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an den Realschulen in Bayern



Englisch

Written Test

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ARTIFICIAL HOLIDAYS

PART I: Reading

TASK 1

Read the text '*Artificial holidays*' (page 8). Are sentences 1-10 'True' (T) or 'False' (F)?
If there is not enough information to answer 'True' or 'False', choose 'Not in the text' (N).

Tick (ü) the correct answer.

	T	F	N
1 The sound of wildlife at Tropical Island Resort comes from real animals.	☐	☐	☐
2 The Tropical Island Resort is close to the ocean.	☐	☐	☐
3 In the past, the building was used for other projects.	☐	☐	☐
4 When it's extremely cold outside, temperatures inside the building may vary.	☐	☐	☐
5 Hagenbeck was one of the first persons to present exotic people in Germany.	☐	☐	☐
6 The Paris International Exhibition was a huge success.	☐	☐	☐
7 The idea of visiting simulated worlds quickly fascinated the masses.	☐	☐	☐
8 Later, making a show of people from other cultures was criticized.	☐	☐	☐
9 At the beginning prices at Walt Disney's amusement park were quite low.	☐	☐	☐
10 New inventions helped to make Disney's idea a success.	☐	☐	☐
(10)			
	☐	☐	

TASK 2

Look at the text '*Artificial holidays*' (page 8). Five sentences have been removed from the text. Choose the correct gap (1-7) in the text for each of the sentences below (A-E).

Write the correct number of the gap behind each sentence.

Be careful: There are two gaps which you do not need to use.

- A At the moment, there are temple dancers from Indonesia and musicians from the Caribbean.
- B Then, at the end of the 19th century, Buffalo Bill enthralled visitors with 'real' cowboys and Native Americans in his legendary 'Wild West Show' in Chicago.
- C It's just an hour's drive from Berlin, in the German state of Brandenburg.
- D The economic revival after the Second World War brought wealth to the American people.
- E This human zoo was an instant success.

(5)



TASK 3

Four people have been interviewed about theme parks. Read their answers. For questions 1-7, choose the correct person (A-D) and **write his or her letter in the box**. The people may be chosen more than once.

A - Mary Handsome, age 42

We had two fabulous days at Playmobil Park. Our kids were really thrilled with everything! There were indoor and outdoor activity areas, so no need to worry about the weather. Once you have paid for entrance to the park, there are no extra charges for the activities, a refreshing change from most other theme parks. If it is warm, take a towel and bathing costumes as there are opportunities to play in splash areas. Food and drink were reasonably priced and good quality. They didn't want to rip you off like those other theme parks we won't name.

C - Michael Jacobson, age 51

I regret that these "family entertainment centers" have replaced our trips to state parks for swimming, picnicking or playing ball. Even the sandbox has been replaced by the pay-to-play Discovery Zone, which is more or less a walk through a Saturday morning television show. But real discovery happens when kids play in the real world, when they get dirty, build sand castles and create their own games. What do they learn in the human hamster cage of the Discovery Zone?

B - Henry McMoaner, age 62

Now listen, guys, a FAILED company of two parks wants to build another amusement park here! Freestyle Park was closed all season this year. Now they think they can build something right in between two of the biggest destination parks in America. Does this area need another park? You have Sea World, Discovery Cove, two Universal Studios parks, not to forget all the small ones. I'd recommend building a new park somewhere else outside Florida. Charleston, West Virginia could use one for sure.

D - Melissa Mayntz, age 23

Working at an amusement park isn't at all like an extended vacation. I clocked 60-70 hours a week, sometimes with seven days in a row on the job. Roller coasters, while exciting at first, lose their novelty after you've served four shifts back-to-back. Still, we employees created our own fun. One summer, we organized a crazy competition, with prizes for spotting the most guests with sunburns and identically dressed families.

Which person...

- 0 notes that fun parks become less attractive after a certain time?
- 1 suggests returning to nature?
- 2 questions the location for a new theme park?
- 3 states that a job at a theme park is not always fun?
- 4 likes all the different opportunities a theme park can offer?
- 5 mentions that theme parks don't offer real-life experiences?
- 6 says that the theme park was definitely affordable?
- 7 talks about cool games to fight boring moments?

D

(7)

TASK 4

Verwenden Sie die Informationen aus der folgenden Website und **bearbeiten Sie die Aufgaben (1-6) stichpunktartig auf Deutsch** (keine wörtliche Übersetzung nötig; Einzelwörter genügen nicht als Antwort).

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Let it snow at Ski Dubai!". The address bar displays "http://www.skidxb.com/home/promotion--events.aspx". The website has a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT SKI DUBAI, PROMOTIONS & EVENTS (highlighted), SNOW PRO, LESSONS, INTERACT, and CONTACT. The main content area contains the following text:

Ski Dubai is the first indoor ski resort in the Middle East, an amazing 22,500 square meters covered with real snow all year round! Skiers and snowboarders of all skill levels can enjoy our 5 pistes, which vary in difficulty and length, the longest run being 400 meters.

