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## Introduction

Candidates responded well to the questions this year, and demonstrated a range of performance, from candidates with a very high level of linguistic competency who were also able to marshal arguments effectively and demonstrate thorough, thoughtful research, to candidates who were barely articulate in German and struggled to operate at the intellectual level appropriate to A-Level. In the middle was the usual range of candidates with excellent German who did not fully meet the requirements of the discursive essay or the RBE, candidates who struggled through still-developing German to express some insightful ideas, and candidates whose language and insightfulness were equally mid-range.

Many candidates performed very differently in each part of the paper, showing a range of strengths and weaknesses.

## Question 1

Most candidates were able to gain some marks for communication in the translation this year, although some struggled with even quite basic lexis. Most candidates were able to attempt the complex elements in the first three sections, often with some success. The last two sections proved tricky - some students struggled to communicate essential elements, and most candidates found the complex elements here a challenge. Many candidates struggled with adjective endings, cases and tenses, and for some word order was problematic, even in fairly simple constructions.

#### Section 1

The vast majority of candidates communicated the essential elements in this section, and most were able to accurately translate the complex elements. "High" proved difficult for many with common alternatives for "hohen" being "hohe", "höhe" "höheren" "hoch". A pleasingly high number of candidates knew "rechtfertigen" but a large minority had to improvise with "justifizieren" or "justifien" or a totally unrelated verb like "erklären". Almost all responses had the second verb in the infinitive form at the end of the sentence.

#### Section 2

The essential information in this section was also often translated correctly. Most candidates used the term "Europäische Union" but some wrote EU, which was also acceptable. Many candidates successfully translated the complex elements, including the dative plural and the adjective ending. Some, however, struggled with 'the most', and a small minority of candidates found 'it costs' too demanding, writing, "es kosten".

#### Section 3

Again, most candidates managed to convey the essential elements, and many were able to successfully attempt the complex elements. "In eine Stadt umziehen" was a problem for many and several had to fall back on "gehen" or "fahren". Some used the plural "Städte" (or in a few cases "Staaten") instead of "Stadt". Similarly, "um zu studieren" was correctly used by the majority (although a few used "lernen"), but a good differentiator was the final clause, where weaker candidates did not use "was" for "which" but "das" followed by normal word order "das kann ziemlich teuer werden" or in some cases "sein". "to become" was often a false friend ("bekommen").

### Section 4

This section proved more challenging across the ability range, both in terms of lexis and structure. Many candidates managed to communicate, but few tackled the complex elements satisfactorily. Although most candidates did not know, "Vorlesungen", a variety of alternatives were accepted, so long as students communicated the concept of face to face contact. A significant minority of candidates struggled to communicate, "Is it worth it?", and very few used, "Lohnt es sich?" although most candidates were able to use an acceptable variant such as, "ist es es wert?" This section had a number of complex structures. Most candidates recognised the passive construction, although many struggled to translate it accurately. Very few candidates recognised that "Since" would best be translated by "Da," even though this is a recurring element in translations. A minority of candidates were overwhelmed by the present continuous, and translated, "are asking themselves" as, "sind fragen selbst".

### Section 5

A pleasing proportion of candidates navigated the complexities of this section to communicate essential information, although for many the demands of this challenging section were too high.

"To consider" proved difficult for many. Although a pleasing number of candidates did know "in Betracht ziehen" or were able to use an acceptable synonym such as "denken an", a significant minority "left a blank or wrote "considerierte". "Steigende" was also troublesome; some candidates misspelt ("steigernde/stiegende"), others used "annehmende" or just "höhere".

The main problem for most was the use of the conditional in the "wenn" clause with many choosing and using the present tense instead of the conditional. In the main clause most candidates did use "würde" + infinitive, and many did make "entscheiden" reflexive. Stronger candidates used "dagegen", but a significant proportion used "gegen es".

## Question 2 (a)

As usual, very few candidates attempted this question. Those who did, performed across the full range of marks. There were some creative and suspenseful narratives. The most successful built up to the moment seen in the image, where the young person is shouting through a megaphone. Many candidates referred to abortion or animal rights, and a minority seemed to be using this question as an opportunity to write the discursive essay they wished had come up – this was successful only in so far as the candidates produced creative narrative.

