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## **Schriftliche Reifeprüfung aus Englisch**

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### **Reading Test**

#### **Instructions**

- 1. This test contains 4 tasks and 25 questions.**
- 2. Write all your answers in this test booklet.**

**Task 1**

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Read the text below, then choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for questions 1-4. Put a  in the correct box. The first one (0) has been done for you.

### My Mother's Day

The scent of fresh spruce filled the house; ornaments lay waiting to decorate the first Christmas tree Jimmy and I were sharing as a married couple. I paced the living room, jumpy and tense. At any minute, Jimmy's 15-year-old son and 13-year-old daughter would be arriving to share in the tree trimming and to mark another first, the first tradition the four of us were sharing as a family. And despite Jimmy's assurances, I was positive it would be a disaster.

No big drama was fueling this conviction of mine. Throughout the six months Jimmy and I had dated and into the early months of our marriage, his children had been polite and good-natured around me. But I tried to keep our contact to a minimum. Whenever they were supposed to come over, I made sure I had a commitment elsewhere. Jimmy implored me to join them, but I said I didn't want to get in the way. That was true, but even truer was the fact that I was terrified of negotiating a relationship with the kids.

Even though Jimmy had been divorced from his ex-wife for many years, the very nature of a stepparent relationship is based on loss, on the disintegration of the first family. If I got any closer to the kids, would they resent me? Resist me? Would they (gulp) hate me?

Underneath it all was a profound sorrow I held at being childless myself, and a fear that since I haven't been able to have children of my own, I somehow lacked the capacity to mother.

All this was running through my head when the doorbell rang and the kids charged in. After saying hello, I quickly escaped into the kitchen. I was greasing cookie sheets and adjusting the stove, wondering how to stretch this food-preparation thing out as long as possible, when I noticed my stepdaughter standing in the doorway.

"Can I, like, help you and stuff?" Her dreamy brown eyes and crooked grin were exactly like her father's, that face I love so much. It was a face like a puppy's, hopeful and open and seeking affection. What did I have to fear from such a face?

"Do you want to do the sugar cookies while I get the chocolate-chip?" I moved to give her space at the counter. Within a minute she was fixing batter and asking my opinion on everything from cookie sprinkles to clothing. Did I think Ashton Kutcher was cute? Was going out for cheerleading a good idea? Had I ever toilet-papered anybody's house? It felt easy and natural to fall into her groove — girl talk is, after all, girl talk. (My answers? Yes, yes, and, well, maybe, once upon a time....)

As we chatted, I could feel my trepidation evaporate. And it struck me that maybe both she and her brother had been standing at the door all these months. Yes, I could offer comfort and insight to these kids. I would never be their mother, but I had within me the gift of mothering. They had just been waiting to receive it.



0 Shortly before her stepchildren's arrival, the writer felt

- A nervous.
- B hopeful.
- C excited.
- D depressed.

Q1 In the previous months Jimmy's son and daughter had

- A tried to get to know their stepmother better.
- B stayed out of the writer's way.
- C behaved nicely.
- D rarely been at their house.

Q2 The writer was mainly afraid of

- A spoiling Jimmy's relationship with his children.
- B not being accepted by the children.
- C the children becoming the victims of another divorce.
- D being reminded that she was not able to have children.

Q3 Her stepdaughter's offer to help made the writer

- A think of how happy she was with her husband.
- B feel ashamed of her quick retreat into the kitchen.
- C realize that her worries were ridiculous.
- D aware of the love she had for her stepchildren.

Q4 When the writer was making cookies with her stepdaughter

- A she felt as if she was being interviewed.
- B she remembered what it felt like to be a 13-year-old.
- C they had a serious conversation.
- D she started to relax.

## Task 2

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Read the text below. Parts of the text have been removed. Choose the correct part (A-L) for each gap (5-13). Write your answers in the boxes provided at the end of the task. There are two extra parts that you should not use. The first one (0) has been done for you.

