on the level of understanding shown, rather than knowledge of individual lexical items.

Quoting or direct translation alone are not sufficient evidence that the candidate understands the meaning of the text **clearly** or **thoroughly**.

The overall grade for a question must be judged after considering how much of the text as a whole has been understood, and to what depth. Refer to the Evidence statements above.

Question ONE	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<i>(a) Possible evidence showing understanding of what each band member does in their free time, and why it is important to them.</i>			
<i>Gustav</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fan of barbecues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sitting with friends and family • Spending time together with family and friends over a meal. • Prepares a variety of dishes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepares a wide variety of food.
<i>Bill</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A film buff (junkie). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been a film buff since the age of nine. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likes standing in the fresh air beside the barbecue, as it gives him a feeling of freedom and happiness. • The nicest thing about having a barbecue is having a chance to spend time together with family and friends over a meal. • He needs films like other people need family and friends. • When he looks at a film, everything else disappears and he totally relaxes.
<i>Georg</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading (a bookworm). • Reading is fun. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was a bookworm as a child. • Always wanted a book for Christmas or his birthday. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a child he read a lot, but now having to read so much (e)mail every day leaves him with little enthusiasm for reading anything.

<p><i>Tom</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spending time with his wife. • Watching Bayern Munich play in the weekend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spending time with his wife after a long day in the music studio. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it is the weekend, he likes to watch Bayern Munich play – and if they win, all the better. • His wife makes him laugh and forget all the sad events happening in the world.
<p><i>(b) Possible evidence showing understanding of which member of the band the candidate would choose to flat with.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States one person they would like to flat with. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States one person they would like to flat with and explains why. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States one person they would like to flat with and justifies this with examples. • Briefly explains why they have not chosen the other people.
<p><i>Example of a possible Excellence answer</i></p> <p>It would be interesting to flat with Bill since I also like <i>Labyrinth</i>, which presumably is the film he is talking about. It would be interesting to know how and why it had such a big impact on his musical career. However, on the downside I suspect Bill is more into watching films than being around other people, so that would not make a good flatmate. We don't find out much about Georg apart from the fact that he used to read so much and now he spends the same amount of time on business correspondence. That does sound somewhat boring – not exactly a great conversationalist. I agree with Tom about the fact that there is little good news around now with Covid, etc., but if he is so wrapped up in his wife and football, I don't think I would see much of him. It would be slightly uncomfortable, and I would probably feel as if I were in the way.</p> <p>So, hands down I would say Gustav would make a really good flatmate since he sounds very sociable, likes spending time with family and friends, and is clearly an excellent cook. I like the fact that he likes trying out a variety of foods – a creative chef in the flat would be brilliant.</p>			

Question TWO	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<i>(a) Possible evidence showing understanding of why Alexander Hemker set up his website.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was bullied. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was bullied at school (when he was 14). • He decided to do something. • His website also gives advice to parents and teachers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One day he couldn't stand it any longer and even changed schools. • He wanted to help others who were also being bullied.
<i>(b) Possible evidence showing understanding of what helpful suggestions he offers.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives tips. • Stay the same as you are. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victims can write about their experiences anonymously. • No explanation why they bully. • Friends are scared they might be bullied too. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Victims) can find other people who have experienced the same problems. • Bullies always find a victim and a reason for bullying. • Friends are scared that if they helped, they might be bullied too. • Stay the same as you are, or they will think they can do anything with / to you.
<i>(c) Possible evidence showing understanding of how successful the website has been.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has helped 1800 students in nine years. • Has won prizes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander has presented his website on newspapers, radio, and television. • Has helped parents and teachers. • Has won various prizes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander has received an invitation from the (Federal) President.

Question THREE	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<i>(a) Possible evidence showing understanding of what the hotel offers its guests.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great hotel – big living room, excellent bedroom. • A wolf centre. • Particularly cute wolf cubs. • Get a picnic tea to eat outside, with delicious food. • Staying in the middle of a forest. • A rope suspension bridge to get into the accommodation. • Modern. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can observe the wolves through a glass wall. • Quiet location. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relax in a hot tub under the stars, where you can forget all your worries.
<i>(b) Possible evidence showing understanding of whether Peter would ever visit the hotel again.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is an adventure. • The house was great. <p><i>Other details might be taken from (a).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The best weekend ever. <p><i>Other details might be taken from (a).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite its high price, he would recommend it to everyone (but this doesn't mean that he would necessarily go back again). <p><i>Other details might be taken from (a).</i></p>
<i>(c) Possible evidence showing understanding of a response to Helga's review.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our hotel is interesting for people who are into wolves. • I am sorry that you thought our hotel was horrible. • If you read our website more carefully, there is a lot to do here. • We think that the high price is justified, and it helps us to care for the wolves. • I am glad that you enjoyed spending the evening in the hot tub. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although you didn't like the forest location because it was too quiet, others appreciate the peace and quiet. • If you were to visit us again, maybe keep your eyes closed when walking over the bridge to get to the house. • I can see that being woken up by the wolves howling at 5 a.m. could be considered annoying, but other guests feel that it adds to the adventure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a pity that you did not do your homework and find out more about our hotel and what it has to offer before visiting us – then some of your complaints would have been self-evident. • After canvassing our previous visitors, the option of spending the evening under the stars in a hot tub won hands down over installing a shower – I am sorry that you were disappointed with this decision.