



General Certificate of Secondary Education

German (Short Course) 3667

3667/W Writing

Mark Scheme

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WRITING TESTS

PART ONE

Principles of Marking

- All marking is to be done in accordance with the published Criteria for Assessment.
- The stress is on effective communication. Credit should be given for the language successfully conveying the target message without ambiguity.
- There is no need to count the number of words used to answer each question. The sole criterion is completion of the tasks set.

MARK ALLOCATION

Foundation	Communication	Quality of Language	Total
List	2		2
Message	12	8	20
Letter	8	12	20
Total	22	20	42

Higher	Communication	Quality of Language	Total
Letter	8	12	20
Question 2	8	12	20
Total	16	24	40

FOUNDATION TIER QUESTION 1 - List Question

This question will be assessed for Communication only.

Marks	Degree of Communication
1	1 - 2 words correct, without ambiguity.
2	3 - 4 words correct, without ambiguity.

Maximum mark - 2

QUESTION 2 - Message Question

This question will consist of six tasks and will be assessed for Degree of Communication and Quality of Language.

DEGREE OF COMMUNICATION

For each of the six tasks, the following criteria will be used.

Marks	Degree of Communication
0	Required message not communicated.
1	Comprehension difficult or ambiguous. Some relevant information conveyed.
2	Required message conveyed without ambiguity even if not totally correct.
6 x 2 = 12 marks	

QUALITY OF LANGUAGE

A global mark out of 8 will be awarded. The mark awarded for Communication will determine the mark range available for Quality of Language according to the following criteria.

Marks awarded for Communication	Marks available for Quality of Language	Quality of Language
0 - 1	0	Inaccuracy is almost always a barrier to communication.
2 - 4	1 - 2	Some of the messages are intelligible but the frequency of serious error makes communication difficult.
5 - 6	3 - 4	Several of the messages are intelligible, despite frequent error which creates ambiguity and requires effort from the reader.
7 - 8	5 - 6	Errors occur regularly but most intended messages can be understood, with hesitation but without undue difficulty.
9 - 12	7 - 8	Despite various errors, the piece is more accurate than inaccurate; intended meanings are usually clear.

Maximum mark $12 + 8 = 20$

QUESTION 3 - Letter Question

This question will consist of eight tasks and will be assessed for Degree of Communication, Range/Complexity and Accuracy, giving a maximum mark of 20.

DEGREE OF COMMUNICATION

- The assessment of Communication depends upon recognising an attempt to write something about the task.
- You should not take into account the quality of the language used, unless it interferes so much that communication would not take place.
- Candidates will be expected to go beyond the minimum level of response in order to score at least 3 marks. This means that the candidate will have added an additional detail (hereafter called a **Development**), which goes beyond the minimum required by the task.
- For a Development to be accepted, the quality of language should be the same as that which is required for a Communication task.
- Developments cannot be credited for a task which has been rejected.
- There can be only **one** Development per task in this question.

Tasks to Marks - Degree of Communication

Tasks	Marks	Requirement	Degree of Communication
0	0		Nothing of merit; fails to communicate OR occasional words are recognisable within sentences but no complete messages are communicated.
1	1		Communicates <i>a little</i> basic information (e.g. simple facts).
2 – 8 (0 Dev)	2		
3 - 8 (1 Dev)	3		<i>Some</i> basic information is conveyed; occasional additional details conveyed (e.g. description, simple opinion).
3 - 8 (2 Dev)	4		
5 - 8 (3 Dev)	5	Must include an opinion, if not, revert to 4 marks	Communicates clearly <i>quite a lot</i> of relevant information, including personal opinions; regularly goes beyond a basic response to give more detailed information relating to descriptions and accounts.
5 - 8 (4 Dev)	6	Must include an opinion, if not, revert to 4 marks	
7 - 8 (5 Dev)	7	Must include justification of an opinion, if not, revert to 6 marks	Communicates <i>a lot</i> of relevant information; candidate can narrate events, give full descriptions and can express and justify ideas and points of view.
7 - 8 (6 Dev)	8	Must include justification of an opinion, if not, revert to 6 marks	

QUALITY OF LANGUAGE

- Marks will be awarded out of 6 for each of Range/Complexity and Accuracy. The marks will be added to make a total out of 12 for Quality of Language.
- The mark awarded under Range/Complexity must not be more than **one mark** higher than the mark awarded for Degree of Communication.
- The mark awarded under Accuracy must not be more than **one mark** higher than the mark awarded for Degree of Communication.
- If a mark is awarded for Communication this will inevitably lead to the award of a mark for Range/Complexity and for Accuracy.
- For the award of 4 marks or more under Range/Complexity there must be at least one reference to each of past, present and future events.

