

Assessment Schedule – 2024

German: Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended written and / or visual German texts (91551)

Assessment Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p><i>Demonstrating understanding</i> involves making meaning of relevant information and varied perspectives 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 and varied perspectives 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 and varied perspectives, and communicating 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
0–8	9–13	14–19	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 whether the allotment gardens have had a positive effect</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children learned to plant and grow flowers and vegetables. Dr Schreiber wanted to give children the opportunity to play outside. Dr Schreiber spoke to parents about how to raise children. The land was often centrally located in the cities. Families were back in nature. Allotment gardens produced cheap food. Today they have libraries, playgrounds, and markets. You have to wait between three and five years to buy one. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The land was cheap to rent. Prior to allotment gardens, people moved from the country to the cities to work in factories, so children spent less time outside. Allotment gardens were useful during wartime for growing food. They were used as housing after the war. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People gained private fenced gardens after children encroached on neighbouring gardens Prior to allotment gardens, industrialisation led to poverty. Kiel was one of the first big cities providing the poor with land for planting. They were called “poor people’s gardens”. Rules helped to unite the community, e.g. what you should plant when. Political discussions are not allowed. People must show consideration to each other. They have become their own community.
<i>(b) Possible evidence showing understanding of who in New Zealand might benefit from this type of garden today</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City dwellers with no space for the children to play outside. Fruit and vegetables are expensive, so these gardens could be good for families that don’t have much money so they can still eat healthy food. People in the city might like to go to the markets there to get fresh food. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City dwellers with no space for the children to play outside or learn about where food comes from. People on low incomes could grow their own food, especially if they live in an apartment and don’t have any land to grow food. In the text it says that they brought people together into communities, which would be good for people living in the cities here because they might not know their neighbours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The text states that the gardens brought people into nature and that families spent more time together there, which would also be a benefit here if you don’t have a garden at all, or if it’s not suitable for spending time with your friends and family in. Maybe this could work outside the city, or in smaller towns where there is more space.

Question TWO	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<i>(a) Possible evidence showing understanding of the issue being addressed and the measures being taken</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It addresses the sustainability of music festivals. • There is lots of rubbish at music festivals. • They create CO₂ emissions. • Initiatives are being established. • Terraforma-Festival in Italy doesn't allow plastic products to be used at the festival. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It addresses the environmental sustainability of music festivals. • They cause environmental damage. • A lot of rubbish is produced over a weekend at music festivals. • They have high CO₂ emissions. • Initiatives are being established to make festivals more sustainable. • Tents can be handed in to be repaired. • These tents are rented out at the festival the following year. • At Melt-Festival they sleep in the train. • At Melt-Festival, people can travel to the festival in hotel trains from Cologne and Munich. • 20 tonnes of CO₂ will be saved just through this alone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80,000 festival goers produce about the same amount of rubbish in a weekend as a city with the same number of inhabitants in a year. • In addition to the rubbish, big events produce high levels of CO₂ emissions. • The challenges of sustainability are the same for society as they are for music festivals. • There are a lot more clever solutions happening at festivals than in society • Large music festivals have a big negative impact on the environment. • It is mainly the organisers who have decided how sustainable a festival will be. • Clear regulations are required.
<i>(b) Possible evidence showing understanding of what measure will be the most impactful and why, with comparisons with the other measures</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Terraforma-Festival initiative will have the biggest impact because all products have to be plastic free. • When purchasing food and drink, plastic cups and plates will be avoided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People travel to the festival by train rather than by car so their transport emissions would be reduced, 20 tonnes of CO₂ will be saved through this alone according to the Green Music Initiative. • Other festivals collect tents at the end of the festival and repair them for use the next year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think the Melt-Festival initiative will have the biggest impact because it targets two sources of environmental damage – emissions and rubbish. • Staying in a hotel train at Melt-Festival means the people leave less rubbish at the festival site and they won't need to take disposable things with them. • Terraforma-Festival making all products plastic free won't stop people bringing plastic in with them. • Festivals collecting tents is a good initiative if they are able to repair a lot of them because they can make

			<p>money from renting them out again the following year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • However, I don't think it will have as much impact as the other initiatives.
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Question THREE	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<i>(a) Possible evidence showing understanding of the ways in which people are able to engage in the "Kältebus" initiative</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer. • Call the number. • Smile. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer to work alongside people like Dirk and Christina. • Homeless people get to know some volunteers by name. • The public can call the number if they see homeless people in need. • There can be up to 30 calls on very cold nights. • They provide pet food for their dogs. • Cafe owners could donate left over food like the cinnamon rolls. • Acknowledge homeless people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donate – they need lots of resources like sleeping bags, clothes, food, and pet food. • Even something small like smiling and acknowledging the homeless can help. • The initiative creates connections between the homeless people and the volunteers. • Too many people look away, but homeless people are people like us. • You can volunteer to help in small ways alongside people like Dirk and Christina.
<i>(b) Possible evidence showing understanding of why this initiative was started</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initiative started almost 5 years ago. • They operate from November until March. • They bring them warm things. • They take them to emergency accommodation. • Hamburg is the city with the most homelessness in Germany. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They help people in winter when it's the coldest. • They look after homeless people. • Not everyone wants to go to emergency accommodation. • There has been more homelessness for some years in Germany. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing the whole person, they have ramps for wheelchairs. • They are looking after not only people but also their dogs. • Homeless people may not want to sleep with people with problems in the cramped emergency accommodation. • There is increasing homelessness due to the war in Ukraine and climbing rental prices.