



General Certificate of Education

German 5661 *Specification*

GR3T *People and Society*

Mark Scheme

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Unit 3

The assessment objectives will be allocated in the following way.

		% of AS	Marks
AO1	Response to spoken language	15	30
AO2	Response to written language	5	10
AO3	Knowledge of grammar	10	20
AO4	Knowledge of society	5	10
	TOTAL	35	70

The marks will be allocated in the following way.

		A01	A02	A03	A04
Part 1	Stimulus material		10		
Part 2	Presentation/Discussion				10
Part 3	Conversation	30			
overall	Knowledge of grammar			20	

The following criteria will be used.

Part 1	Response to stimulus material (AO2)
9-10	Supplies all the information necessary, offers views and opinions and exploits almost all the opportunities for development.
7-8	Supplies a large amount of relevant information, can develop ideas fully. Attempts to express opinions.
5-6	Supplies an above average amount of information but does not develop ideas fully. Attempts to express opinions.
3-4	Supplies a fair amount of information, rarely develops ideas in a relevant way and does not express meaningful opinions.
0-2	Supplies little or no relevant or substantial information. Difficulty in expressing views.

NB: Candidates who deliver only pre-learnt material in response to questions about the wider topic area will not be providing evidence of “developing ideas fully”. Examiners must, therefore, ask questions which prompt candidates to go beyond pre-learnt material in order that they may have access to 7 marks and above.

Part 2	Presentation and Discussion Knowledge of Society (AO4)
9-10	Presents a large amount of information in a very clear, well thought-out way with coherence and logical sequence. Good contribution to discussion, with some evidence of personal opinions/reactions.
7-8	Presents a reasonable amount of information clearly and in a generally well-ordered way. Participates fully in discussion, with some evidence of personal opinions/reactions.
5-6	Presents a fair amount of information fairly clearly and in a generally logical sequence, though with some irrelevance/inconsistency. Can contribute to discussion, but little personal reaction.
3-4	Presents a small amount of information in a way which is unclear and not well ordered. Some attempt at participation in discussion.
0-2	Presents a very limited amount of information in a haphazard way which makes it virtually or totally impossible to understand. No meaningful contribution to discussion.

Part 3	Response to Spoken Language (AO1) in Conversation Section Fluency
9-10	A generally confident speaker demonstrating a good pace of delivery only with some slight hesitation between and during utterances.
7-8	Prompt to respond but hesitating regularly between and during utterances.
5-6	At times lacking in confidence. Inappropriate pace of delivery adversely affects the natural flow of conversation.
3-4	The pace of delivery – either hurried and garbled or slow and halting – is such that the flow of communication is severely impaired.
0-2	Little or no fluency.

Part 3	Response to Spoken Language (AO1) in Conversation Section Interaction
9-10	Sustains a meaningful exchange; takes the lead on occasions. Responds well to regular opportunities to react spontaneously in developing ideas.
7-8	Reacts reasonably well with some but infrequent evidence of spontaneity in response to opportunities to develop ideas.
5-6	Tends to react rather than initiate but attempts to give additional information. Little evidence of spontaneity and much use made of pre-learnt responses.
3-4	Generally dependent on the examiner. Volunteering little additional information. Excessive use made of pre-learnt responses.
0-2	Little or no significant reaction.

Part 3	Response to Spoken Language (AO1) in Conversation Section Pronunciation/Intonation
9-10	Generally good performance with some attempt to produce stress and intonation.
7-8	Reasonable pronunciation with lapses in intonation, phrasing and stress.
5-6	Intelligible pronunciation with a number of errors in intonation and stress.
3-4	Poor pronunciation; requires an effort of concentration on the part of a native speaker.
0-2	Very poor, generally unintelligible.

Overall	This is an overall assessment of the candidate's performance in all parts of the test
	Knowledge of Grammar (AO3)
17-20	A variety of linguistic structures used, generally effectively. Limitations in the use of more complex structures and more sophisticated vocabulary. Errors are generally minor but with some serious errors in more complex structures.
13-16	Reasonable performance, tending to use unsophisticated constructions and vocabulary. Grammatical errors do not generally interfere with communication.
9-12	Generally comprehensible to a native speaker. Limited range of constructions, vocabulary and sentence patterns. Serious grammatical errors may sometimes cause difficulties for immediate comprehension.
5-8	Very limited range of constructions and vocabulary. Recurring serious errors. Influence of English is intrusive.
0-4	Little or no evidence of grammatical awareness. Great difficulty in constructing basic sentences.

