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German A (Full Course) (Speaking)

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SPEAKING TESTS - FOUNDATION AND HIGHER TIERS

PART ONE

1 Principles of Marking

- 1.1 The Speaking Tests are marked in accordance with the Criteria for Assessment, given on subsequent pages of this booklet.
- 1.2 Part 2 of the mark scheme, given on subsequent pages of this booklet, gives written details of suggested marks for possible utterances made by candidates in the role-playing situations. This guidance obviously cannot cover all possibilities and should be used in conjunction with the Criteria for Assessment.
- 1.3 No allowance can be made for poor teacher conduct of the Tests. You can only assess what you hear.

2 Mechanics of Marking

Please ensure that the grids on the Examiner's Detailed Mark Sheet are completed accurately. Please conform to the layout shown in the exemplar Mark Sheet given in this booklet. Please note in particular that the Presentation & Discussion and the Conversation marks should be recorded in the order of:

Communication, Spontaneity & Fluency, Range & Complexity, and Pronunciation & Accuracy.

Foundation Tier

Role–plays 1 - 6	4 x 2 = 8 ÷ 2 =	4
Presentation & Discussion		12
Conversation		20
	Maximum Total	36

Higher Tier

Role–plays 7 - 12	4 x 4 = 16 ÷ 2 =	8
Presentation & Discussion		12
Conversation		20
	Maximum Total	40

3 Role-playing Situations

- 3.1 You must mark role-plays in accordance with the criteria given in this booklet and with Part 2 of the mark scheme. You should also note the following information.
- 3.2 Material shown in brackets in the mark scheme may not need to be produced by the candidate. If it is produced incorrectly it may or may not affect the mark awarded, depending on its effect on the message conveyed. If produced it cannot be ignored. All language produced by the candidate must be assessed.
- 3.3 You should not penalise the candidate for making exactly the same mistake either of vocabulary, structure or pronunciation twice in one role-play. (This may be shown as n.f.p. [no further penalty] in Part 2 of the mark scheme).
- 3.4 If the teacher supplies **key** vocabulary, whether requested or not by the candidate, award no marks for the response, or, if a split response is identified in the detailed mark scheme, for that part of the response.
- 3.5 You should award no marks where a teacher repeats a question after the candidate has given a **complete** and **incorrect** answer. However, if a candidate's response shows that he/she has moved to another utterance, the teacher should go back and try to elicit the omitted response.
- 3.6 In role-plays 7-12 it is possible that the candidate's answers will not be produced in the order anticipated. This is quite legitimate. You should enter your marks on the Mark Sheet in the order in which the responses occur in the mark scheme.

4 Presentation & Discussion and Conversation

4.1 You must mark the Presentation & Discussion and the Conversation in accordance with the criteria in this booklet. You should also note the following information.

- The Presentation & Discussion is marked separately from the Conversation. You must assess, and award marks for, each of the four categories separately Communication, Spontaneity & Fluency, Range & Complexity, Pronunciation & Accuracy for the Presentation & Discussion and then again for the Conversation. N.B. In the Presentation & Discussion the mark for Spontaneity & Fluency is awarded on the basis of the Discussion element only.
- 4.3 If the Presentation or Discussion is missing, a maximum of 2 marks can be awarded for Communication.
- 4.4 You may need to listen to each candidate more than once, especially in the early stages of your marking to ensure that you are marking each category individually.
- 4.5 The mark for Spontaneity and Fluency is not limited by the Communication mark, **except when the Communication mark is 0.** In this case the mark for Spontaneity and Fluency will also be 0. This applies to both Foundation and Higher Tiers.

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Communication Mark	Range & Complexity Mark	Pronunciation & Accuracy Mark
0	0	0
1	1 or 2 marks	1 or 2
2	2 or 3 marks 3 marks must include two of Past/Present/Future	Max 4
3	2, 3, 4 marks 3 marks must include two of Past/Present/Future 4 marks must include Past and Present and Future and opinion	Max 5
4	4, 5, 6 marks 4 marks or more must include Past and Present and Future and opinion Revert to 3 if 2 time frames only Revert to 2 if 1 time frame only	Max 6

If a mark is awarded for Communication this will inevitably lead to the award of marks for Range and Complexity and Pronunciation and Accuracy (e.g. 1 + 0 + 0 would <u>not</u> be possible).

To score 3 marks or more for Range and Complexity the candidate needs to show the ability to refer to any two of past, present and future events.

