**English Final Written Exam**

**2014**

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**Part I**

Grammar / Use of English / Tenses / Listening . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ./ **54** (~45’)

**Part II**

Reading Comprehension: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . / **30** (~20’)

Guided Letter Writing: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . / **40** (~25’)

Total: …… . . . . . . . . . . ./ **124**

Use of dictionaries according to the “BBB-Wegleitung 2014” in part II only.

***A: 'Conditionals': Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.***

***(Max. 7 points; each correct answer counts 1/2 point.).)***

**Conditional 0 / 1**

1. I am going to California next week on business. If I ……………………… (have) enough time, I .................................................. (visit) my friends in Los Angeles.’
2. Nancy hates TV. She thinks television is a waste of time. If she ........................ ............... (watch) any television at all, it ..................................... (be) usually a documentary or a news program.’

**Conditional 2**

1. Our teacher gave us an awful lot of homework l. If I ………………….………... (not have) such a lot of homework I …………………………. (play) football tonight.
2. It's too bad Frank isn't with us. If he .................................................. (be) here, he .................................................. (can) translate the letter for us.
3. Stop asking me what Joe bought you for your birthday. Even if I ........................ (know) what he bought you, I ............................................................. (not tell) you.

**Conditional 3**

1. Finally, I have finished the paper. I .................................................. (not finish) the work if you .................................................. (not help) me.
2. We had to come here by taxi because the bus didn't stop. – If you ..................... ................................. (put) your hand up, the bus .................................................. ……………………(stop). …../7 points

***B: ‘‘Modal Verbs’: Circle the correct answer. (Max. 7 points; each correct answer counts 1 point)***

**Example**: Fiona ………………… to be at the meeting.

**A** must **B** have **C** will **D** ought

1. On a sign in a hospital: You ………………….. smoke.

**A** mustn’t **B** shouldn’t **C** mightn’t **D** do not have to

1. There are plenty of tomatoes in the fridge. You ………………….. buy any.

**A** needn’t **B** shouldn’t **C** mustn’t **D** can’t

1. He has been working for more than 11 hours. He ………………….. be tired after such hard work.

**A** can **B** should **C** must **D** needs

1. I ………………….. speak Arabic fluently when I was a child and we lived in Marocco.

**A** could **B** can **C** might **D** should

1. You ………………….. have brought your umbrella. It is not raining.

**A** needn’t **B** should **C** mustn’t **D** can’t

1. Oh dear, I look terrible! I ………………….. wash my hair tonight.

**A** must **B** can **C** have to **D** ought

1. Where is Sue? - I’m not sure. She ………………….. games on the computer.

**A** might play **B** must be playing

**C** may be playing **D** should have played

...................../7 points

***C: ‘Use of English’. To fill in gaps read the text and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits in each space. Circle the correct answer. There is an example at the beginning (0). (Max. 10 points; each correct answer counts 1 point.)***

**A Home-alone Father**

The number of **(0)** \_\_\_ fathers has increased considerably in recent years in Britain. We spoke to one such dad, Steve Baker, about how he (1) \_\_\_ it all. Steve, 43, (2) has \_\_\_ up his two teenage sons since he and his wife (3) \_\_\_ up two years ago.

‘It’s no more difficult for a man than it is for a woman,’ says Steve. ‘It’s a full-time job, whoever you are. Fortunately for me, my employers were very sympathetic in the first few months and they (4) \_\_\_ me take time off work to get myself organized. As (5) \_\_\_ as the housework is concerned, I don’t mind cooking, as I’ve always been good at that; it’s the ironing I can’t (6) \_\_\_! Generally speaking, the boys and I get on very well (7) \_\_\_ but of course, sometimes we have rows (Streitereien). That’s when I really (8) \_\_\_ having someone there with me to help me out.

I have had a couple of (9) \_\_\_ in the last two years but they haven’t worked out. That has a lot to (10) \_\_\_ with the fact that I put my kids before anyone else. I take fatherhood very seriously.’

