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dass mehrere Generationen unter einem Duch wohnten, ist es immer mehr eine Seltenheit. dass große Familien zusammenleben. Ist dieser Trend etwas positives oder schadliches für die Gesellschaft? Es ist nicht zu vergessen, dass es viele Norteill-haben rann, wenn mehrere Generationen rusammenleben. Erstens ist das Leben vier billiger, weil man die kosten des Hauses und des Essens teilen kann. In dem heutigen Wirtschaftsklima wird es immer wichtiger, Geld so oft wie möglich zu sparen. Außerdem haben die Großeltern der viele Lebenserfatiskungen schan erlebt und sie Können die Kinder deswegen helfen ihre Probleme zu lösen Beispielsweise, wenn ein Kind Schwierigkeiten mit den Hausaufgaben hätte, konnte die Großeltern danit helfen. Der Großvater meines Freundes wornt bei ihm und mein Freund sagte dass das Leben leichter sei wenn sein Großvater



Tick immer Ratschlage hat. Die Liebe der Großeltern kann auch bei der kindererziehungickvorteilhaft bekommen Beachtung Beachtung. Können die Großeltern nicht nicht nur die fen sondern auch Ticke Großeltern haben Hauptsachlich die Kindererziehung einmal gentietent und deshalb können sie di Eltern helfen, die der zu erziehen. Zum Beispiel Könnten sie für die Eltern moralische Unterstutzung schaffen. Schließlich bietet das runter einem Dach mit den kindern und well sie rickinsankeit sich rutclo Konnen dieses por solche Probleme wenn sie mit der Retter der weil sie mit den Familiennitgliedern reden konnen Auf der anderen Seite gibt es immer Nachteiletick wern mehrere Generationen wohnen. Man muss sich nem Dach erinnern, dass die altere und jungere Generationen gar nicht gleich sind und dass es im Haus einen Generationenkonflikt geben könnte teleter Als ich

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nte meine Oma bei uns, aber es Sie sagte die ganze Leit, dass ich zu viel Energie hatte, und dass ich zu viel Außerdem dachte sie, dass mein alterer Brude unhoflitick war, and, doss er nicht genug für Le Gesellschaft machte & Das Familienleben war gar nicht angenehm. Viele Jugendlich Finden, dass die Großeltern versuchen, ihre uv Die Großeltern sind händig * krant bei den Hausarbeiten zu Leute im Haus gibt, musen di das Leben stressiger und reve Generationen un Zum Schlusse d bin ich der Meinung, dass lles in allem aicht gar nicht we votickilhaft ist wenn mehrere Generationen zusammenleben. Es ist viel besser, wenn man die Elle Großeltern einmal pro Wochtickbesucht, weil man dadurch die Vorteile der Großeltern bekonn bekonn



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Student 1 Commentary

Content

The student begins her response with a clear, concise introduction. She rephrases the content of the question, using *eine Seltenheit* instead of merely lifting *eine Ausnahme* from the question. She ends her introduction with a simple rhetorical question, which leads the reader into a series of paragraphs weighing up the pros and cons of multi-generation households.

In the first main paragraph, the student makes a good number of points in support of multi-generation households, expanding those points and giving examples where appropriate. She explains how life can be less expensive if several generations live together. She mentions the importance of saving money in today's economic climate. She explains how grandparents can use their experience of life to help children solve their problems, including homework. She explains the advantages of having grandparents present to look after children when the parents are out at work, pointing out that grandparents already have experience of child-rearing and can offer moral as well as practical support to the parents. Finally in this section, the student mentions an important benefit of multi-generation households for the grandparents themselves: they are less likely to feel depressed and useless if they live in such a household.

In the second main paragraph, the student makes a similar number of points against multigeneration households. She mentions the differences between the generations and uses the example of her own grandmother, who found the family environment too noisy and accused one younger member of the family of being impolite. The student then explains how children do not always welcome their grandparents' advice, before finally pointing out that grandparents may fall ill and need to be on the receiving end of assistance rather than giving it. Life in such circumstances can be stressful.

In her short final paragraph the student concludes that the best solution is for the grandparents to live separately from younger family members but see them frequently, providing the benefits without the drawbacks.

Overall, the essay is easy to follow. The structure is well organised and the points are presented in a logical sequence. There is good depth of treatment thanks to the explanations and examples. All points are clearly expressed and justified. Therefore, the mark for Content is 20/20.

Range of vocabulary, Complexity of Language and Accuracy

In terms of Quality of Language, the student uses a wide range of appropriate vocabulary, including topic-specific terms such as *Lebenserfahrungen*, *Kindererziehung*, *Ratschläge* and *Generationenkonflikt*. She uses a wide range of grammatical structures with confidence, including subordinate clauses, infinitive clauses with *zu*, a conditional sentence and an example of the subjunctive of reported speech. The overall level of accuracy is excellent, with just a few relatively minor errors which do not impede communication. Therefore, marks of 5/5 are awarded for each Quality of Language grid.

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Content	20
Range of Vocabulary	5
Range of Structures	5
Accuracy	5
Total	35

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vielleicht recht zu schließen, dass die Musik
ein Wichtiges Teil der Ausbildung
ist aber wir können nicht tind alle Kinder
zwirgen, Musik zu macken. Tick

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Student 2 Commentary

Content

The student begins thoughtfully by drawing a distinction between music being an important part of everyday life – which it undoubtedly is – and the question of whether music-making should be compulsory in schools. He casts doubt on the latter point, neatly drawing the reader into the body of the essay.

