

2009 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:

It’s half price for students and you have the chance to win a first class trip for two to London

Question 2

Sample answer:

(C)

Question 3

Sample answer:

- a) A
- b) B
- c) B

Question 4***Sample answer:***

The program is encouraging more and more people to dance. This is something Edith has been doing for 50 years. She believes it leads to a long and active life.

Question 5***Sample answer:***

At first she thinks a speech on the environment is boring – they have heard it so many times before. But then she agrees it is important not to forget good habits when you are on holidays so that nature isn't destroyed. She is keen to make some posters straight away.

Question 6***Sample answer:***

He has an unrealistic attitude to money – thinks he can save accommodation costs by staying with people he knows, but is prepared to fly everywhere in order to do that. He doesn't count the cost of the way he lives – e.g. always goes to the Laundromat and eats out. His attitude is that there is always more money where that came from because his father always sends him more.

Question 7***Sample answer:***

It was fair that he sacked her because she was often late to work, and made lots of mistakes, which were important in a doctor's surgery. She lost some of the blood tests but was very offhand about this, saying "The world won't end". Her boss didn't object to her green hair, but she probably went too far when she shaved it all off. Johanna was very outspoken – her attitude was "Who's perfect"? She seems very unlikely to learn from her mistakes.

Question 8***Sample answer/Answers could include:***

He is proposing an extremely dangerous trip into the deepest jungle and issues a challenge for someone to join him. He makes it clear that he doesn't want someone with weak nerves, so this would appeal to someone who wants to show their courage. Also the fact that the adventure will be filmed would appeal to someone who is a show-off. He needs a risk taker, someone who wants to experience life on the edge. He urges them not to wait – so it would also appeal to someone impulsive. And someone who could put up with an egoist like Rolf!

Section II — Reading and Responding

Part A

Question 9 (a)

Sample answer/Answers could include:

Their laboured attempts at the Swiss accent sounded odd and annoyed her.

Question 9 (b)

Sample answer/Answers could include:

He relates to the film because he is Swiss. He enjoyed the realistic depiction of a Swiss village in the fifties, the costumes and authentic ski equipment and the soundtrack which reminded him of the songs his grandmother used to sing.

Question 9 (c)

Sample answer/Answers could include:

They agree the film was long but that didn't bother them. They both thought the ending of the film was improbable and seemed physically unlikely. They think the fact that the film is in black and white could mean that not everyone would like it. They both recommend that people see the film to make up their own minds.

Question 9 (d)

Sample answer:

(B)

Question 10 (a)*Sample answer:*

He had a secure job but he felt it was going nowhere and his life was lacking spice. He needed to get some joy back into his life but didn't know how to.

Question 10 (b)*Sample answer:*

He suggested that a trip would do him good and would give him the opportunity to decide which direction his life should take and insisted when Robert didn't want to go.

Question 10 (c)*Sample answer:*

Sara was able to sense from the moment they arrived that the village was empty because she could sense the strange quiet. They didn't believe her but found out later that everyone had indeed gone.

Question 10 (d)*Sample answer:*

The fact that she couldn't see well meant that she had had to develop all her other senses and this had increased her awareness of the little things and given her a greater appreciation of the world.

Question 10 (e)*Sample answer:*

Because of Sara he has found the satisfaction that he didn't have before and has realised it was his fault that his life had become monotonous. She spoke honestly to him and taught him to look at life with more awareness. By writing a diary instead of viewing life through his camera he has rediscovered his love of writing and from that, a new career.