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### IGCSE German (4375) Paper 1

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## Paper 1: Listening

To achieve success in this paper, candidates must not only master a certain level of German but must also be made aware of the demands of the question paper. The incline of difficulty means that very accessible questions at the beginning of the paper are followed by ones which require careful listening for gist and inference.

### Section A

#### Questions 1-5 HOBBYS

Most candidates made a good start to the paper by gaining 5 marks. However, some were unable to identify *Pferd* (F) and confused this with *Schach* (E). Some also had problems identifying *Schmuck* (D).

#### Questions 6-10 EINKAUFEN

This was generally well done. The most common error was to link *Lippenstift* to *Schreibwaren* rather than to *Schminke*.

#### Question 11 FAMILIE

This question discriminated well. Weaker candidates often picked up only one mark. Even better candidates were unable to distinguish between the fact that Hendrik's older sister is presently a student (*auf der Universität*) whilst his mother had studied law in the past. Many left question (v) blank.

### Section B

#### Question 12 Teil 1 KINO

Numbers were often misheard. Most commonly, 16.55 appeared instead of 16.45 and weaker candidates wrote €9 instead of €15 for (b). Some candidates were unable to identify what details were being asked for in the form.

#### Question 12 Teil 2 KINO

This demanded careful listening for gist. Good candidates had no problem in making the jump from *geweint* to *traurig* or *wecken* to *eingeschlafen*. However, it was obvious that some candidates were merely guessing the answers. A useful way of practising this type of question is to identify what sort of word goes into the blank space, e.g. a past participle or a noun. In this way the possibilities are reduced, often to two words from the box.

#### Question 13 Teil 1 VERKEHR

In response to the news report of the accident, most candidates managed to score at least one point, usually identifying that the container was transporting a liquid (c) or that the road was not yet clear (e). The most common wrong assumption was that the police were photographing the scene.

#### Question 13 Teil 2 VERKEHR

This posed no problems for the best candidates. However, it was important to give accurate details in the noted answers. For example, to gain the mark for (iii) it was necessary to convey the idea of difficulty in parking rather than simply to write *kein Parkplatz*. Surprisingly in (ii), even more able candidates were unable to distinguish between the mother's comments about the car (*schnell in die Stadtmitte*) and public transport (*nicht regelmäßig*). Nevertheless, the final question (iv) allowed most to gain a mark, even if only by writing *macht fit*.

## Grade Boundaries

Raw Mark boundaries

Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
30	26	23	20	18	15	12	9	6

Overall Mark boundaries

Max Mark	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
100	80	72	64	56	46	37	28	19

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