

Notice to Supervisors and Students

German Continuers

Preliminary Course Examination – Assessment 3

This notice should be read in conjunction with the following NSW School of Languages Assessment documents available in *Assessment and Reporting* on the School's website.

- [Stage 6 assessment policy](#)
- [Preliminary Continuers Assessment Information](#)

This examination is the **final** assessment for this course.

Date of Examination: Monday, 31 August, 2020

Venue:

- The date of the assessment can only be **changed in exceptional circumstances and after consultation with the Department Head Teacher**. Students who cannot sit for the assessment on the above date for health reasons must send a medical certificate and complete an [Exam Change of Date or Venue](#) form. This form can be located on the school website by clicking the following link: [Forms and Guidelines](#)
- All students will do the Written assessment at their **home school on the above date**. This date can only be **changed in exceptional circumstances and after consultation with the Department Head Teacher**. A time will be organised for the Speaking test to be conducted by phone. Students who cannot sit for the assessment on the above date for health reasons must send a medical certificate and complete an [Exam Change of Date or Venue](#) form.

Time frame

- **Speaking** – 7-10 minutes
- **Written paper** – 1 hour and 35 minutes (including 5 minutes reading time).

The paper will consist of three sections:

Section I – **Listening** (approximately 20 minutes)

Section II – **Reading** (approximately 40 minutes)

Section III – **Writing** (approximately 30 minutes)

Scope and Format of Assessment 3

Marks and Weightings

The Assessment will contribute **40%** to the Preliminary Course Assessment mark and is distributed between Course components as follows:

Assessment Components	Marks	Weightings
Speaking	10	10%
Listening	15	10%
Reading	15	10%
Writing	10	10%

Description of Assessment 3

Speaking (Outcomes assessed: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3)

- This examination is designed to assess the student's knowledge and skills in using spoken German.
- Students are NOT permitted to take notes or dictionaries into the Speaking assessment.

Specifications

- There will be a conversation between the student and an examiner of 7-10 minutes duration.
- Topics of conversation will be based on the themes and topics covered in the Preliminary Course.

Written paper

- Use of monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries **IS** permitted during this examination. However, they must not be annotated.
- **No mobile phones or any electronic devices are allowed.**
- The stimulus texts and the writing tasks will relate to the themes and topics covered in the Preliminary Course.

The paper will consist of three sections:

Section I – Listening (Outcomes assessed: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5)

This section is designed to assess students' knowledge and skills in identifying and analysing information from spoken texts.

Specifications

- Students will hear six texts in German. Each text will be read two times. There will be a brief pause between the first and second readings during which students may take notes. Students will be given sufficient time after the second reading to complete responses.
- Students will be expected to respond to questions on the texts phrased in English for responses in **ENGLISH**.

Section II – Reading (Outcomes assessed: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6)

- This section is designed to assess students' knowledge and skills in identifying and analysing information from texts written in German.
- Students will be required to demonstrate understanding of a text/texts written in German.

Specifications

Students will be required to read one text in German of approximately 450 words in total. Questions on the texts will be phrased in English for responses in **ENGLISH**.

Section III – Writing (Outcomes assessed: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.3, 3.5)

This section is designed to assess students' skills in producing an original text in German in response to a text written in German.

Specifications

- There will be one extended response question phrased in English requiring a response **in German**.
- Students will be required to read an email of approximately 135 words in German.
- The question will specify the audience, purpose and context of the response.
- Students will be required to respond to questions and/or specific information in the text. The expected length of response will be approximately 150 words **in German**.

Criteria for Judging Performance

Speaking

In your answers you will be assessed on how well you:

- engage in a conversation (comprehension, communication strategies);
- respond to a range of questions;
- manipulate language in a range of contexts;
- demonstrate knowledge of vocabulary and sentence structures;
- speak with correct pronunciation and intonation.

Listening

In your answers you will be assessed on:

- how well you identify, analyse, summarise and evaluate general and/or specific aspects of texts;
- how accurately you convey the relevant information in English;
- how well you identify and explain aspects of the culture of the German-speaking communities.

Reading

In your answers you will be assessed on:

- how well you identify, analyse, summarise and evaluate general and/or specific aspects of texts;
- how accurately you convey the relevant information in English;
- how well you identify and explain aspects of the culture of the German-speaking communities.

Writing

In your answers you will be assessed on how well you:

- respond to the stimulus text with relevant information and ideas;
- write text appropriate to context, purpose and audience;
- structure and sequence information and ideas;
- demonstrate control of a range of language structures and vocabulary in German.

Procedures for Assessment 3

Examination held at the home school

- Supervisors are requested to contact the Head Teacher on (02) 9381 4870 if the audio file and the Examination paper are not received by **the week before the date of the examination** or if they are faulty.
- For procedures, Supervisors are requested to consult and carefully follow the instructions in the [Home School Conduct of Exam Guidelines](#) and [Year 11-12 Listening and Speaking Guidelines](#) documents located by clicking the following tab on the school website: [Forms and Guidelines](#)
- The Supervisor will be emailed the audio link in advance for the Listening section.
- The Supervisor is expected to test prior to the day of the assessment, that the audio file is working on the computer/device that will be used. The device is to be a school-owned and not a student-owned device.
- Supervisors are requested to delete the audio file as soon as the Listening section is completed.
- Students must be supervised throughout the assessment.
- The date and time for the phone Speaking assessment will be confirmed for each student one week prior to the examination.
- Supervisors are particularly requested to perform an equipment check of the telephone prior to the Speaking assessment.

- Examinations should be held in a quiet room.
- Supervisors are requested to scan and email the completed examination paper to carmen.heeg@det.nsw.edu.au

Enquiries and Assistance

Students and Supervisors may contact **Carmen Heeg** on **9381 4872** or by email: carmen.heeg@det.nsw.edu.au to discuss any aspect of the examination.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT NOTICE SIGN-OFF

Students, please click on this [link](#) to acknowledge you have read and understood the Assessment Task notice.