To score 4 marks or more for Range and Complexity the candidate needs to show the ability to refer to past, present and future events and to express an opinion. These would require an attempt at an appropriate verb form. One example of each is required in the Presentation & Discussion and one in the Conversation. "an attempt at an appropriate verb form" = a verb which is recognisable but may not be completely correct. Principal Examiners will give language-specific examples at Standardisation Meetings.

- 4.7 You should stop marking the Presentation & Discussion approximately 3 minutes after the start of that section. You should stop marking the Conversation approximately 6 minutes (Foundation) or 8 minutes (Higher) from the start of that section of the test.
- 4.8 If the candidate produces a Conversation which consists **largely** or **entirely** of material outside the scope of the prescribed Topics, you should treat the irrelevant material as if it were silence and mark accordingly for Communication. It is emphasised that this situation is **very rare.**
- 4.9 If the candidate speaks on only **one** Topic throughout the Conversation, you should find the appropriate band for Communication and then award up to a maximum of 2 marks. **N.B.** this affects the maximum marks available for Pronunciation & Accuracy and Range & Complexity. Given the breadth of the Topic areas and the links between them, this situation is **very rarely** encountered, if at all.

5 Exemplar Mark Sheet

See overleaf

GCSE – German (Full Course)

5 Exemplar Mark Sheet

GCSE Modern Languages Speaking Tests Examiner's Detailed Mark Sheet

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Sheet No	
Total sheets for this centre	

^{*} Round up or down to the nearest whole number (ie. ½ rounded up, ½ rounded down, ½ rounded up)

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

Role-Playing Situations

Foundation Role-Play – Communication								
0	0 Required message not communicated.							
1	Comprehension difficult or ambiguous. Some relevant information conveyed.							
2 Required message conveyed even if not totally correct.								
4 tasks x 2 = 8/2 = 4 marks								

Higher Role-P	Higher Role-Play – Communication and Quality of Language							
0	Required message not communicated.							
1	Appropriate response, although inaccuracy or loss of part of the message may cause difficulty or ambiguity for comprehension. The task may not be fully accomplished, but some relevant information is communicated.							
2	Appropriate and unambiguous response, although there may be minor errors or omission of a minor element of the message.							
3	Appropriate and full response. Quality of language is such that minor errors would cause no difficulties of comprehension.							
4	Appropriate and correct response. The task is accomplished fully and without significant error. *							
4 tasks x 4 = 16	5/2 = 8 marks							

^{*}Without significant error" = grammatically correct (but may contain <u>one</u> minor error). If an answer contains more than one minor error a maximum of 3 marks may be awarded.

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION AND GENERAL CONVERSATION

Communic	Communication									
0	Nothing relevant communicated or what is said consists of individual words making no coherent sense.									
1	A little relevant information is communicated. The candidate responds to some questions but replies are very brief.									
2	Some messages/responses communicated, with occasional development.									
3	Most of the responses communicated and developed.									
4	Candidate communicates and develops all that is required with only very occasional omissions.									

Spontanei	Spontaneity and Fluency								
0	Very hesitant and disjointed.								
1	Sometimes hesitant; little natural flow of language.								
2	Ready responses; some evidence of an ability to sustain a conversation; little, if any, initiative.								
3	Answers without hesitation and extends responses beyond minimal requirements with some flow of language; may sometimes take the initiative.								
4	Responds readily and shows some initiative; conversation sustained at a reasonable speed; language expressed fluently.								

Quality of Language							
Range & Complexity	Marks	Pronunciation & Accuracy					
Occasional words which make little coherent sense.	0	The language used makes comprehension almost impossible.					
Simple vocabulary in lists, phrases or short sentences which sometimes communicate.	1	Frequency and type of errors in pronunciation and structure often make comprehension difficult.					
Responses dependent on structures and vocabulary from stimulus but limited in breadth and variety. Some responses in simple complete sentences.	2	Pronunciation generally recognisable but with quite frequent error. Messages usually communicated but errors quite frequent.					
Responses generally in simple sentences with limited vocabulary and sentence structure. There may be the occasional complex sentence. There is some evidence of a few messages going beyond a direct response to the stimulus.	3	Errors are frequent in pronunciation and structures but do not usually provide a barrier to communication. There is evidence of accurate use of basic structures in simple sentences.					
Some complex sentences with a wider range of vocabulary successfully attempted. Responses go beyond the basic requirements of the stimulus, using appropriate reference to past, present and future events.	4	Errors of structure and / or pronunciation cause only occasional problems with communication. Some more complex sentences are accurately produced. Time frames are used as appropriate but not always well formed.					
Wide range of vocabulary and structure used appropriately in complex responses, many of which show considerable independence of the stimulus.	5	Structures and pronunciation generally accurate causing only very occasional problems with communication. There is accurate use of a variety of tenses.					
Wide ranging vocabulary and structures appropriately used in complex and extended answers.	6	Only very minor errors in structure and pronunciation. Good accent and intonation. All messages fully communicated in accurate target language using a variety of tenses.					