Child Programme: Ski Dubai's unique Polar Bear Club
Our highly trained ski and snowboard instructors encourage your child every step of the way in a safe professional manner. After each lesson, progress is recorded in a personal passport. When a level is fully completed, learners are awarded a Polar Bear medal corresponding to their level.

Junior Club: Weekend mornings, two-hour sessions
Whether you've just passed your *Finisher* or have been riding for years, this two-hour snowboard session is aimed at juniors looking to reach the next level.

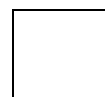
NEW student discount: Tuesday evenings
We now have a special student discount available, including Snow Park admission and free equipment rental. Please note that the student discount excludes school holidays and all nights with special events.

Terms & Conditions
All bookings are non-refundable. The management reserves the right to alter any event or price at any time without prior notification.

On the right side of the page, there is a vertical image showing a ski lift cabin against a blue sky with clouds, and the Burj Al Arab hotel in the background. At the bottom right, there is a logo for "SKI DUBAI" with the Arabic text "سكي دبي" below it.

- 1 Warum ist Ski Dubai sowohl für Anfänger als auch für fortgeschrittene Skifahrer geeignet? 1
- 2 Wie werden Kinder im Eisbärclub besonders motiviert? (2 Aspekte) 2
- 3 Für wen ist der Junior Club geeignet? 1
- 4 Was beinhaltet der neue Studentenrabatt? 1
- 5 Was muss man dabei beachten? 1
- 6 Was gilt es bei Buchungen zu beachten? (2 Details) 2

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PART II: Use of English

TASK 1

Look at the text 'Artificial holidays' (page 8). What do the following words mean? Match the expressions (A-F) with their corresponding definitions (0-6).

Write the correct numbers in the grid below. Be careful: There is one definition that you do not need. One definition (0) has already been matched correctly.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>A resort (l. 8)
 B ambience (l. 15)
 C replica (l. 29)
 D mobility (l. 37)
 E masterstroke (l. 40)
 F genesis (l. 44)</p> | <p>0 the ability to move easily from one area to another
 1 the atmosphere which prevails in an area
 2 the place where you want to go
 3 the beginning or origin of something
 4 an area where people can go on vacation
 5 an exact copy of something
 6 a very clever action that is successful</p> |
|--|---|

A	B	C	D	E	F
			0		

(5)

TASK 2

Find a word or expression in the text 'Artificial holidays' (page 8) which means the same as each of the words (1-5) below. The lines where you can find the word or expression are indicated in brackets. There is one example (0) at the beginning.

- | | | | | |
|---|------------|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 0 | to walk | à | _____ to stroll _____ | (l. 1 - 11) |
| 1 | to set up | à | _____ | (l. 12 - 22) |
| 2 | to attract | à | _____ | (l. 12 - 22) |
| 3 | to blow | à | _____ | (l. 12 - 22) |
| 4 | whole | à | _____ | (l. 23 - 32) |
| 5 | important | à | _____ | (l. 36 - 46) |

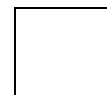
(5)

TASK 3

Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to **form a word of the same word family** that fits in the space in the same line. There is one example (0) at the beginning.

- | | | |
|---|---|-----------|
| 0 | Holiday parks are gaining in <u>popularity</u> . Architects have decided | POPULAR |
| 1 | _____ theme parks all over the world. Depending on how | BUILDING |
| 2 | much money you want to spend, you can go to _____ places. | VARIETY |
| | All of them offer all sorts of family entertainment. Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, for example, features Formula Rossa, the world's fastest roller coaster. It has | |
| 3 | been _____ to reach speeds of up to 149 mph (240 km/h). | DESIGN |
| 4 | Compared to _____ roller coasters, the height of this one | TRADITION |
| 5 | really makes you feel _____. | SCARY |

(5)



TASK 4

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the KEY WORD given in brackets. **Do not change the KEY WORD given.** You must use **between two and five words including the KEY WORD.** There is one example (0) at the beginning.

0 EXAMPLE:

Nowadays, you don't have to leave home or work to enjoy virtual holidays. **(WITHOUT) B KEY WORD**

Nowadays, you can enjoy virtual holidays ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾ without leaving home or work.

1 Special companies offer you all the experiences you would expect from a "normal" holiday. **(BY)**

All the experiences you would expect from a "normal" holiday _____ 1
special companies.

2 Gemma Bowes, a reporter for the Guardian, had always found cyberspace interesting. **(IN)**

She had always _____ cyberspace. 1

3 She had never tried going on a virtual trip before. **(FIRST)**

This was _____ tried going on a virtual trip. 1

4 Booking the trip was not as difficult as she had expected. **(LESS)**

It was _____ expected. 1

5 This experience was so interesting that she will never forget it. **(SUCH)**

It was _____ that she will never forget it. 1

TASK 5

Complete the following text. Use the correct forms of the words in brackets and find words of your own to replace the question marks. There is one example (0) at the beginning.

