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MARK SCHEME

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1 Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

2 General Marking Principles

2.1 Please note that it is not possible to list all acceptable alternatives in the Detailed Mark Scheme provided on the following pages. You will need to consider all alternative answers and unexpected approaches in candidates' scripts, make a decision on whether they communicate the required elements, in consultation with the Principal Examiner if necessary, and award marks accordingly.

2.2 Crossing out:

- (a) If a candidate changes his/her mind over an answer and crosses out an attempt, award a mark if the final attempt is correct.
- (b) If a candidate crosses out an answer to a whole question but makes no second attempt at it, mark the crossed out work.

2.3 Annotation used in marking:

- (a) BOD = Benefit of the Doubt and is used to indicate material considered by the Examiner and judged to be more correct than incorrect: the benefit of the doubt is given to the candidate and the mark is awarded.
- (b) NBOD = No Benefit of the Doubt and is used to indicate material considered by the Examiner and judged to be more incorrect than correct: the benefit of the doubt is **not** given to the candidate and the mark is **not** awarded.
- (c) caret = to indicate where something which is key to the response is missing.

2.4 No response and '0' marks

There is a NR (No Response) option in **scoris**.

Award NR (No Response):

- If there is nothing written at all in the answer space or
- If there is only a comment which does not in any way relate to the question being asked (e.g. 'can't do' or 'don't know') or
- If there is only a mark which isn't an attempt at the question (e.g. a dash, a question mark).

Award 0:

- If there is any attempt that earns no credit. This could, for example, include the candidate copying all or some of the question, or any working that does not earn any marks, whether crossed out or not.

3 Detailed Mark Scheme

Section 1

Question	Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
Question 1 Accept only answers which fit directly into the 'footprint' left by the original word – i.e. no additions, no deletions. Do not allow misspellings.			
1(a)	kommt	1	
1(b)	Anhänger	1	
1(c)	konventionelle	1	
1(d)	montiert	1	
1(e)	kostengünstig	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
Question 2 Allow one minor spelling mistake which doesn't alter meaning.			
2(a)	als 20 m ² groß ist/wird.	1	sein soll
2(b)	durch(ge)dacht werden.	1	
2(c)	den Bau des <i>Tiny Houses</i>	1	
2(d)	es hat kein Fundament.	1	
2(e)	zu besitzen	1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
Question 3 Reject direct lifts from the text.			
3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alles muss auf nur 20 m² untergebracht werden • Jeder Quadratmeter muss durchdacht werden • Er hat keine Erfahrung • Er muss sich alles selber beibringen (any 3 of 4)	3	

Question	Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
3(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitten in der Natur leben • Von Nichts/Niemandem abhängig sein • Selber entscheiden wie/wo er lebt 	3	
3(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haus hat ein Fundament • Wohnmobil hat einen Motor • Auf dem Anhänger gilt das <i>Tiny House</i> als Transportgut/keine Probleme mit Vorschriften 	3	
3(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Einfachheit • Persönliche Freiheit • Nur wenige Dinge besitzen/wenige Annehmlichkeiten 	3	
3(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rentner • Wollen ökologischen Fußabdruck reduzieren • Wünschen sich Freiheit/selbstbestimmtes Leben 	3	

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Additional marking guidance for Quality of Language - questions 3 and 4

The five marks available for Quality of Language are awarded **globally** for the whole performance on each set of answers.

A concise answer, containing all mark-bearing components for content is scored on the full range of marks for language, i.e. length does not determine the Quality of Language mark.

Answers scoring 0 for content cannot contribute to the overall Quality of Language mark.

Identify the answer(s) scoring 0 for content in the whole set of answers. Then add together the number of Content marks available for each of these questions and reduce the Quality of Language mark according to the following table:

Total Content marks available on questions where a candidate scores 0	Reduce Quality of Language mark by:
2-3	1
4-5	2
6-7	3
8-14	4
15	5

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Question	Answer	Marks	Not Allowed Responses
Question 4			
Mark as Question 3			
4(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keine Außenbeleuchtung • Keine Autos im Dorf/Auto vor dem Dorf abstellen 	2	
4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kompost aus Toiletten ist Dünger für die Bäume • Das gewonnene Holz wird zum Heizen benutzt • Holz erwärmt Wasser für die Duschen 	3	
4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warteliste • Kennenlernwoche • Gemeinschaftskurse • Einjährige Probezeit • 12000 Euro Einlage (Any 4 of 5)	4	
4(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sie haben nicht viel Platz/weniger Platz als der durchschnittliche Deutsche • Teilen sich Küche, Wohnzimmer und Badezimmer (mit zwölf anderen Personen) • Wohnen in Hausgemeinschaft in drei Zimmern 	3	
4(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sie teilen sich ein Auto mit drei anderen Familien • Jeder kann die Fahrräder benutzen • Was nicht mehr gebraucht wird, wird einfach weitergegeben 	3	

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Question 5**Length of 5(a) + 5(b) (Summary and Personal Response)**

Writing within the maximum length is part of the task, and candidates who remain within the limit (140 words in total) deserve credit.

Content marks: Summary

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The summary could include the following points (award 1 mark for each point covered up to a maximum of 10 points):

Vorteile der beiden Lebensformen

- Billiger/weniger Miete/weniger Unterhalt (Strom etc.) (Text 1)
- Besser für die Umwelt (weniger Energie/Wasser/Land) (Text 1 & 2)
- Persönliche Freiheit; selbstbestimmtes Leben/mobil; Einfachheit/bessere Lebensqualität (text 1)
- **Aufwachsen in der Gemeinschaft/Gemeinschaftsgefühl (Text 2)**
- **Viele interessante Angebote (Text 2)**
- **Alles wird geteilt/ Zugang zu vielen Sachen (Auto, Fahrrad etc.) (Text 2)**

Herausforderungen/Probleme

- Rechtliche Vorschriften kompliziert (in Deutschland) (Text 1)
- Zum Teil wenig Komfort/Kompostklo und keine Dusche (Text 1)
- Man muss viel selber machen; braucht Zeit/Geduld; alles muss genau geplant/durchdacht sein (Text 1)
- **Schwierig, einen Platz zu bekommen; es gibt nur wenig Plätze (Text 2)**
- **Weniger Platz/Privatsphäre als in normalem Haus (Text 2)**
- **Man braucht zum Starten (viel) Geld (Text 2)**
- **Die Nähe zur Stadt fehlt (Text 2)**

Content marks: Response to the Text/ Persönlicher Standpunkt

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Marked like a mini-essay according to the variety and interest of the opinions and views expressed, the response to the original text stimulus and the ability to express a personal point of view.

5 Very good	Varied and interesting ideas, showing an element of flair and imagination, a capacity to express a personal point of view.
4 Good	Not the flair and imagination of the best candidates, but work still shows an ability to express a range of ideas, maintain interest and respond to the issues raised.
3 Sound	A fair level of interest and ideas. May concentrate on a single issue, but there is still a response to ideas in the text.
2 Below average	Limited range of ideas; rather humdrum. May disregard the element of response to the text, and write a largely unrelated free-composition.
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