The marks for Presentation & Discussion and Conversation at both Foundation and Higher will be allocated and scaled as follows.

Presentation & Discussion				
Communication (in Presentation & Discussion)				
		4		
Spontaneity and Fluency (in 1	Spontaneity and Fluency (in Discussion only)			
	• /	4		
Quality of Language				
Range and Complexity	6 marks			
Pronunciation and Accuracy	6 marks			
-	Mark/12 divided by 3	4		
	TOTAL	12		

	General Conversation	Marks
Communication		
		4
Spontaneity and Fluency		
		4
Quality of Language		
Range and Complexity	6 marks	
Pronunciation and Accuracy	6 marks	
-		12
	TOTAL	20

SCALING TABLES FOR ROLE PLAY AND PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION ROLE-PLAY GRID

RAW MARK

SCALED MARK

16	8
15	8
14	7
13	7
12	6
11	6
10	5
9	5
8	4
7	4
6	3
5	3
4	2
3	2
2	1
1	1
0	0

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION GRID

RAW SCORE FOR QUALITY OF LANGUAGE

SCALED MARK

OF LANGUAGE	
12	4
11	4
10	3
9	3
8	3
7	2
6	2
5	2
4	1
3	1
2	1
1	0
0	0
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SPEAKING TESTS

Abbreviations used: pron. = Pronunciation

GP = General Principle

WO = Word order

NFP = No further penalty (for same error within one role play)

OCR = Otherwise correct response

Do **NOT** penalise at either tier the wrong form of address.

ROLE PLAY 1 FOUNDATION				
	0	1	2	
Ask what time you will go	Use of Zeit in any utterance	Was Uhr / welche Uhr in OCR Wann / um wie viel Uhr?	Wann gehen wir?	
Say what the weather is like		Es ist sonnig mag	Any appropriate response Es ist regnet – do not penalise continuous present at Foundation	
Say you like swimming		Use of möchte / mochte in OCR Ich gehe schwimmen Ich gern schwimmen	Schwimmen ist gut	
Say how many euros you have	Any other currency	Anglicized pronunciation of "Euro" in OCR	Ich habeEuro(s)	

ROLE PLAY 2 FOUNDATION	ROLE PLAY 2 FOUNDATION				
	0	1	2		
Say where you would like to go		Use of mag / mochte in OCR Ins Kino gehen	Ich möchte ins Kino gehen		
Say which day you can go		(Am) Mittwoch Deinstag in OCR	Wir gehen am Samstag / heute Wir gehen auf Samstag / heute Ich gehe Am Mittwoch? (i.e. with questioning intonation)		
Ask how much it costs		Wie kostet das Was das kostet			
Say you have not got much money	Use of Pfund / Mark Ich habeEuro(s)		Ich habe nicht viel Geld Ich habe nurEuro(s)		

ROLE PLAY 3 FOUNDATION	ROLE PLAY 3 FOUNDATION				
	0	1	2		
Ask for the menu	Menu (clearly Eng. pron.)	Spiesekarte Use of Menü	Die Speisekarte / Karte bitte		
Say what you would like to eat		Use of mag / mochte in OCR Food item alone	Ich möchte + appropriate food item Eine Currywurst <u>bitte</u>		
Say what you would like to drink		NFP on <i>mag / mochte</i> Drink alone – NFP if a food item alone was used in utterance 2.	Eine Limo <u>bitte</u>		
Ask where the toilet is	Clearly Eng. Pron Wer ist?	French toilette(n) Wo Toilette?	Wo ist / sind die Toilette(n)		

ROLE PLAY 4 FOUNDATION				
	0	1	2	
Say which building you would like to visit	Wo ist?	Use of mag / mochte in OCR Building alone Ich gehe Museum	Ich möchte…sehen / besuchen / besichtigen	
Ask if it is nearby	Ist es neben Wo ist es?	Ist es Nahe/ in der Nahe Ist es fern? Ist es neben hier?	Ist es in der Nähe / weit? Wie weit ist es?	
Say how you would like to get there		NFP on mag / mochte auf dem Bus in OCR Transport alone	Any appropriate form of travel Question form acceptable here Ich möchte mit dem Bus gefahren	
Say thank you and goodbye		1+1		