Range / Complexity	Marks	Accuracy
Very little effective vocabulary. There are occasional recognisable words but they make little coherent sense.	0	There is little, if any, evidence of understanding of the most basic linguistic structures.
The vocabulary and structures used are simple, often repetitive, limited in range and may contain many cognates.	1	There is only limited understanding of the most basic linguistic structures and most sentences contain major errors.
Vocabulary is appropriate to the basic needs of the task. Structures are simple, often repetitive and are rarely linked.	2	Most sentences contain errors, many of a major nature, and verb forms are rarely accurate.
Vocabulary and structures are appropriate to the task with a little attempt at variety and there is some successful attempt to link structures together.	3	There are some major errors and frequent minor ones. Attempts at verb forms and tense formations are often unsuccessful.
There is some variety in the use of vocabulary and some successful attempts at a variety of structures including attempts at longer sentences using appropriate linking words. Some personal opinions are successfully expressed. There are successful attempts at using more than one time frame.	4	There are a number of minor errors and a few major ones, but the piece is more accurate than inaccurate. Verb forms and tense formations are not always correct, but the intended meaning is clearly recognisable.
There is a wider range of vocabulary and structure which communicates descriptions and opinions with some precision. Longer sentences, including the use of subordinate clauses, are used more regularly and with increasing success.	5	Inaccuracies are mainly of a minor nature although some major errors may occur when complex structures are attempted. Verb forms and tense formations are usually correct.
A wide range of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the topic is effectively used. Longer, more complex sentences are handled with confidence producing a fluent piece of coherent language.	6	There are hardly any major and a few minor errors even in more complex structures. The overall impression is of accuracy and verb forms and tense formations are secure.

The maximum mark for the Foundation Tier Paper is 42.

HIGHER TIER

QUESTION 1

This question is the same as that set for Foundation Writing Question 3. It should therefore be marked in accordance with the instructions given for Foundation Tier Question 3.

QUESTION 2

This question will consist of *four* tasks and will be assessed for Degree of Communication, Range/Complexity and Accuracy, giving a maximum of 20.

DEGREE OF COMMUNICATION

- The assessment of Communication depends upon recognising an attempt to write something about the task. All responses should be self-contained and comprehensible without reference to the rubrics.
- Candidates will be expected to go beyond the minimum level of response in order to score at least 2 marks. This means that the candidate will have added an additional piece of information, in the form of a phrase or clause (hereafter called a **Development**), which goes beyond the minimum required by the task.
- For a Development to be accepted, the quality of language should be the same as that which is required for a Communication task.
- Developments cannot be credited for a task which has been rejected.
- There can be *up to two* developments per task in this question.

Tasks to Marks - Degree of Communication

Tasks	Marks	Requirement	Degree of Communication
0	0		Nothing of merit; fails to communicate OR occasional words are recognisable within sentences but no complete messages are communicated.
1 – 4 (0 Dev)	1		Communicates <i>a little</i> basic information (e.g. simple facts).
1 - 4 (1 Dev)	2		
2 - 4 (2 Dev)	3		<i>Some</i> basic information is conveyed; occasional additional details conveyed (e.g. description, simple opinion).
2 - 4 (3 Dev)	4		
3 - 4 (4 Dev)	5	Must include an opinion, if not, revert to 4 marks	Communicates clearly <i>quite a lot</i> of relevant information, including personal opinions; regularly goes beyond a basic response to give more detailed information relating to descriptions and accounts.
3 - 4 (5 Dev)	6	Must include an opinion, if not, revert to 4 marks	
4 (6 Dev)	7	Must include justification of an opinion, if not, revert to 6 marks	Communicates <i>a lot</i> of relevant information; candidate can narrate events, give full descriptions and can express and justify ideas and points of view.
4 (7 - 8 Dev)	8	Must include justification of an opinion, if not, revert to 6 marks	

QUALITY OF LANGUAGE

- Marks will be awarded out of 6 for each of Range/Complexity and Accuracy. The marks will be added to make a total out of 12 for Quality of Language.
- The mark awarded under Range/Complexity must not be more than **one mark** higher than the mark awarded for Degree of Communication.
- The mark awarded under Accuracy must not be more than **one mark** higher than the mark awarded for Degree of Communication.
- If a mark is awarded for Communication this will inevitably lead to the award of a mark for Range/Complexity and for Accuracy.
- For the award of 4 marks or more under Range/Complexity there must be at least one reference to two of past/present/future events.

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A wide range of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the topic is effectively used. Longer, more complex sentences are handled with confidence producing a fluent piece of coherent language.	6	There are hardly any major and a few minor errors even in more complex structures. The overall impression is of accuracy and verb forms and tense formations are secure.

The maximum mark for the Higher Tier paper is 40.

PART 2

The criteria for assessment and the general marking instructions are given in Part 1 of the mark scheme.

The following information relates to the tasks set in the 2006 German Writing Tests.

Details of how marks are awarded to the tasks are contained in Part 1.