## Question 2 (b)

Candidates responded in a variety of ways to the stimulus, many of them creative and imaginative. The best were plausible within the genre they were written in, created genuine suspense and used a wide range of structures and vocab evoking powerful imagery and feelings. The content of the stories varied between seeing a long lost friend, a member of the family, a famous person or a stranger who may or may not have been sinister, although more than one story involved very sinister characters threatening violence but who ended up taking the person to a surprise party organised by family and friends! In a few cases the development was very much in line with a detective story and often a kidnapping story, and for stronger candidates this worked very well.

Weaker candidates generally tended to list a sequence of events which could be very mundane, with a lot of descriptions of what the person looked like, was wearing, etc. with very little action. Some candidates were inclined to include dialogue which was not of an appropriate level to gain high marks.

In order to be successful with that approach the candidate needs to have a wealth of appropriate vocabulary and structures to hand so, although this type of topic looks straightforward, that can be deceptive as the danger is that the language used will be basic as at GCSE without the range and sophistication expected at A Level.

### **Discursive Essay**

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- (f) Wer nicht arbeitet, kann auch kein Geld vom Staat erwarten! Sind Sie damit einverstanden?
- (g) Der Tourismus ist eher menschenfeindlich als menschenfreundlich. Inwieweit sind Sie auch dieser Meinung?

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Although at times the style is too colloquial for writing, the story is well built up, with suspension, feeling, some description and plenty of action. There is a satisfying twist in the tale.

This candidate scores, in the main, in the top bands across the Assessment Objectives.



Creative essays should be imaginative but plausible Stories should build up suspense and curiosity

It is important to write in an appropriate written register, with rich and varied language.

## Question 2 (c)

Once again this year, this question was only attempted by a small number of candidates. Of these, a few were able to write a well-structured newspaper report, with the appropriate register, style and structure. Some candidates considered a range of significant consequences of the internet going down, such as the effects on transport and business, noting that air traffic control, rail control and most business systems were web based. Others merely commented on how nice it was to spend the day in the park actually talking to people.

## Question 2 (d)

Although not the most popular of the options, this question was answered by a significant proportion of candidates, covering the full range of ability. Strong responses were thoughtful, developed and well structured, really engaging with the question, and providing coherent argument. For instance, the strongest responses questioned what "all young people" meant, considering both young men and young women. They also tended to argue that, although there were benefits to conscription, in the modern world these were largely based on outmoded political situations, expensive and outweighed by considerations of free choice and the need to progress in education.

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Weaker responses tended to assume that military service meant being plunged straight into a war zone with little or no preparation, and that it would result in almost certain death. Candidates would be well advised to avoid questions which require knowledge they do not have.

Candidates who announced that they or their parents came from countries where conscription is still in place generally had a better understanding of the issues involved in a year of military service.

Overall, the vast majority of the essays came down on the side of young people having a choice and not being conscripted into military service. Although it was conceded that the experience might be beneficial for character building, discipline and learning new skills that would be useful in a future career and the country would have a wealth of suitably trained people to turn to if war broke out, mostly conscription was viewed as a violation of human rights and that most young people would be fed up with having to follow rules at school so would prefer the freedom to go to university instead. Other arguments included the negative impacts on family life or possible dangers of death due to war zones or the dangers of handling weapons which could lead to more aggressive behaviour. Very few essays mentioned the idea that would be a bad idea (one said the young women would have to leave their children behind which would be bad for family life.)

## Question 2 (e)

This question was popular and was answered by a significant proportion of candidates, covering the full range of ability. There were a higher proportion of very strong responses to this question than to the other options. Strong responses were thoughtful, developed and well structured, really engaging with the question of whether the government should censor the media, and providing coherent argument.

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Strong responses tended to acknowledge the dangers present in the media, and recognise that censorship might help, but suggest other measures than censorship to deal with them. They generally understood the link between a free press and a functioning democracy, and mentioned the dangers of giving a government unrestricted powers to censor the media. They were able to use current and historical examples of media censorship effectively to support their points, including use of social media in civil uprising. These candidates discussed freedom of expression in a thoughtful way.

Weaker responses discussed the pros and cons of the media or of advertising, or focused on the dangers of overly thin models or radicalisation without linking these points back to the question. These candidates tended to assert that anything that contradicted their right to say whatever they like was a bad thing, without a consideration of the implications – either or censorship or of unrestrained freedom of expression.

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Examiner Comments

This is a very strong response. It is clear, focused, informed and well-argued. Although the language does contain some errors, it is complex and varied.