ROLE PLAY 5 FOUNDATION				
	0	1	2	
Say how much money you get a week	Use of Mark	Amount only	(Ich bekomme / habe)Pfund / Euro(s) pro Woche	
Ask your friend if he / she has a job	Werkst du? Hast du einen Beruf? Was ist das Arbeit?	Hast du arbeiten?	Hast du einen Job / arbeitest du? Hast du Arbeit?	
Say where you work		Im Supermarkt	Ich arbeite im Supermarkt Ich arbeite bei Asda Ich arbeite in Asda Ich arbeite in Leeds	
Say what you do with your money			Any appropriate response	

ROLE PLAY 6 FOUNDATION				
	0	1	2	
Say which country you are going to	Town Country alone Französisch etc.in OCR		Ich gehe (zu) Italien	
Say when you are going		Im Juli	Ich fahre / gehe im Juli	
Say the weather is good		Es ist gut	Das Wetter ist gut Das Wetter ist sonnig	
Ask what your friend is doing in the summer	Mention of 'Freund' in OCR		No penalty for continuous present	

ROLE PLAY 7 HIGHER					
	0	1	2	3	4
The people near you are smoking			Omission of 'near you' part of the utterance Use of continuous present + rest appropriate		Die Leute neben uns rauchen Die Leute hier / dort rauchen
Give 2 reasons why smoking bothers you		Omission of 1 detail			2 appropriate reasons
Say why you don't want to go to another restaurant					Any appropriate answer
! Suggest a solution to the problem	Suggesting going somewhere else				Wir finden einen anderen Tisch

ROLE PLAY 8 HIGHER					
	0	1	2	3	4
Say why you are phoning					Ich möchte mich beklagen / Wir haben ein Problem mit dem Auto
Say what is wrong with the car		"Orto" in OCR			Any appropriate response
Give 2 details of exactly where the car is		1 detail only			In der Stadtmitte, vor dem Rathaus Name of town O.K. for one of the details
! Say what your plans for today are		1 detail only Museum und Burg	Tennis und Schwimmen	Besuchen das Museum und Burg	

ROLE PLAY 9 HIGHER					
	0	1	2	3	4
Say what your 2 favourite subjects are and why		GP – no reason + rest appropriate	GP – reason only Only 1 subject + reason given	ist in OCR	(Meine Lieblingsfächer sind) Kunst und Sport. Sie sind prima
Say how much homework you do and what you think of it		1 detail only	Use of <i>Uhr</i> instead of <i>Stunde</i> in OCR		Zwei Stunden jeden Tag. Das ist zu viel
Give 2 details of what you are doing in the summer holidays	Ich bin nach Spanien gefahren. Es war gut	1 detail only	Schwimmen und Tennis	Schwimmen und gehen ins Kino	Schwimmen und ins Kino gehen Ich fahre nach Spanien und ich schwimme Letztes Jahr bin ich nach Spanien gefahren. Es war gut.
! Say what you will do when you leave school and why	Ich möchte (ein) Arzt for that part of the utterance	GP – no reason + rest appropriate	GP – reason only		Ich möchte Ingenieur werden / sein. Ich mag praktische Arbeit

ROLE PLAY 10 HIGHER					
	0	1	2	3	4
Say the friend cannot visit next week	Ich kann dich nicht besuchen	Omission of 'next week' Ich habe ein Problem		GP: Incorrect wo with a modal verb in OCR	
Say why not (2 details)		1 detail only			Any 2 appropriate details
Arrange for an alternative visit					Du kannst mich in den Sommerferien besuchen NFP on "wrong person in wrong place".
! Give two activities you can do when the friend visits		1 detail only	Tennis und Schwimmen		Any 2 appropriate activities, including verb

ROLE PLAY 11 HIGHER					
	0	1	2	3	4
Say what sort of work you want (2 details)		Use of mochte in OCR			Ich möchte am Empfang oder als Kellner arbeiten
Say what sort of work you have done			Ich habe putzen		Past tense not nec. – Ich arbeite im Supermarkt
Ask about hours of work and how much you will earn		Wie viel Geld und wie lange? Was ist die Arbeitszeit und das Geld?			Wie viele Stunden arbeite ich? Was verdiene ich?
! Say why you want to work in Germany and for how long		1 detail only NFP for 'mochte' if used wrongly already in first utterance			Das interessiert mich. Für 4 Wochen

ROLE PLAY 12 HIGHER					
	0	1	2	3	4
Say you would like to go cycling				Use of gehen in OCR	Ich möchte eine Radtour machen
Say how you can get a bike		Ich habe ein Rad			Mein Bruder hat ein Rad Ich habe ein Rad für dich
Say where you want to go and why		No reason	Museum. Das ist interessant		Appropriate response + reason Town O.K. as place to go
! Say what you will do in the evening				Gehen ins Kino	(Wir können) fernsehen. Ins Kino gehen

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PART TWO MARK SCHEME

MINOR/MAJOR ERRORS

This information applies to German Specification A Speaking Tests and Specification B Module 4 Speaking Tests only.