### Nairobi cafes buzzing as real coffee finally comes home

Time was, not so long ago, that if you wanted to buy a cup of quality Kenyan coffee, your best bet was a coffee shop in the US or Europe. In Nairobi, where (0) ..... in the suburbs, people wanting a shot of caffeine made do with instant granules from a tin.

No more. Plush coffee bars are springing up all over the capital, serving home-grown lattes and cappuccinos to young, status-driven Kenyans (Q5) ..... . Where there were no proper coffee shops in 1999, there are now more than 20. In the gritty city centre alone, Java House, the best-known chain, serves 1,500 cups of premium coffee a day.

"Sometimes you need a real kick in the morning," said Wambui Mburu, 25, a stockbroker, drinking a cafe mocha before work. "That it comes from our backyard makes it even better."

A few years ago, nobody could have predicted the coffee shops' success. Though coffee has been grown in Kenya for more than a century, virtually all used to be exported. To guarantee the flow of foreign exchange, farmers were prohibited from (Q6) ..... for local consumption. Solomon Waweru, managing director of the Coffee Board of Kenya, said this meant that even coffee pickers would take a (Q7) ..... into the fields.

Not only was there no coffee drinking culture, but the economy was failing (Q8) ..... in a rundown shopping centre in Nairobi in 1999.

"People thought we were crazy to (Q9) ..... , to Kenyans." said Jon Wagner, an American former relief worker who co-

founded the company eight years ago, and has seen revenues grow every quarter since. "It was virgin territory but we believed a (Q10)..... would always find a market."

While Java's stores initially proved a hit with expatriates, more than 70% of customers are now Kenyans, mostly under 40. With seven outlets, some offering wireless internet, the company plans to list on the stock exchange and open branches in Uganda and Tanzania.

Java's success has inspired other Kenyan companies (Q11) ..... . C. Dorman, a coffee exporter, has opened 10 shops in the capital since 2003 and recently opened a store in the port city of Mombasa. Sasini, a leading tea and coffee producer, is about to open its first retail store in an upmarket mall.

The (Q12) ..... has coincided with an upswing in the economy. Many coffee shop customers are the same people targeted to buy Blackberry devices by the two mobile phone operators, and to read the new pink Business Daily newspaper.

For some, the (Q13) ..... is as important as the beverage. "People who come here are serious people who are building the country," said Charles Maitho, 32, an insurance broker sitting in a buzzing downtown Java café decorated with original art. "This is no place for idlers."



**Task 3**

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Read the text below. Parts of the text have been removed. Choose the correct part (A-I) for the gaps (14-19). There are two extra parts you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.



### A Bird's Best Friend

**At home in Missouri, Rick LaChance turns salvaged wood and metal into birdhouses with architectural appeal.**

There is an honorable farm tradition where nothing goes to waste – where objects that are past their prime are given new purpose and discarded goods are refashioned into something worthwhile. (0) .....

When Rick and his wife, Virginia, bought their 1807 Missouri farmhouse, they knew the work that lay ahead of them. (Q14) ..... “I felt compelled to do something with the barn wood and galvanized roofing that remained,” recalls Rick. (Q15) ..... Today, they are collected as much for their primitive folk-art appeal as for their functional garden use.

“Working in a business where interior furnishings are the primary focus, I wanted to do something that would fill a similar need outdoors,” says Rick. He knew that most of the older, truly antique, birdhouses were either lost to the elements or too fragile to serve their intended purpose. (Q16) ..... Each LaChance birdhouse is individually handmade. There are no templates to follow, just a decision based on size and scale. (Q17) .....

Rick draws on a wide range of architectural styles for his creations, often researching the design and color to appeal to different parts of the country – from a red New England saltbox to a green Texas ranch house. (Q18) ..... “Perhaps it reminds them of Grandma’s house, or a place where they vacationed in Maine, or a church they visited in Indiana,” he adds.