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| 0 | A | alone | B | only |  | single | D | unique |
| 1 | A | gets by | B | copes with | C | looks after | D | takes care |
| 2 | A | taken | B | made | C | grown | D | brought |
| 3 | A | divorced | B | separated | C | parted | D | split |
| 4 | A | allowed | B | offered | C | suggested | D | let |
| 5 | A | far | B | well | C | much | D | soon |
| 6 | A | support | B | hate | C | stand | D | help |
| 7 | A | each one | B | each other | C | one another | D | together |
| 8 | A | miss | B | regret | C | want | D | need |
| 9 | A | relatives | B | relationships | C | relations | D | partnerships |
| 10 | A | be | B | do | C | see | D | go |

...................../10 points

***D: ‘Mixed Tenses’. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form. (Max.15 points; each correct answer counts 1 point.)***

My computer desktop is a bit like my handbag: it’s full of things I either don’t need or don’t use, it looks untidy, and I’m not quite sure where a lot of the stuff ..................... ............... **(1)** (come) from. One of the programmes I ............................. **(2)** (often talk) about is Skype. And I am quite certain that it ............................. **(3)** (change) my life. I first realised the importance of Skype when I was in my third year of university.

I ................................... **(4)** (move) to Germany for my ‘year abroad’, and it was my first long period of time outside the UK. About a week after I ...........................................**(5)** (arrive), I ............................. **(6)** (receive) a text message from one of my best friends saying that she was very upset and needed to talk to me. I ............................. **(7)** (remember) rushing out of my flat with a 20 euro note trying to find a shop that would change it into coins so that I could call her from a payphone. When I finally had the coins, I still only managed to speak to her for around fifteen minutes. Payphones are expensive!

Now that I ............................. **(8)** (have)Skype, I no longer experience situations like that. Skype ....................................... **(9)** (become) a useful tool in the work place. Sometimes it .... ................................. **(10)** (be) used for interviews – especially when companies are recruiting internationally, or when it would be very expensive for the candidate to travel for the interview.

And there are, of course, the long-distance relationships. When I ............................. **(11)** (ask) a colleague how she managed to stay in touch with her Mexican boyfriend when she moved back to Germany, she repliedsimply: “Skype!” And now they are married! There ............................. **(12)** (be) certainly countless similar stories throughout the world of couples who ................................................ **(13)** (manage) to stay together until this day because of this programme.

For some time now, that white ‘S’ on the light blue, blobby-looking background ............................. **(14)** (give) me the freedom to live far away from my family and some of my friends because I know I can see their lovely faces and hear their voices almost any time. I have already planned my Skype account. Next year I ............................. **(15)** (get) a premium account to get free group calls with no advertising. Skype lets me into the lives and homes of the people I love.

...................../15 points

***E: 'Listening'.*** ***You will hear five different people talking about things they were relieved about. For speakers 1-5, choose from the list (A-F) what each speaker says. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use. (Max. 15 points)***

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| **A** finding an object |  | speaker 1 |  |
| **B** passing an exam |  | speaker 2 |  |
| **C** seeing someone again |  | speaker 3 |  |
| **D** escaping punishment |  | speaker 4 |  |
| **E** winning a match |  | speaker 5 |  |
| **F** avoiding injury |

Correct Answers: ………/x3 = ………./15 points

**F: Reading Comprehension**

**G:Guided Letter Writing**

**To be filled in by the students**

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F: Reading Comprehension F: ...................../30 points

G: Guided Letter Writing ...................../40 points

***F: ‘Reading’. You are going to read an article about people who changed jobs. For questions 1-15 choose from the people (A-D). The people may be chosen more than once. (Max. 30 points)***

**A**

**The Farmer**

*Matt Froggatt used to be an insurance agent in the City of London but now runs a sheep farm.*

'After 14 years in business, I found that the City had gone from a place which was exciting to work in to a grind - no one was having fun any more. But I hadn't planned to leave for another five or ten years when I was made redundant. It came out of the blue, but made me take a careful look at my life. I didn't get a particularly good pay-off but it was enough to set up the farm with. My break came when I got to know the head chef of a local hotel with one of the top 20 hotel restaurants in the country. Through supplying them, my reputation spread and now I also supply meat through mail order. I'm glad I'm no longer stuck in the office but it's astonishing how little things have changed for me: the same 80 - 90-hour week and still selling a product.

