



2012 HSC German Continuers 'Sample Answers'

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Section I — Listening and Responding

Question 1

Sample answer:

She has to pick up Grandad from the airport and she doesn't like driving in bad weather when it's dark.

Question 2

Sample answer:

1. A backpack
On sale in department store
2. Book (train) seats
Urgent / Hurry / Don't wait!
3. Something for travel sickness
Two packets

Question 3

Sample answer:

Marion has to spend New Year's Eve with her parents instead of going to a party. She will be helping them to unpack which is boring. They will watch fireworks from a place which will be crowded and dangerous.

Question 4***Sample answer:***

- It's in a beautiful, cultural part of Italy
- Small groups means you will be successful
- You can improve your language skills by mixing with the locals

Question 5***Answers could include:***

They have a lot of old stuff to get rid of and they need the space.

She needs time to sort it out because it has memories for her.

Selling it is more environmentally friendly than throwing it out.

Last time he brought back more than he sold which defeated the point.

Question 6***Sample answer:***

At first Konrad was angry with Franz because he studied all the time instead of going out with friends.

Then he felt sorry for him because he was becoming unpopular.

When he realised Franz was frightened of repeating he understood but still thought he was selfish.

In the end he was more sympathetic but not enough to want to help him on the weekend.

Question 7

(A)

Question 8***Sample answer:***

Paul is not really a good role model, although he claims he is. He has moved out of home but only pays for half the rent. It is true that he does do a lot of things for himself, including the cleaning and the washing. He says he doesn't need a car but borrows his aunt's car without paying for the petrol. He admits he can't cook but doesn't think it's his fault and eats at his parents' place. He doesn't see this as a lack of independence but just wants to get his father off his back. Although he believes he is independent he obviously isn't.

Section II — Reading and Responding

Part A

Question 9 (a)

Sample answer:

He found it disappointing (it didn't meet expectations). Everything seemed like being in a film. He had seen so many American TV series that when he got there he felt he had already seen it all before.

Question 9 (b)

Answers could include:

He wants an adventure/something more strenuous.

He wants the opportunity to really experience the countryside and gather life experiences without staying in luxury accommodation.

He has chosen a tour that is good value because Jessica can't afford a lot.

Question 9 (c)

Sample answer:

It depends on how prepared she is to 'rough it'. Daniel has said that they will be going off the beaten track and staying in tents, where you can hear the animals at night. That could be uncomfortable and Jessica is a city girl. They can't wash their clothes every day and this might be a problem because she can't bring lots of clothes. She isn't used to travelling light and will have to carry her pack herself. Daniel has also implied that she doesn't yet have a passion for nature, so that could be a problem too.

But she is clearly keen to travel with Daniel and is willing to accept his choice of holiday, so it may be okay.

Question 10 (a)

Sample answer:

She is one of Germany's most successful cyclists and is on her way to becoming world famous.

Question 10 (b)

Sample answer:

She broke her foot when she slipped on an icy road and lost control of her bike. This was because she had either underestimated the danger or lost concentration. It was her own fault.

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

She didn't feel sorry for herself and knew she had to just get through it the best way she could. She realised she was human and bad luck happens. She kept positive and felt certain that her foot would be as good as it was before.

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

Melanie:

- has a positive outlook, which she learned from her father, who was always upbeat and never let things get him down even when they were tough.
- is very grateful to her father and admires him for the opportunities he gave her.
- is a loving daughter and remains close to her father.
- has a social conscience – wants to give something back to the sport and helps sight-impaired people to cycle so they can be less isolated.
- has a competitive spirit – even though she says winning isn't everything, even with the handicapped team she still wants to win.