



B O A R D O F S T U D I E S
NEW SOUTH WALES

2010 HSC German Continuers Sample Answers — Written Examination

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- (a) as part of the development of the examination paper to ensure the questions will effectively assess students’ knowledge and skills, and
- (b) in order to provide some advice to the Supervisor of Marking about the nature and scope of the responses expected of students.

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Section I — Listening and Responding

Question 1

Sample answer:

She needs to tell him the bus was late but she's arrived now. She has also forgotten the address of the restaurant.

Question 2

Sample answer:

When? 1st October

6:30 pm

Why? Farewell party for Karl / Karl is going to Spain for a year

Where? Karl's place / Karl's parents' place

Dress? Spanish

Important! Don't tell Karl, it's a surprise

Question 3

Sample answer:

- the university choir is auditioning new members
- practices are twice a week
- apply online by Friday

Question 4

Sample answer:

His car is always breaking down and he can't afford the repairs. Although he claims to care about the environment, he refuses to use a bicycle instead because he needs to impress his friends.

Question 5

Sample answer:

It starts by painting skiing in Germany in a negative light – doing the same old thing. It uses exaggeration to highlight kilos of *Bratwurst* and litres of *Glühwein* / uses stereotypes. It then compares Germany with Japan to show that Japan is better – e.g. no freezing wait for ski lifts, best powder snow. It also uses highly descriptive language – the snow is *traumhaft schön* and ends by saying that Japan is a trip into paradise.

Question 6*Sample answer:*

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Question 7*Sample answer:*

Make sure the maps are current because he had old ones and ended up walking 20 km too far. Make sure all the accommodation is booked – he had to book some of his own and one night ended up sleeping outside. If you have problems complain – he got 500 euros back.

Question 8*Sample answer:*

It gave her purpose – she had wanted to leave school but this ended up leading to a career in journalism.

It taught her skills – by writing down her grandfather’s life story she learned how to be careful and patient, especially when memories were painful and difficult.

It awoke an interest in writing – she realised there were many stories to be told.

**Section II — Reading and Responding
Part A****Question 9 (a)***Sample answer:*

They won’t be surprised because the duo has hardly sung together in recent months. But they will be disappointed.

Question 9 (b)*Sample answer:*

He wants to return to private life and go back to studying. Time is running out for him to do this.

Question 9 (c)*Sample answer:*

He reassures them that he and Gabi separated on good terms and that they will always stay friends. He praises her voice and says she will have a great future – showing he hasn’t left her in the lurch.

Question 9 (d)***Sample answer:***

She is sad and regretful – the break up was a surprise. She talks about overcoming hurdles, implying it will be a struggle for her. She is also nostalgic – she is grateful for their success. She is clearly vulnerable and says she is going to need her fans' help.

Question 10 (a)***Sample answer:***

Susi said she wanted to have a diamond drilled into her tooth and thought her father wouldn't mind because her brother had a tattoo. Her father was against it and said she would regret it later on and shouldn't damage her teeth. It also had nothing to do with her brother's case.

Question 10 (b)***Sample answer:***

He is clearly anxious – he has rushed into planning a holiday away and doesn't want to put it off. He also seems regretful – he wants to make up for time spent away from his family. He sees this as a last ditch attempt to save the situation.

Question 10 (c)***Sample answer:***

Susi and her brother got to go out at night and sleep in till midday. Because the father didn't worry about this, Michael was able to spend valuable time on his own with him. The father was able to relax for the first time in ages.

Question 10 (d)***Sample answer:***

The father gives up his objections to Susi's current plan. He realises that he has no influence over Susi any more. Although he is relieved that she isn't going ahead with her plans, he knows she will do something in the future. He is realistic and knows she needs to be an individual. He says she will always be special to him whatever she does. Susi doesn't make concessions – the only reason she doesn't go ahead with the plan is because too many other people are doing it. It can be assumed she will do something else, so the situation is only partially resolved.