**B**

**The Painter**

*Ron Abelwhite was a manager in advertising but now makes a living as an artist.*

'My painting began as a hobby but I realised I was getting far more excitement out of it than out of working. The decision to take redundancy and to become an artist seemed logical. The career counsellor I talked to was very helpful. I think I was the first person who had ever told him, "I don't want to go back to where I've been." He was astonished because the majority of people in their mid-forties need to get back to work immediately - they need the money. But we had married young and our children didn't need our support. It was a leap into the unknown. We went to the north of England, where we didn't know a soul. It meant leaving all our friends, but we've been lucky in that our friendships have survived the distance - plenty of them come up and visit us now.'

**C**

**The Hatmaker**

*After working for five years as a company lawyer, Katherine Goodison set up her own business in her London flat, making hats for private clients.*

'My job as a lawyer was fun. It was stimulating and I earned a lot of money, but the hours were terrible. I realised I didn't want to become a senior partner in the company, working more and more hours, so I left. A lot of people said I'd get bored, but that has never happened. The secret is to have deadlines. Since it's a fashion-related business, you have the collections, next year's shapes, the season - there's always too much to do, so you have to run a very regimented diary. I feel happier now, and definitely less stressed. There are things I really long for, though, like the social interaction with colleagues. What I love about this job is that I'm totally responsible for the product. If I do a rubbish job, then I'm the one who takes the blame. Of course, you care when you're working for a company, but when your name is all over the promotional material, you care that little bit more.

**D**

**The Masseur**

*Paul Drinkwater worked in finance for 18 years before becoming a masseur at the Life Centre in London.*

'I had been in financial markets from the age of 22, setting up deals. I liked the adrenaline but I never found the work rewarding. I was nearly made redundant in 2005, but I escaped by resigning and travelling for a year. I spent that year trying to work out what I wanted to do. I was interested in health, so I visited some of the world's best gymnasiums and talked to the owners about how they started up. I knew that to change career I had to get qualifications so I did various courses in massage. Then I was offered part-time work at the Life Centre. I have no regrets. I never used to feel in control, butnow I have peace of mind and control my destiny. That's best of all.

**A The Farmer**

**B The Painter**

**C The Hatmaker**

**D The Masseur**

**Which person mentions . . .**

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| enjoying their pastime more than the job they used to do? |  | 0 | **B** |
| enjoying being in charge of their own life? |  | 1 |  |
| being surprised by suddenly losing their previous job? |  | 2 |  |
| not having other people depending on them financially? |  | 3 |  |
| missing working with other people? |  | 4 |  |
| undergoing training in order to take up their new job? |  | 5 |  |
| a contact being useful in promoting their new business? |  | 6 |  |
| not being interested in possible promotion in their old job? |  | 7 |  |
| disliking the amount of time they used to have to work? |  | 8 |  |
| surprising someone else by the decision they made? |  | 9 |  |
| a prediction that hasn't come true? |  | 10 |  |
| consulting other people about their businesses? |  | 11 |  |
| the similarities between their new job and their old one? |  | 12 |  |
| working to a strict timetable? |  | 13 |  |
| finding the work they had been doing for so long ungratifying? |  | 14 |  |
| their renown and good name proliferated? |  | 15 |  |

Correct Answers: ........./ x 2 = ............/30 points

***G: ‘Guided Letter Writing’ (Max. 40 points)***

You recently entered a competition and have just received this letter from the organiser. Read the letter, on which you have made some notes. Then, using all the information on your notes, write a suitable reply.

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|  | **Competition** |  |
| only July  because...  say which  and why | Congratulations!You have won first prize in our competition – two weeks at Camp California in the U.S.A. All accommodation and travel costs are paid for, including transport to and from the airport. We now need some further information from you:   * When would you like to travel? * Accommodation at Camp California is in tents or log cabins. Which would you prefer? * You will have the chance to do two activities while you are at the Camp. Please choose two from the list below and tell us how good you are at each one.   *Basketball Swimming Golf Painting Climbing Singing Sailing Tennis Photography Surfing*  Is there anything you would like to ask us? | tell them!  clothes, money...? |
|  | Helen Ryan  Competition Organiser  1156 High Street  Santa Cruz, CA 95064  USA |  |

**How** **many** **students**?

**Where?**

**Nearest underground station?**

Your letter must feature 140 to 180 words (not including addresses, dates, greetings or signature).

Use grammatically correct sentences with accurate spelling and punctuation in a style appropriate for the situation.

Count the total number of words. Give the total number of words at the end of the letter.

.............../40 points