(Q19) ..... “My wife and I spend hours throughout the year watching the wrens and bluebirds that have made our houses their own,” he adds.

A	So, with discarded wood and metal – and some hands-on experience in building – he began crafting his own designs.
B	So, while he and Virginia were busy restoring their house and maintaining an antiques business that required travelling to shows from Wilton, Conn., to Round Top, Tex., he began crafting his one-of-a-kind birdhouses.
C	Not only was the house in need of renovation, but a derelict barn had to be cleared from the property.
D	“I love blending different styles in my designs,” says Rick.
E	And, since each of his designs is detailed with an assortment of collected trims, cornices, spindles, and balustrades, no two are exactly the same.
F	In some cases – like that of our newly inducted <i>Country Living</i> Guild artisan, Rick LaChance – that tradition can even be the impetus for a new and successful career.
G	“The fun part of my work is seeing how people connect to a specific birdhouse,” says Rick.
H	The house was in such a desolate condition that they could not move in for months.
I	Of course, the true test of any birdhouse is the inhabitants it attracts.

0	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19
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**Task 4**

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Read the text below, then answer the questions (20-25) using a maximum of 4 words. Write your answers in the spaces provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

## Boeing hydrogen plane set to lift off

**Jonathan Leake**  
Environment Editor

BOEING is developing a light aircraft powered by fuel cells and electric motors, making it potentially the greenest plane ever to fly.

It would emit no carbon dioxide, the main gas blamed for global warming, or other pollutants, leaving just a trail of water. It would also be almost completely silent. The hitch? It would fly at only 70mph.

The decision to develop the plane comes amid growing concern over high carbon dioxide emissions from passenger jets.

Boeing is working with Intelligent Energy, a British fuel cell designer. It hopes the two-seater aircraft will make its maiden flight in the next 12 months.

"What we are designing is a demonstrator aircraft to see if it can be done," said Boeing. "The technology is in its infancy but it has great potential."

The aircraft is based on the Diamond Dimona, an Austrian plane chosen for its light weight. Boeing engineers in Madrid have stripped out its fuel tank, replacing it with a bottle of compressed hydrogen that will feed into a fuel cell.

There, the hydrogen will be chemically combined with oxygen from the air to generate power. This will then be fed to an electric motor to turn the propeller.

The system is mechanically simple. Fuel cells have no moving parts and run silently. They tend, however, to be bulky and expensive, which is why their use has never become widespread.



Dr Jon Moore, director of communications at Intelligent Energy, based in Loughborough, Leicestershire, said technological advances were now making such devices far lighter and cheaper, but aviation remained the biggest challenge.

"The secret lies in making a fuel cell powerful enough to get an aircraft off the ground and to keep it climbing," he said. "That takes a huge amount of energy and it is a big obstacle."

Boeing has overcome this by backing up the fuel cell with batteries that provide extra power for take-off and then recharge while the aircraft is cruising.

The Boeing project will be the first manned fuel cell-powered aircraft. Last year AcroVironment, a California-firm, flew an unmanned surveillance plane, the Global Observer, which was powered by a fuel cell.

Even if Boeing succeeds with its aircraft it will take many years to scale it up for commercial use.

Another big problem is finding a supply of "green" hydrogen. Most commercially produced hydrogen is synthesised in refineries from fossil fuels such as natural gas. Critics call this "black hydrogen" because carbon dioxide is generated as a by-product, cancelling out many of the potential benefits.

0	Why will Boeing's new aircraft be environmentally friendly?	<i>emits only water</i>
Q20	Why are people worried about air transport nowadays?	
Q21	When does Boeing plan to launch the prototype?	
Q22	Which energy source will the aircraft run on?	
Q23	What is the problem with fuel cells? (Give <u>one</u> answer)	
Q24	What device will help the plane get into the air and gain height?	
Q25	What environmental obstacle stands in the way of developing the plane?	