Total for Paper = 70 marks

GCE Advanced Subsidiary French/German/Spanish



Examiner's Marking Summary (as used by Examiners)

Unit 3 – Speaking Winter/Summer 20__

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NOTES:

Part 1	Response to stimulus material (AO2) CARDS (handed out): / (circle as chosen)
9 10	Supplies all the information necessary, offers views and opinions and exploits almost all opportunities available.
7 8	Supplies a large amount of relevant information, can develop ideas fully. Attempts to express opinions.
5 6	Supplies an above average amount of information but does not develop ideas fully. Attempts to express opinions.
3 4	Supplies a fair amount of information, rarely develops ideas in a relevant way and does not express meaningful opinions.
0 1 2	Supplies little or no relevant or substantial information. Difficulty in expressing views.

Part 2	Presentation and Discussion - Knowledge of Society (AO4) TOPIC:
9 10	Presents a large amount of information in a very clear, well-thought out way with coherence and logical sequence. Good contribution to discussion with some evidence of personal opinions/reactions.
7 8	Presents a reasonable amount of information clearly and in a generally well-ordered way. Participates fully in discussion with some evidence of personal opinions/reactions.
5 6	Presents a fair amount of information fairly clearly and in a generally logical sequence, though with some irrelevance/inconsistency. Can contribute to discussion but little personal reaction.
3 4	Presents a small amount of information in a way which is unclear and not well-ordered. Some attempt at participation in discussion.
0 1 2	Presents a very limited amount of information in a haphazard way which makes it virtually or totally impossible to understand. No meaningful contribution to discussion.

Part 3	Conversation - Response to spoken language (AO1)
FLUENCY	
9 10	A generally confident speaker. Good pace of delivery. Some slight hesitation between and during utterances.
7 8	Prompt to respond but hesitating regularly between and during utterances.
5 6	Lacking in confidence. Inappropriate pace of delivery. Lacks natural "flow".
3 4	The pace of delivery (fast or slow) severely impairs communication.
0 1 2	Little or no fluency.
INTERACTION	
9 10	Sustains a meaningful exchange. Takes the lead and develops ideas spontaneously.
7 8	Reacts reasonably well. Some spontaneity in developing ideas.
5 6	Limited reaction. Some additional information. Evidence of pre-learnt response.
3 4	Dependent on the examiner. Little initiative. Relies on pre-learnt responses.
0 1 2	Little or no significant reaction.
PRONUNCIATION/INTONATION	
9 10	Generally good performance with some attempt to produce stress and intonation.
7 8	Reasonable pronunciation with lapses in intonation, phrasing and stress.
5 6	Intelligible pronunciation with a number of errors in intonation and stress.
3 4	Poor pronunciation; requires an effort of concentration on the part of a native speaker.
0 1 2	Very poor; generally unintelligible.

Overall	Assessment of the candidate's performance in ALL parts of the test - Knowledge of Grammar (AO3)
19 20	A variety of linguistic structures used, generally effectively. Limitations in the use of more complex structures and more sophisticated vocabulary. Errors are generally minor but with some serious errors in more complex structures.
15 16	Reasonable performance, tending to use unsophisticated constructions and vocabulary. Grammatical errors do not generally interfere with communication.
13 14	
11 12	Generally comprehensible to a native speaker. Limited range of constructions, vocabulary and sentence patterns. Serious grammatical errors may sometimes cause difficulties for immediate comprehension.
9 10	
7 8	Very limited range of constructions and vocabulary. Recurring serious errors. Influence of English is intrusive.
5 6	
0 1 2 3 4	Little or no evidence of grammatical awareness. Great difficulty in constructing basic sentences.

PART 1	PART 2	PART 3			AO3 OVERALL
		FLUENCY	INTERACTION	PRONUNCIATION/ INTONATION	
/10	/10	/10	/10	/10	/20
Examiner: _____					TOTAL
					/70