This candidate scores, in the main, in the top bands across the Assessment Objectives.



Writing on alternate lines can really help the examiner to read problematic writing.

## Question 2 (f)

This question was the most popular of the options here, answered by candidates covering the full range of ability. Strong responses were thoughtful, developed and well structured, really engaging with the question about whether people who do not work should expect money from the government, and providing coherent argument. These candidates tended to consider the moral, social and economic implications of giving and not giving money to those who did not work, and separated those who did not work into different categories fairly thoughtfully – including those who had once worked and contributed to the system. They then analysed whether they should expect to receive money from the state.

Weaker responses tended to see the issue in a far more simplistic way, generalising those who did not work as lazy and unwilling to work. They were highly concerned with the unfairness of those who were willing to work paying higher taxes to support those who were not. They were sometimes prepared to concede that those who could not work, such as the disabled, single parents, the overweight or the old might deserve some money from the state, and sometimes gave reasons for this. Some candidates discussed women on maternity leave or homemaking, homeless alcoholics, refugees and immigrants in general without providing evidence. Some candidates referred to the Harz V system in Germany although this wasn't always used to effect with regards to the question. Some of these candidates confused the meaning of "erwarten", thinking that it meant receive rather than expect.

On the whole, structure and register were appropriate to the task, providing some sustained argument in an appropriately measured way, but there were a significant number of less well-structured responses which tended to rant and assert opinions without justifying them.

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#### Examiner Comments

This candidate appears to have written the essay in faded ink, then over written it in darker ink, crossed bits out and written between the lines. It is extremely difficult to read, which is not in the candidate's best interests.

This is a stark contrast to candidates who write a beautiful copy of an essay, then cross it out and write an identical beautiful copy.

This candidate scores in the mid-range bands across the Assessment Objectives.



This candidate would benefit from using alternate lines

If crossings out become very confused, put a line through that part of the essay and start again.

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**Examiner Comments** 

The language in this essay is extremely weak, but the candidate nevertheless manages to communicate some relevant ideas. It deals with some of the main implications of the question, although some of the ideas are a little simplistic. The candidate does try to develop ideas, for example by suggesting that the obese do some sport and eat healthily instead of using state money to buy chips, but this development lacks sophistication and sometimes misses the key points of the question.

As a result the candidate scores in the lower bands for Range and application of language and Accuracy. A mid-range mark band for Organisation and Development would be considered. For Understanding and Response the lower end of mark band 10-12 would be considered here.

## **Results Jus**

#### **Examiner Tip**

This candidate could spend more time planning.

Think about what the main issues are - the most important.

Explore the idea of unfairness in more depth - why is it unfair?

Explore the idea of poverty in more depth - this is introduced in the conclusion - why not use it earlier in the essay?

Think about causes and consequences of unemployment and use these to focus on who needs help from the state and why.

Check verb agreements, focusing on plural endings.

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## Question 2 (g)

Perhaps the least popular of the questions, this question was nevertheless answered by a significant proportion of candidates. Although there were strong responses to this question, there were also a significant number of responses which seemed barely to have progressed from AS level discussions of tourism, and which focused on environmental concerns without considering the human impact of tourism. There were also a number of anti-tourist rants, a few candidates who thought that tourism was good for people because it was nice to lie in the sun and a few who ranted wrote about terrorism and foreigners without specifically linking this to the human effects of tourism.

Strong responses were thoughtful, developed and well structured, really engaging with the question about the human impact of tourism, and providing coherent argument. These responses tended to focus on the way pollution caused by tourism affects people, on the bad behaviour of tourists and the effect of this on local residents, the ways in which local cultures are being negatively affected by tourism, the ways in which tourism can be exploitative of local people, especially via low paid seasonal work, with major profits leaving the country. They also considered the benefits of tourism. Many candidates identified that tourism was good for tourists.

For stronger candidates, structure and register were appropriate to the task, providing some sustained argument in an appropriately measured way. There was a greater proportion in this question of less well-structured responses, which tended to either rant, giving their opinion at length, or to provide an overly long introduction, often without giving direction to the essay, state what some people thought, state what other people thought, and then assert their own opinion without justifying it.