This year's hottest destination: Cyberspace

Mario Joan is the first travel agent (0) in (???) the world (1) _____ (???) offers 1

holidays in cyberspace through his company, *Futuretravels*. The company's complex digital

worlds are like a combination of a computer game and a chat room. They can (2) _____ 1

_____ (download) from the internet and allow people (3) _____ 1

(explore) the virtual environments and interact with each other. Businesses are realizing the

potential to reach a huge and (4) _____ (grow) audience. The most 1

famous virtual world, Second Life, (5) _____ (attract) 4.6 million 1

members since it (6) _____ (develop) by Linden Lab in 2003. 1

Futuretravels' idea is to explore virtual worlds for the sake of (7) _____ 1

(have) a travelling experience rather than just to chat to people online. Ian Shaw, of the Centre

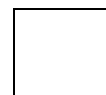
For Future Studies, believes that the industry (8) _____ (intensify) this 1

technology in the future: "More and more people are putting their perfect holiday together (9)

_____ (oneself), so agents have to improve their services. Getting people to buy 1

a holiday is an (10) _____ (emotional) complicated decision. So the 1

more you can show them what they will experience, the more likely you are to sell the holiday."



PART III: Guided Writing

You only have to do **one** of the following two tasks.

Important: First read both tasks, then decide whether you want to do Task A or Task B.

You can write down your ideas on your extra sheet before you do the task on your exam paper.

TASK A

On a blog you read the following statement:

"Facebook friends aren't real friends! My advice: Forget your trips in the virtual world, start living again in the real one!"

Aiden, 17, Boston

Post your comment on Aiden's blog and...

- talk about possible risks of "virtual friendships"
- , say how to avoid these risks
- f** name advantages of "virtual worlds"
- „ describe your own experience



Write about 200 words.

TASK B

You take part in a writing competition for the online magazine *SF_Imagination.com*. The competition rules say that the story must begin with the following words:

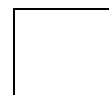
"Have you ever tried out a time machine? I did! This morning, I checked out holidays on the moon in the year 3000. Click ... and there I was. Boy, I couldn't believe my eyes.

Continue the story. Describe ...

- what you saw
- , what you did
- f** your feelings
- „ your plans for your next "trip"



Write about 200 words. (Do not copy the beginning of the story.)



ARTIFICIAL HOLIDAYS

1 Children dig in the warm sand. Beach beauties stroll past sun-
beds. People play beach volleyball or float high above the tropical
5 idyll in a hot-air balloon. The sea roars and birds sing – from
loudspeakers that look like rocks. The Tropical Island Resort
promises nothing less than an
10 “authentic man-made tropical paradise.”

However, it is far from the seaside and even farther from the tropics.

15 ((1)) Here, 500 employees have created a holiday ambience in the
largest free-standing hall in the world, originally erected for the
construction of airships.



20 This synthetic landscape beckons visitors with a waterfall and a lagoon, with realistic reproductions of houses
from the South Sea Islands, and with the largest indoor rainforest in the world. Every three months, a different
region of the world presents its exotic traditions here. ((2)) It is always 26°C inside, 365 days a year – even if icy
winter storms are raging outside. ((3))

Artificial worlds are becoming increasingly popular as holiday destinations, for these ‘virtual’ vacations avoid the
problems of long-distance travel. Surprisingly, however, the creation of virtual worlds is not a product of our high-
25 tech present. ((4)) Carl Hagenbeck, a former circus director, was a pioneer in the field of commercial simulation.
From 1874 onwards, he organized exhibitions of people in the German harbor town of Hamburg. There, men and
women from Lapland could be seen with their reindeer in an “animated scene”. ((5)) So Hagenbeck quickly
expanded his new idea by importing tribesmen and even entire villages from Asia and Africa. The concept soon
spread and in 1889, the Paris International Exposition also contained replicas of African villages from the French
30 colonies. ((6)) The presentation of artificial worlds soon became a highly-popular form of mass entertainment,
until after some years the public felt that it was no longer morally acceptable to put exotic people on display like
this.

And then, in the 1950s, a clever gentleman with a moustache dreamt up the king of all theme parks: Disneyland.
Film producer Walt Disney built an entire universe in Anaheim, California. His amusement park was a family-
35 friendly paradise that transported people from their suburban lives directly into the world of fantasy.

Walt Disney’s timing was perfect. ((7)) Cars gave citizens
mobility, while cinema – and the brand new medium of
television – created new desires, and worked as brilliant sales
instruments.

40 Disneyland was a masterstroke of marketing: one illusion gave
rise to the next, from comic books to cinema and then to the
‘real’ world. Disney’s magic kingdom offered much more than
just the kick of a rollercoaster ride. That’s why it developed
into a popular family destination. The genesis of the
45 amusement park as a fully equipped vacation resort was a
decisive step in the evolution of simulated worlds.

(Adapted from GEO, March 2010)



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PART III: Guided Writing – Answer Sheet

TASK ☐ (Write A or B in the box.)

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(Write A or B in the box.)

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WRITING SCORE

	Task Achievement	Coherence & Cohesion	Grammar	Vocabulary	Impression of General Quality	Total
1 st examiner						/30
2 nd examiner						/30

TOTAL SCORE

	Speaking	Listening	Reading	Use of English	Writing	Total
1 st examiner	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/150
2 nd examiner	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/150

1st examiner: _____

2nd examiner: _____