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Candidates were clearly prepared for this paper and there were very few items of vocabulary which caused problems. However, this is a paper which moves from identification of words, to words in a longer context and finally to listening for gist and making deductions in longer extracts of spoken German. There were very few rubric offences and most candidates were aware of what was required of them in each question.

### Section A

#### In der Stadt

The first five questions provided a positive start to the paper with most candidates scoring the full five marks. Where a mark was lost, it tended to be in Question 4 or Question 5.

#### Zu Hause

This was also an accessible question, although it was noted that Question 7 was often wrongly answered. Candidates were often not able to link *ich mähe den Rasen* with the concept of *Gartenarbeit*. It was most often confused with *Kochen*.

#### Sommerjobs

Question 11 required candidates to identify the ideas in the question with the time frame of past, present or future. This question differentiated well at the C/D borderline. Most were able to identify that Hannah would not be working at all next summer.

### Section B

#### Einkaufen – Teil 1

Although most candidates were clearly able to identify that two possible words from the box could fit into each space, they were not always able to pick the correct answer. At this stage in the paper, they have to be trained to listen for gist, taking into account the whole sense of a passage of German rather than just identifying individual words.

### **Einkaufen – Teil 2**

In the first section of this question, most were able to score one point, usually by choosing B as correct. However, careful deduction was necessary to gain the other two marks. In particular many were confused about whether Peter's birthday was imminent or whether it had already happened. Only the very best candidates scored a point in the second section by making the connection between *anziehen* and the icon of the pullover.

### **Jugendtreffen – Teil 1**

This section caused the greatest difficulty to candidates. However, it was noted that *Umwelt* was usually correctly identified as the topic for Tuesday. Surprisingly, the connection between *besichtigen*, *Goethehaus* and *Residenzschloss* with *Sehenswürdigkeiten* escaped many.

### **Jugendtreffen – Teil 2**

In this demanding last question candidates rarely scored the full five marks, although many were able to answer (i) correctly. The most demanding was (iii) which required them to make a fine distinction between B and C. However, the very best chose B as the correct answer.

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