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Ich bin mir relativ sicher, dass sich schon fast jeder mal über Touristen aufgeregt hat. Oftmals traben sle in ganzen Schzaren an, versperren die Fussgängerzone, da sie sich für keine Richtung entscheiden können, oder gezade Totos von einem sehr " einheimisch ausschenden " Supermarkt machen. Sie rempeln dich an, da ihre Köpfe tiet in einer Stadtkarte stecken und sagen dann nichtmal entschuldi ung, da sie doine Sprache nicht sprechen. Man könnte noch hunderte, weitere Punkte auf zählen und sich den ganzen Tag weiterhin aufregen, jedoch sallle man sich auch mal überlegen, ob Tourismus eigenduich doch gerechtfertigt ist und inwiefern gewisse Stadle davon abhangig sind, Als E Erstmals sallen wit une wohl überlegen, we well Male wir selbist in der Jauristen Ralle waren und was damals unsere Absichten waren. Menschan reisen & in verschiedene Ländor, besuchen neue Stâdle, un etwas von dieser Well zu sehen. Die Welt bereisen, neue Erfahrungen machen, in eine fremde Kultur eintauchen! Es ist vollig verständwich dass man in einer fremden, grossen Stadt antangs Keine Orientierung hat, oder unter Umständen die Sprache dueses Landes nicht behenscht. Viele Tauristen Städle, Ferien Anlagen, ect. sind vom Taun'smus zubhängig umd würden ohne ihm bankrot genen.

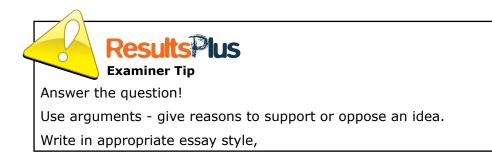


#### Examiner Comments

This is not a strong response. Although the language sounds very German, it is in the wrong register for a discursive essay, and it is a long way from rich and varied.

The candidate does not answer the question, and generally rants about tourists.

The candidate scores in the top bands for Accuracy, mid-range bands for Range and Application and lower bands for Understanding and Organisation.



## Question 3 (a)

As usual, this question was answered by only a relatively small number of candidates. Strong responses demonstrated clear evidence of reading, research and understanding, and fully answered both parts of the question – how industry has changed and whether the area was in a position to meet the future.

However, many candidates who answered this question were not able to demonstrate much evidence of having researched their chosen area, or found it difficult to make what they did know fit the question, in that they were not very well able to identify how industry had changed, or evaluate how well-prepared it was for the future. A significant number of candidates opting for this question elected to write about an area they felt they knew well rather than one they had carefully researched, particularly those who had lived in a German speaking country, and were writing from personal knowledge of the area rather than researching an area, which meant they were not as able to do themselves justice by substantiating. Most candidates found it difficult to organise their knowledge so that the second part of the question could be confidently answered and justified. Only very few offered solutions as to what the town/region should do to be more prepared for the future.

Although there were some well-structured, well-argued and well developed responses, many candidates would benefit from looking at how to organise their responses, many essays had wordy general introductions which then prevented them from developing ideas later on in the body of the essay. Some candidates favoured the use of questions, throughout or in the conclusion which would be better omitted, both stylistically and in terms of presenting a convincing argument. It is also unnecessary to set the scene at length.

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enthalt Der Region, die ich studiert habe, thet viele Industri Aneman Region geprägt hat: are pare der industrie Erstens ist Tourismustin das Gebiet sehr wichtig weil es die Region geandert hat. Das heißt der Region hat viele külturellen Sehenswurdigkeiten, die attraktiv für viele Leute sind. Und das bringt viele möglichkeiten un die Wirtschaft des Regions zu verbessern. In die Zukunft ist die Industrie dort vorbereitet, weil die Bedeutung des Regions jeden tag größer ist, und um die Tourismus Zahlreiche zu bewaten, haben sie ein Zueckverband einleiten. Das besteht aus nicht nur Sevenswurdigkeiten zu bauen sondern auch viele & Activitaten wie zum Beispiel Harrier so gennantes Karneval oder die Rhein in PFlamen, zu machen. & Wie ich schon gesagt habe, das wirde natürlich ein möglichkeiten für die Wirtschaft des Region ønzusteigen. sind Eweitens wat die Industrien Aleris und TRW wichnig. Beide Industrien herstellen Teilen

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# Results Plus

Examiner Comments

This is a weak response which does not answer the question at all effectively. It is broadly descriptive, starting with a long and unnecessary tourist guide style introduction which is not at all related to the industry.