These lists are examples of errors, which do **(major)** or do not **(minor)** affect communication, and errors not referred to here should be judged minor or major on the basis of their effect on communication.

MINOR ERRORS

These are errors which do not affect communication. The following errors should be treated as minor unless the Part 2 Mark Scheme states otherwise.

1. Articles.

- Use of *nicht ein/eine* instead of *kein/keine* e.g. *Ich habe nicht eine Schwester* –full marks in Foundation Role Plays but 3 marks in Higher Role Plays.
- Use of *ein/eine* or *der/die* with jobs/professions e.g. *Meine Mutter ist eine Lehrerin* –full marks in Foundation and Higher Role Plays.

2. Gender.

- *der/die/das*, *ein/eine/ein*, *mein/meine/mein* etc unless confusion arises from change of meaning.
- Wrong agreement including adjectives, possessive, demonstrative and interrogative adjectives
- Wrong gender of personal pronoun e.g. *Mein Vater ist nett. Sie ist jung.*

3. Number.

- der/die/das for die and vice-versa.
 BUT Ich mag die Kinder for ich mag das Kind may be major depending on the context e.g. a specific Role Play task
- Singular verb with plural subject and vice-versa e.g. *Die Kleider ist nett*.

4. Word order.

- Position of adjectives/adverbs.
- Position of negatives.
- Position of word order after weil in Foundation and Higher Role Plays no loss of marks

- Position of word order with reflexives e.g. *Ich mich wasche*. No loss of marks in Foundation and Higher Role Plays.
- Position of word order with inversion and conjunctions e.g. Wenn das Wetter schlecht ist, ich gehe ins Kino or even wenn das Wetter ist schlecht, ich gehe ins Kino. Higher Role Plays 3 marks
- Word order with modal verbs eg *ich möchte spielen Tennis* Higher Role Plays 3 marks; Foundation 2 marks

5. Tense formations.

- Use of haben for sein BUT not sein for haben. Higher Role Play 3 out of 4
- Incorrect verb structure Foundation Role Play 2 marks
- Incorrect use of infinitive Foundation Role Play 2 marks
- Continuous present e.g. *Ich bin gehen* Foundation Role Play 2 marks; Higher Role Play 2 out of 4
- Wrong or omitted preposition when this does not affect meaning. e.g. *Ich fahre im Bus zu Stadt*.

6. Omission of reflexives.

Higher Role play 3 marks but Foundation Role Play 2 marks

7. Use of 's'

• Using the 'English' genitive e.g. *mein Schwesters Schlafzimmer* – no loss of marks Foundation Role Play and in Higher Role Plays 3 marks.

8. Incorrect comparative/superlative

9. Use of du and Sie.

• No loss of marks in Foundation and Higher Role Plays.

10. Pronunciation.

• A word pronounced in such a way that in the context a sympathetic native speaker would immediately understand what was intended, e.g. mispronunciation of cognates in school subjects vocabulary.

MAJOR ERRORS

Major errors are those which affect communication. The following errors should be treated as major.

1. Statement and question.

• Statement instead of a required question in Role Plays. Foundation Pole Plays 1 mark, Higher Role Plays 1 mark unless VERY clear intonation.

2. Tense formations.

- Incorrect time frame No marks in Higher Role Plays as requirements not met.
- Continuous present e.g. *Ich bin gehen* where present tense is appropriate Higher Role Play 2 marks
- an adverb/adverbial phrase of time denoting the past, followed by a present tense verb e.g. *Gestern gehe ich* Higher Role Play 1 mark
- Incorrect formation within time frames e.g. *ich habe gegehen, ich werde geblieben* and *ich bin gegehen* both 2 marks in Higher Role Plays.

3. Prepositions.

• Incorrect use of *vor* and *für*, as this affects the meaning. Foundation Role Play 1 mark, Higher Role Play 1 mark.

4. Reflexives.

• Incorrect reflexive pronoun e.g. *Ich wasche dich* – Higher Role Plays 0 marks

5. Pronunciation.

• A word pronounced in such a way that in the context a sympathetic native speaker would not immediately grasp the meaning of the word e.g. wurde – würde, hatte – hätte.

This list is not exhaustive and is to be used as a guide to the marking of the 2004 tests only. There may be additional clarifications for the marking of the 2005 tests.