



General Certificate of Education

German 1661

Specification

GER2T Speaking

Mark Scheme

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Unit 2

The assessment objectives will be allocated in the following way.

		% of AS	Marks
AO1	Response to spoken language	16	25
AO2	Response to written language	6	10
AO3	Knowledge of grammar	9	15
	TOTAL	31	50

The marks will be allocated in the following way.

		AO1	AO2	AO3
Part 1	Stimulus material		10	
Part 2	Conversation	25		
Overall	Knowledge of grammar			15

The following criteria will be used.

UNIT 2

Part 1 Discussion of stimulus card (AO2)

Mark	IN RESPONSE TO THE STIMULUS QUESTIONS
5	Develops a wide range of relevant points.
4	Develops a number of relevant points.
3	Some relevant points made but with little development.
2	Responses brief and lacking in development.
0 - 1	No or very little meaningful response.

Mark	IN THE MORE GENERAL DISCUSSION
5	Responds to all opportunities to express and develop ideas and opinions.
4	Some evidence of developing ideas and opinions.
3	Ideas and opinions are simplistic and under-developed.
2	Meaningful ideas and opinions are rarely expressed.
0 - 1	No or very little meaningful response.

Part 2 Conversation (AO1)

Mark	Fluency
9 - 10	A generally confident speaker demonstrating a good pace of delivery with some slight hesitation between and during utterances.
7 - 8	Prompt to respond but hesitating regularly between and during utterances.
5 - 6	Inappropriate pace of delivery (fast, slow or erratic) 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.

Mark	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.

Mark	Pronunciation and Intonation
5	Good
4	Fairly good
3	Intelligible
2	Poor
0 – 1	Barely intelligible

Knowledge of Grammar (AO3)

This is an overall assessment of the candidate's performance in both parts of the test.

Mark	
13 – 15	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.
10 – 12	Reasonable performance, tending to use unsophisticated constructions and vocabulary. Grammatical errors do not generally interfere with communication.
7 – 9	Generally comprehensible to a native speaker. Limited range of constructions, vocabulary and sentence patterns. Serious grammatical errors may sometimes cause difficulties for immediate comprehension.
4 – 6	Very limited range of constructions and vocabulary. Recurring serious errors. Influence of English is intrusive.
0 – 3	Little or no evidence of grammatical awareness. Great difficulty in constructing basic sentences.

Total for Paper = 50 marks.

**GCE Advanced Subsidiary
Unit 2 – Speaking
Examiner Marking Summary**

Candidate Name: _____

Candidate Number: _____

Stimulus card: _____

A B C D E F

Centre Number: _____

(please circle as appropriate)

(Delete topic of selected card)

Part 1: Discussion of stimulus card

AO2 10 marks

Mark	In response to the stimulus questions
5	Develops a wide range of relevant points.
4	Develops a number of relevant points.
3	Some relevant points made but with little development.
2	Responses brief and lacking in development.
0-1	No or very little meaningful response.

Topic		

Mark	In the more general discussion
5	Responds to all opportunities to express and develop views and opinions.
4	Some evidence of developing ideas and opinions.
3	Ideas and opinions are simplistic and underdeveloped.
2	Meaningful ideas and opinions are rarely expressed.
0-1	No or very little meaningful response.

Part 2: Conversation

AO1 25 marks

Nominated Topic	Third Topic	Fourth Topic
		See stimulus card above

Mark	Fluency
9-10	A generally confident speaker demonstrating a good pace of delivery with some slight hesitation between and during utterances.
7-8	Prompt to respond but hesitating regularly between and during utterances.
5-6	Inappropriate pace of delivery (fast, slow or erratic) 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.

Mark	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.

Mark	Pron. & Int.
5	Good
4	Fairly good
3	Intelligible
2	Poor
0-1	Barely intelligible.

Knowledge of Grammar

AO3 15 marks

This is an overall assessment of the candidate's performance in both parts of the test

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Little or no evidence of grammatical awareness. Great difficulty in constructing basic sentences.				Very limited range of constructions and vocabulary. Recurring serious errors. Influence of English intrusive.			Generally comprehensible to a native speaker. Limited range of constructions, vocabulary and sentence patterns. Serious grammatical errors may sometimes cause difficulties for immediate comprehension.			Reasonable performance, tending to use unsophisticated constructions and vocabulary. Grammatical errors do not generally interfere with communication.			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.		

PART 1	
Response	General Discussion
/5	/5

PART 2		
Fluency	Interaction	Pronunciation/Intonation
/10	/10	/5

AO3 Overall
/15

TOTAL /50