When the candidate does begin to talk about industry, they do not mention changes to the industry, and merely assert that it is ready for the future without giving effective reasons. The conclusion is answering a totally different question. It is descriptive, and although there is evidence of some facts having been learned, it is all rather superficial.

Candidates' scores in the mid-range bands for Quality of Language and the lower bands for Research and Understanding and Organisation and Development



Answer the question!

Prepare information that can be used to answer a range of questions.

Practise using this information to answer different questions.

## Question 3 (b)

This was a reasonably popular choice of question. Strong responses were fully based in reading, research and understanding, and fully answered the question about social changes and their effects. These candidates tended to describe a social change using laws and reforms, historical events, new market strategies, statistics and their effects on the population.

Most candidates were able to grasp the requirements of the question and, adequately identify some aspects of social change and evaluate them. However, there were still a significant proportion of responses which tended to simply describe the "Zeitraum" by listing historical data without much reference to the question.

As a general rule, candidates who focused in on a small section of history were more successful in generating a well-researched, sophisticated and evaluated response than those who opted for broader sections, where they were only able to identify changes in a more superficial way.

Although there were some well-structured, well-argued and well developed responses, many candidates would benefit from looking at how to organise their responses, many essays had wordy general introductions which then prevented them from developing ideas later on in the body of the essay. Some candidates favoured the use of questions, throughout or in the conclusion which would be better omitted, both stylistically and in terms of presenting a convincing argument. It is also unnecessary to set the scene at length.

Ich studierte der Zeitraum 1971-1989, wichtigste Persöhlichkeit Erich Honecker war. ersetzte Honecker Walter Ulbricht Staatsvorsitzender der SED (die Sozialistische Einheitspartei Deutschland und Honecker führte sozialen Veränderungen eir. rach Antsartitt erliess er eine neue Gleich e, die die "Einheitder Wirtscha Sts-und instrebte. Der Grund dahür lieren wol und besteht in der weil ceren Erhöt naterieller und ku Aul des Vol res . Lun Beispi sta. Socialleistungen wie ein bezahltes hothere

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arbeiten und alle hatten eine Wohnung. Die Folge war, dass der Lebensstandard<sup>2</sup> in der DDR der höchste des Ostblocks war und die Bevölkerung waren inmer mehr zufrieden. \*

Wegen der Sozialpolitik , stand die Wirtschaft kurz vor den Zusammenbruch. Honecker hatte übermässige Mengen an Geld aus den 1661 Westen geliehen, um die Subwentionen zu finanzieren. Folstieg die Auslandererschuldung von 19702 Mrd M auf 1980 27,9 Mrd M<sup>5</sup>. Daher, um die ernsthaften Schulden zu tilgen, importierte Honerber Müll Aus dem Westen und hochwertigte Konsungüter wurden erportiert, die das erlehen Lebensbedingungen der Berölkening verschlimmerte Der Grund dafür var, dass es zu Versötzungsengpässe & kam und es führte zu Krankheiten weger der Müllberge. Beispielsweise litt fast jedes zweite Kird an Atomwegserkrankungen! Das zeigt, dass die So sozialen Veränderungen die Wirtschaft schwächte und dies machte das Leben für die Berölkerung schwerer.

Wenn ich alles in Betracht ziehe, komme ich zu dem Schluer, dass die Sozialpolitik viele ardere sozialen Veröhderungen vergative untermanerte und en schulet zoderes sie eine regativer Auswirkungen auf die Bevölkering hatten, vor allen weil die

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This is focused, well researched and answers the question from different perspectives. It makes points about political and economic reforms and shows how they caused social changes and the effects these had on the population. There is a very effective understanding of the period, and there has clearly been in depth research.

The top bands across all Assessment Objectives would be considered for this response.

## Question 3 (c)

More candidates than normal answered this question, and the overwhelming majority of these focussed on the refugee crisis. The strongest responses really focused on the political challenges inherent in the refugee crisis, with awareness of political consequences and actions being taken to deal with the crisis. These responses showed clear evidence of having read and listened to quality news media regularly. These responses analysed and evaluated consequences such as the rise of far-right populist parties such as AfD and marches by PEGIDA. There were some very thoughtful considerations of how the government and other agencies were dealing with the crisis.

However, many candidates responded in more general terms, dealing with the crisis facing Europe as a whole without focusing specifically on German-speaking countries. Few candidates could analyse in depth how the government was responding to the challenge and answers were often focussed on humanitarian rather than political aspects. Few candidates showed evidence of in-depth research; statistics quoted were general and at times lacked credibility with the appearance of having been gleaned from social media or even made up. Supporting 'evidence' was often anecdotal in tone based on perceived personal experience.

