

Haupttermin 2012/13

Klassen: 8A, 8B, 8C

Teil 1: Überprüfung der Lesekompetenz

Teil 2: Überprüfung des Hörverständnisses

Teil 3: Überprüfung der Sprachverwendung im Kontext

Teil 4: Überprüfung der Schreibkompetenz

Die **Testpakete für Lesen, Hören und Sprachverwendung im Kontext (Teile 1, 2 und 3)** werden unserer Schule als Pilotschule im Auftrag des BMUKK von der Philologisch-kulturwissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Universität Innsbruck zur Verfügung gestellt.

8A:

Teil 4: Überprüfung der Schreibkompetenz

Section I

You must answer this task.

Task 1: Life after High School

Volunteerism proves that – in every straining, there is a training, in every training, there is a learning, and in every learning, there is an earning.

Submitted 2/21/2013 by Chris Ebenezer

<http://www.energizeinc.com/reflect/quote1.html>

Studying abroad: making the experience count

An overseas education offers myriad cultural opportunities that can help make your CV stand out (...).

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/universityeducation/8520877/studyingabroad-making-the-experience-count.html>

As a student graduating from high school you are considering the option of volunteering for a non-profit organisation or studying abroad. Having read the above quotations you have decided to write an **opinion essay** for the yearbook.

In your essay, you should:

- refer to the above quotations and express your views on them
- outweigh the benefits and drawbacks of both volunteering and studying abroad.
- suggest possible consequences these decisions might have for your future career

Write an **opinion essay** of about 450 words.

Section II

Make a choice: either task 2 or task 3

Task 2:

America's possibilities are limitless, for we possess all the qualities that this world without boundaries demands: youth and drive; diversity and openness; an endless capacity for risk and a gift for reinvention.

(President Obama's Inaugural Address, 2013)

A well-known magazine wants to find out how young people understand President Obama's Inaugural Address in 2013. It has organised an article competition promising attractive prizes including a trip to Washington D.C. to the best article writers. You have decided to send in an **article**.

You should:

- analyse Obama's words with reference to the general concept of the American Dream
- define the ideology's strengths and weaknesses
- suggest what changes are necessary to improve the people's chances to make the dream come true

Write about **250 words**. Give your **article a title**.

Task 3: Value meals and valuable meals?

In an online version of a local newspaper you have just come across Subway's commercial *EAT FRESH* and the chain's announcement of opening a new store in your area. As you are very interested in the topic of good and healthy food, you decide to write a **letter to the editor**.

In your letter, you should:

- express your concerns about the increasing number of fast food chains and give reasons why they are so attractive to young people
- question their advertising strategy of offering "cheap, fresh and healthy" food
- provide alternatives of truly valuable food

Write about **250 words**.

8BC:

Teil 4: Überprüfung der Schreibkompetenz

Section I

You must answer this task.

Task 1: Take care of the earth and she will take care of you.

For a writing competition on the future of our planet initiated by the Austrian Health & Environment Department, you have decided to hand in an opinion essay, starting with the quotation below as the basis for your arguments.

And Man created the plastic bag and the tin and aluminium can and the cellophane wrapper and the paper plate, and this was good because Man could then take his automobile and buy all his food in one place and He could save that which was good to eat in the refrigerator and throw away that which had no further use. And soon the earth was covered with plastic bags and aluminium cans and paper plates and disposable bottles and there was nowhere to sit down or walk, and Man shook his head and cried: "Look at this God awful mess."

Art Buchwald, 1970

<http://www.quotegarden.com/environment.html>

In your essay, you should:

- analyse the different types of pollution that are mentioned in the quotation
- discuss the message behind the words and elaborate on further environmental problems relating to the waste of energy and water
- explain why this is an important issue for you and how technical innovations can be used for the benefit of the earth

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