Foundation Tier

Question 1

(2 marks)

There is one task:

1	Items of clothing
Accept	Do not accept.
<i>Brille</i> <i>Höse</i> Any credible item of clothing	Any English <i>Pulli</i>

Note: 0 marks = 0 understandable words

1 mark = 1-2 words correct without ambiguity

2 marks = 3-4 words correct without ambiguity

Question 2**(20 marks)****12 marks Communication
8 marks Quality of Language**

There are 6 tasks each with a maximum of 2 marks:

1	What sort of school you go to		
	2	1	0
	<i>Ich gehe zu einer Gesamtschule</i>	<i>zu einer Gesamtschule Gesamtschule</i>	<i>Ich eine Schule</i>

2	When school begins		
	2	1	0
	<i>Die Schule beginnt um neun Uhr. Die Schule beginnt neun Uhr</i>	<i>Schule beginnt neun</i>	<i><u>Deine</u> Schule beginnt...</i>

3	What your favourite subject is.		
	2	1	0
	<i>Mein Lieblingsfach ist Sport.</i>	<i>Lieblingsfach Sport</i>	<i><u>Dein</u> Lieblingsfach ist...</i>

4	How you get to school.		
	2	1	0
	<i>Ich fahre mit dem Bus.</i>	<i>Fahre mit Bus. zu Bus Ich fahra... Ich kommst ein Auto</i>	<i>Ich bin Bus</i>

5	What you eat at lunchtime.		
	2	1	0
	<i>Ich esse gern Wurst.</i>	<i>esse Wurst.</i>	<i>Ich esse in der Kantine</i>

Question 2

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8 marks Quality of Language**

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	2	1	0
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4	How you get to school.		
	2	1	0
	<i>Ich fahre mit dem Bus.</i>	<i>Fahre mit Bus. zu Bus Ich fahra... Ich kommst ein Auto</i>	<i>Ich bin Bus</i>

5	What you eat at lunchtime.		
	2	1	0
	<i>Ich esse gern Wurst.</i>	<i>esse Wurst.</i>	<i>Ich esse in der Kantine</i>

6	What you do in the evening after school.		
	2	1	0
<i>Ich mache meine Hausaufgaben.</i>	<i>Mache Hausaufgaben.</i> <i>Ich machst Hausaufgaben</i> <i>Ich spielen Karten</i> <i>Ich speile Karten</i>	Answers with significant English: <i>I bin playing cards</i>	

Foundation Question 3 / Higher Question 1

(20 marks)

There are eight tasks:

- 1 **Opinion about cinemas**
Opinion needed. Development (dev) could be added information.
Ich gehe gern ins Kino. Das Kino ist in der Stadtmitte.
Reject: *Ich gern Kino* D1
- 2 **Your favourite film and why.**
Both elements needed. Dev could be additional information.
Mein Lieblingsfilm ist Police Academy 5. Ich mag Krimis. Der Film ist spannend. D2
- 3 **What sort of a job you have.**
Reference must be made to any acceptable job. Dev could be additional information.
Ich arbeite in einem Supermarkt. Ich arbeite an der Kasse.
D3
- 4 **How much you earn**
Any information acceptable. Dev could be additional information.
Ich verdiene 20 Euro pro Stunde. Das ist nicht genug. D4
- 5 **What you do with the money**
Any information acceptable. Dev could be additional information.
Ich spare für die Sommerferien. Ich werde mit meinen Freunden nach Hunstanton fahren. D5
- 6 **What you did last weekend.**
Past tense essential. Dev could be additional information.
Ich bin in die Stadt gegangen. Ich habe Klamotten gekauft. D6
- 7 **Plans for the summer.**
Reference to the future needed. Future tense not essential. Dev could be additional information.
Im Sommer werde ich mich entspannen. Vielleicht besuche ich meine Tante in Deutschland.
D7
- 8 **Question about Sabine's birthday.**
One question needed. Dev could be a second question or added information.
Warst du in einem Restaurant? Hast du viel gegessen? D8

Higher Question 2

(20 marks)

There are four tasks:

There can be up to two developments per task in this question.

- 1 **Opinion about sports facilities for young people in your area.**
Opinion about more than one facility needed. Dev could be additional information or an added opinion.
Die Sportmöglichkeiten sind nicht schlecht. Wir haben ein gutes Hallenbad in der Nähe und auch ein modernes Freizeitzentrum. Ich trainiere jeden Tag dort. D1
- 2 **Your opinion about stress in school.**
Opinion needed. Dev could be additional information or added opinion
Ich bekomme zu viele Hausaufgaben. Ich muss jeden Abend zwei Stunden arbeiten. Das ist zu viel. Ich habe keine Zeit für meine Freunde. D2
- 3 **What have you done to stay fit**
Reference to the past essential. Dev could be additional information.
Ich bin vor zwei Monaten zu einer Tanzschule gegangen. Das war sehr gut. Wir haben viel getanzt und auch viel gelacht. D3
- 4 **What you will do in future to stay fit and why.**
Reference to the future needed. Future tense not essential. Dev could be additional information.
In der Zukunft werde ich eine Stunde laufen, bevor ich zur Schule gehe. Laufen macht Spaß. Ich werde auch keinen Alkohol trinken. D4