## Question 3 (d)

This was, as ever, the most popular of the options, with a significant majority of the candidates answering this question.

Many candidates engaged well with the question, and produced thoughtful evaluative responses, either on the goals of a character within the work, or on how the character was used for a purpose by the author/writer/director to develop a theme/plot device.

Those who identified a single significant goal, or a goal which changed, were generally the most successful as they were able to use key scenes within their chosen work to evaluate how they affected/enabled their chosen character in pursuit of the goal. These essays sometimes also questioned the goals, gave different viewpoints and/ or offered interpretations that were beyond the obvious approach. The changing of goals was often successfully described, especially in essays about "Das Leben der Anderen" and "Good-bye Lenin" and linked to a general change in the character. Successful essays also managed to evaluate the fact whether the goal(s) had been achieved and back up this evaluation with evidence from the work.

Weaker responses tended to identify insignificant goals, and often listed a series of insignificant goals, without much analysis or evaluation, seeking a number of goals to consider in their response, and tending to identify side-themes or single events as goals and so limited themselves to rather superficial or confused responses.

Disappointingly, many essays were a summary of the plot of either a film or a book, not referring at all to the question or merely mentioning "Ziele" as an afterthought in the conclusion. Some candidates took the introduction to summarise the plot without reflecting on the question at all.

There was once again evidence that some candidates were not aware of the requirements for the research-based question, choosing works which did not lend themselves to analysis and evaluation, and in some instances, works which were not of German origin.

Although there were some well-structured, well-argued and well developed responses, many candidates would benefit from looking at how to organise their responses, many essays had wordy general introductions which then prevented them from developing ideas later on in the body of the essay. Some candidates favoured the use of questions, throughout or in the conclusion which would be better omitted, both stylistically and in terms of presenting a convincing argument. It is also unnecessary to set the scene at length.

The most popular films were "Das Leben der Anderen", "Die Welle", "Good Bye Lenin!" and the most popular books "Der Besuch der alten Dame", Die 'Physiker', "Der Vorleser" but also "Andorra", "Homo Faber" and "Die Verwandlung". A few candidates wrote about Lessing's, "Nathan der Weise," and saw clear parallels between the Enlightenment work about religious tolerance and the situation today. For the first time, there were a few essays on Bauersima's "Norway today", and on the film "Fack ju Göthe," which, despite their names, both seem suitable for analysis and consideration of cultural background.

Das felden der anderen, von Hillbrom Florian Hendel von Donnersmarde (Norgeniert, spricht vom "Leben und Leiden im Schatten der Stan" (Keinhard Mohr). Eine der Mauptfiguren, Grend Wiesler (Ulrich Mühre), hat meiner Meinung nach quei Ziele: nicht nur ein oputer Sozialist oppgesin sandem auch ein guter Mensch qu sein. Wir werden sehen, wie erfolgreich er ist.

In der damaligen Deutschen Demokratischen Kepublik lemte man in der Schule, vie man ein guter Sozialist sin vonde. Am Anfang ist Wiesler ein ausquichmeter Beispiel word houstern Stogioffizier: wir schauen seinen Unterricht der Stanverhörnethalen an, insos geigt in nie unmenschlicht er lauk Johnson ist. UN deser Dironslit ist Herder ein guter Sozialist abor Seiner lexter Flauben an den Sozialismus ist in der Kanthre-Szene undlargestellt : prisopration muss als er mit den niedrigeren feuten sitet: irgendue mun der Sozialismus doch beginnen. Jedoch kann er nicht vallig dem Regime quitimment; er mid mitgenommen und entrustet als er nemps wahre selbutsuchtige Beneggnünde herausfindet. Deshalls Rosatet beginnet er Widerstand dem Vegine gegenüber in leisten und dadurch setaf sine eigene verufliche Zukunft auf Spiel. Er ist jord in aber ein hemerer Sozialist als anihity ( Unich Tukur), der sich nur mit Ehrquig reparts, mir reide haben an duzier hiebesgerchichte viel zu Das Regime und seine Kollegen sind hür geninnen., oder en verlieren. entranschend: Wieder wird handmittert, wie anden als er

andere ihren Glauben an den Kommunismus leben", und deshalls erreicht er diejes Ziel nicht.