In the first main paragraph the student mentions how music lessons can contribute to children's education by teaching them new skills such as reading notes on a stave. However not all children are musical and the student explains that it can be counter-productive to force unmusical children to learn music.

The student agrees with the statement that music helps children to express their emotions, but points out that there are other ways of achieving this, such as talking with different family members. Therefore, in this student's view, music is not essential.

The student goes on to consider the different effects of different types of music. He uses the example on the exam paper – *Schüler rappen gegen Gewalt* – to show how music might influence young people in a positive way, while sensibly pointing out that other examples of rap music may promote violent attitudes.

In his next paragraph the student mentions the high cost of learning an instrument, whether this is paid for directly by the parents or indirectly through taxation. He develops the taxation point further by stating that increased taxation would be unwelcome during an economic crisis.

Having mentioned a number of negative points, the student opens his next paragraph with the word *doch* and explains some of the positive aspects of music tuition, such as the relationship between learning music and gaining higher marks in examinations and the broadening of children's horizons through experiencing music from other cultures. He goes on to explain the importance of inter-cultural awareness in our society with its increasing ethnic diversity – a good example of 'depth of treatment'.

The conclusion to this essay is well balanced and reflects the relative strength of the various arguments presented in the main paragraphs. The student concludes that learning music is beneficial, but we should not force it upon all children.

The essay as a whole clearly demonstrates the qualities required for a top mark for Content.

The justification of opinions and depth of treatment are particularly strong features.

Range of vocabulary, Complexity of Language and Accuracy

For Quality of Language, maximum marks are awarded because the essay fully meets the criteria for vocabulary, structures and accuracy. Alongside the competent use of cases, subordinate clauses and other complex structures the student writes fluently and confidently, giving the impression that the language is no barrier to communicating his ideas and reasoning.

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Unter dem Begriff Work-Life-Balane verstehe
uh in erster Line ene gesunde und positive Balance
zurischen Arbeit und Freiheit; eine erfolgreiche Karriere spielt
zwar eine erhebliche Rolle im Leben, aber man muss
auch dagur sorgen, dass nu genng Zeit zur Verjügung hat,
um seinen Hobbys nachzugeben und Zeit nit Familie und Tick
Tick Freunden zu verbingen. Wenn man in Betracht zieht, dass inner
mehr Leute unter arbeitsbedingtem Stress leiden, sollte die
Frage gestellt werden, wie wir diesem besorgniserregenden
Trend entgegenwirken können. In welen Fällen stellen
Rleine Schritte den besten Ansatzpunkt dar.
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Erfüllung ihres Lebens, denn man kann dadurch seine Tick
Fähigkeiten und Vorzüge zumtlich unterstreichen. Aus diesem
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gung als Mittel end ich Klauguren schreiben musste; es Tick meine alltäglichen Sorgen zu and beden Fall bedentet heutigen Leben; sowohl Arbeit als auch Freizeit tragen Wohlbefinden eines Menschen, solange man eine entsprechende Balance gefunden hat. Körper und Geist bedürfen zwischendurch

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und Entspanning eine ausschlaggebeide Rolles um ein gesundes		
Gleichgewicht zu erreichen		



Student 3 Commentary

Content

The introduction to this well-structured and thoughtful response tackles the first part of the question: What exactly does 'Work-life-balance' mean? While some students gave only a superficial response to this part of the question, this student responds with some sophistication, using phrases such as *unter arbeitsbedingtem Stress* and *diesem besorgniserregenden Trend entgegenwirken*, which enhance the Content mark as well as the Quality of Language mark.

Having set the scene, the student explains how modern society places value on a successful career to the extent that many people struggle to cope with expectations in the workplace and suffer from stress as a result. While at this point some responses veered too far in the direction of talking about stress, this response is good in that it brings us back to the key issue, that of finding the right balance between work and leisure. The argument is again enhanced by the use of sophisticated vocabulary such as *zurechtkommen*, *vernachlässigen* and *widerspiegeln*.

In his third paragraph, the student explains the importance of keeping work and leisure separate. He uses examples from his personal life to illustrate his point, mentioning how physical exercise can help to divert attention from the pressures of everyday life and therefore relieve stress. The appropriate use of words and phrases such as *Auszeit*, *körperliche Betätigung*, *in eine andere Welt eintauchen* and *Abwechslung im Alltag* enables the student to put his points over convincingly.

The final paragraph of this concise yet thorough response brings the reader back to the question, drawing a logical conclusion from the points that he has already made. Both work and leisure are important and contribute to a person's well-being. The student rounds off his response by quoting the proverb *Müßiggang ist aller Laster Anfang*, i.e. idleness is the beginning of all vice, while also emphasising the importance of recreation and relaxation.

A Content mark of 20/20 is justified because of the excellent depth of treatment, clear structure and good justification for the points made. The student displays real insight into the question and expresses his opinions with confidence and precision. It does not matter that the student has not referred to two of the three ideas mentioned on the question paper – 'working longer leads to a longer life' and 'part-time work is the best solution' – because he has concentrated instead on developing his own points.

Range of vocabulary, Complexity of Language and Accuracy

Linguistically this response goes some way beyond what might normally be expected at AS level and clearly deserves full marks for range of vocabulary, range of structures and accuracy. Although there are a few minor errors such as the misspelling of *letzten*, the student manipulates the language with ease and uses a wide range of idiom such as *sowohl* ... als auch, sei es and the particle ja, as well as the usual range of verb tenses and complex sentences.

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