

# Candidate commentary

The evidence for these candidates has achieved the following marks for this course assessment component.

## Candidate 1.

The candidate was awarded **8 marks**.

**Assignment - writing title: Mobile phones play an essential part in adolescent life. Discuss.**

**Write 200-250 words in German to express your views. Give reasons for your opinions and draw any appropriate conclusions.**

### Content

Although the candidate has given a title to the piece of writing the full stimulus has not been included, thereby making it difficult to assess the relevance or otherwise of the content. Despite a sense of structure in this essay, the candidate expresses limited opinions, ideas and reasons which are presented as a list rather than developed in more detail.

### Accuracy

In this essay, the candidate demonstrates an inadequate degree of grammatical accuracy corresponding to the level, for example omission of verbs *“Ich werde über Smartphones.”* / *“Schüler können das Handy benutzen, um Recherchen im Internet.”* or word order inaccuracies *“Die Vorteile ist, dass es stärkt Freundschaften...”* / *“...es ist, dass Smartphones schädigen auch den Schlaf”*. There are also some errors in spelling and verb endings. *“Ich habe der Meinung...”* / *“Smartphones habe auch den Notizzettel...”*.

### Language Resource

There is a limited amount of detailed and complex language in the essay. Where the use of detailed and complex language is attempted, it is not always successful, for example *“Smartphones man den Notdienst auch die anrufen kann, wenn man eine Panne hat.”* / *“Ich habe die Meinung, dass die Welt sind ganz besser ohne Smartphones.”* The candidate uses a limited number of verbs as well as language which is repetitive in places.

## Candidate 2.

The candidate was awarded **20 marks**

**Assignment – writing title: Everybody should live abroad for some time. Discuss.**

**You could discuss opportunities and possible problems that might present themselves if you live abroad for some time. You might want to include your own experiences.**

**Write 200-250 words in German to express your views. Give reasons for your opinions and draw any appropriate conclusions.**

### Content

The candidate addresses the title in a full and balanced way and expresses a wide range of ideas, opinions and reasons. Different arguments and viewpoints are presented, the writing is organised and the language flows well.

### Accuracy

The candidate demonstrates a very good degree of grammatical accuracy corresponding to the level. Knowledge of spelling and word order is excellent.

### Language Resource

The candidate uses detailed and complex language throughout using a wide range of structures, for example relative clauses “...*die meisten Menschen, die...*”/ “...*über all das, was...*”, inversion “*In diesen Tagen leben immer mehr Menschen im Ausland.*”/ “*Dadurch lernen sie sich selbst besser kennen...*”/ “*Anfangs kann es Sprachbarrier geben...*” and a number of subordinate clauses with correct conjunctions *wenn, wie, da, so dass*. The essay contains a range of tenses and some sophisticated verb phrases “*persönliches Wachstum durchlaufen*”/ “*neue Herausforderungen entstehen*”/ “*Zeit in Anspruch nehmen*” as well as sophisticated adjectives “*beschäftigungsfähiger*”/ “*überwältigend*”.

### Candidate 3.

The candidate was awarded **16 marks**

**Living in a town or city is better than life in the country. Do you agree?**

**You could discuss the advantages or disadvantages of life in the town or country. For example, you could consider the implications for everyday life, work, travel, free time.**

**Write 200-250 words in German to express your views. Give reasons for your opinions and draw any appropriate conclusions.**

#### Content

The candidate addresses the title competently and expresses a range of ideas and opinions. Different arguments and viewpoints could have been supported in more detail. The candidate writes in a structured way and draws a conclusion.

#### Accuracy

The essay demonstrates a good degree of grammatical accuracy corresponding to the level, for example *“Alles, was man braucht, ist in der Nähe”.* *Das bedeutet, dass man die Natur genießen kann*. Errors occasionally detract from the overall impression, for example omission of capital letters for nouns and errors in word order *“Meiner Meinung nach auf dem ich dass das Leben auf dem Land besser ist.”*

#### Language resource

The candidate mostly uses detailed and complex language correctly although some structures are occasionally repeated. There is evidence of a range of verbs and tenses, for example *ich werde, man kann, sie können, ich denke, dass...*

## Candidate 4.

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**

**Good friends are more important than family. Do you agree?**

**You could discuss the importance of friends and what they mean to you. You could also set out the advantages and disadvantages of different relationships. You could mention whether friends are reliable and when being with friends is better than being with family and vice versa.**

**Write 200-250 words in German to express your views. Give reasons for your opinions and draw any appropriate conclusions.**

### **Content**

The candidate presents the essay in one single paragraph using content which is of a descriptive rather than discursive nature. The essay expresses very limited ideas, opinions and reasons as well as few arguments or viewpoints. There is no conclusion.

### **Accuracy**

The candidate demonstrates serious grammatical inaccuracies corresponding to the level, for example singular and plural of nouns, adjective endings and comparison of adjectives as well as interference from English "...*sie sind immer dort...*" / "*family*". When attempting complex sentences, this is not always successful, for example "...*jemand, dass nie über hintern meine Rücken redet...*" / "*Die Nachteile von Freundschaft sind es ist sehr einfach zu streiten*".

### **Language resource**

The candidate uses a limited amount of detailed and complex language.. The verbs in this essay are simple; although the candidate attempts to use a different tense in a main clause on one occasion, this is not successful "*Letze Jahr bin ich mit meinem Bruder gebleiben*".

## Candidate 5.

This candidate was awarded **12 marks**.

**There are several benefits to children and young people having access to technology – especially mobiles – in everyday life. Discuss.**

**Write 200-250 words in German to express your views. Give reasons for your opinions and draw any appropriate conclusions.**

### Content

The candidate addresses the title competently and writes with an adequate sense of structure in a mostly organised manner. The candidate expresses some ideas, opinions and reasons but not always successfully.

### Accuracy

The candidate demonstrates an adequate degree of grammatical accuracy corresponding to the level although some errors, which occasionally are serious, detract from the overall impression, for example. *“Zu allererst möchte ich haben eine Vorteile als eine Technologie und ein Handy sprechen”./ “Zu viele Menschen abhängig zu ein Handy werden.”/ “...dass die Vorteile and Nachteile übergewichtigen...”. There is also evidence of interference from English “...ist ein Handy ein groß Dinge im Alltagsleben von Jugendlichen...”. Overall, the candidate produces more correct language than incorrect.*

### Language resource

The candidate attempts to use detailed and complex language with evidence of different verbs and verb forms. This is not always successful, for example *“Ein letztes Nachteile ist zu viele jugendliche kontakt mit dem Freunden verlieren.”*