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Wieder Vermegen wird ar purischen sevien Treven hin - und hengerissen. Er möchte ein guter Mensch sein, aher es it ihm nicht. Klar, nen das bedeutet: "es ist ein großer Manent für ihn, ein Manent der Entscheidung, aber auch der Vermeißlung " Später denke er dans er sei zu weit gegangen, und denhalls gelit er mit einem nahren Berdut gar Brack. Alt den Manuastignen ider Proyonand Selocation Kode Artikel in Constity. Als er Drayman Strafe hort, andert er ceine Meinung: und neißt du, nos alleiherte ist? Die meisten By Typ 3, die nir so hearbeitet haben, schreiben danach überhaugt nicht nehr." Et sieht zum enten Mal nie unloamhennig die Stan irt, und danach bezignt er mittlisch en handeln. Obnohl Suchstand sagt, es sei, die Kunst, die ihn zum griten Menschen macht, denke ich persäulich, dans er mall redut machen nill, was er früher als Stan-Major erledigt hatte. Schließlich rettel er Oreymans Jelsen, indem er die Schreibmaschin van Versteck entfemt : das gilt für mich als Bemeis, dans er jetzt ein onter Mensch geworden ist. Wer fürtutet die Strefe der Stan wicht valu.

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Der Vorleser von Bernhard Schlink üt ein modernüche Roman über die zweite Generation nach der Knieg. Es gibt zwei Hauptcharakters; michael Berg, eine 15-Jähnge Junge, und Hanna schmidt, ein <del>Emu</del> ungepähr 140-Jähnge Frau. Beides chavakters haben verschue done Ziele, Aber Hannas sind mehr uichtiger in der Phlauf des Romans.

Hannas Ziele verandert in Verauf des Romans. Im ersten Teil, ühre Ziel ist Michael zu nutzen Hannas ist Analphabetin, also wann Michael kemmt nach Hannas Wahnung, er test michael lest für Hanna. (passend der Titel- 'ber Voreser'). Medegen Hanna sie nutzt

Michael auch für Lieben und manchmal für HHF hilfe mit Hausarbeit Hanna ist erfolgreich mit diese Ziele, da Michael Liebt Hanna und er wurde für v machen nele Blinge für sie.

In zweite Teil des Romans, wir finden <del>uber das</del> dass Hanna ein Außschenn in Awelwirte war Wegen dau, sie geht nach Gefängnis und später macht selbsmord. Wir hören Hannas meining bei Gericht wonn sie <del>Jage</del>, Was wirdest du hin?" Nicht wie Michael, Hanna hat Anger <del>Lage</del> für ihre Vergangeheit, im verg Das üt im Vergleich zu michael; ihres

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## Results Plus Examiner Comments

This is a mid-range response. There is an attempt to answer the question but the essay is mostly narrative. It is not always clear what the goals are that the candidate is referring to. There are quotations, but these are not always apt or well used.



Plan more thoroughly with more detail.

Use the plan to guide the essay - the plan shows clear goals identified. Each section could start with the identification of those goals rather than with telling the story.

Avoid narrative.

Only mention events which can help you to answer the question.

Use quotations to help you answer the question.

### Section B

As usual, there were a small number of candidates who did not remember to tick the box for which question they were answering, or who changed their minds so many times that it was unclear to the optical reader. In most of these cases the content of the essay made it clear to the examiner, although there were one or two responses which were so unclear that it was not obvious which question they were answering.

## Section C

As usual, there were a few candidates who did not tick the box to show which question they were answering. In most cases it was immediately clear to the examiner which question they were attempting, but there were one or two which operated fluidly across geography, history and modern period without effectively responding to any of the questions.

## **Paper Summary**

Overall, the session went well, and most candidates seemed to do themselves justice.

Based on their performance on this paper, candidates are offered the following advice:

- Plan carefully and effectively.
- Focus on ideas and quotations which will answer the question rather than favourite ideas, pre-prepared phrases and quotations.
- Take ideas one step further for example by considering causes and consequences and using these to answer the question.
- Practise using information to answer a range of different questions (rather than prelearning whole essays and hoping that they fit the question that comes up).
- Check language carefully with a focus on known weaknesses for instance, candidates who struggle with verb endings should get those right before thinking about dative plurals.
- Develop arguments and ideas rather than describing, narrating and asserting.

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