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**GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

**SECTION II**

**Total Time — Approximately 1 hour and 28 minutes**

**Part A**

**Time — Approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes**

**Task 1: E-mail Reply**

You will write a reply to an e-mail message. You have 15 minutes to read the message and write your reply.

Your reply should include a greeting and a closing and should respond to all the questions and requests in the message. In your reply, you should also ask for more details about something mentioned in the message. Also, you should use a formal form of address.

Sie beantworten jetzt eine E-Mail. Sie haben 15 Minuten Zeit, die E-Mail zu lesen und Ihre Antwort zu schreiben.

Ihre Antwort sollte eine Begrüßungs- und eine Abschiedsformel beinhalten. Gehen Sie auf alle Fragen und Aufforderungen in der E-Mail ein. Bitten Sie in Ihrer Antwort auch um weitere Details, die sich auf etwas in der E-Mail beziehen. Zudem sollten Sie Ihre E-Mail formell gestalten.

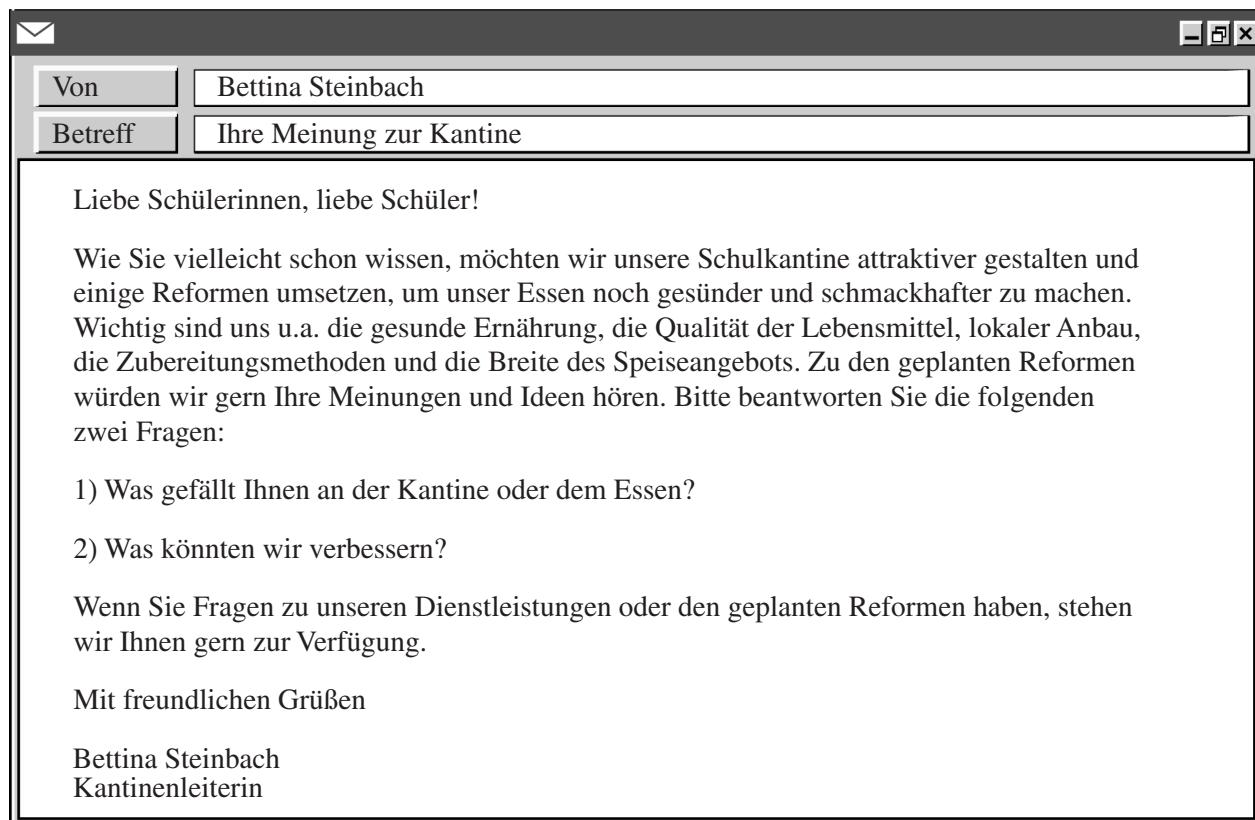
**Time — 15 minutes**

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Thema: Alltag

Übersicht

Diese E-Mail ist von Bettina Steinbach, Leiterin der Kantine (Cafeteria) an Ihrer Schule. Sie bekommen diese Nachricht, weil die Küchenleitung an Ihrer Schule die Kantine und das Essen verbessern möchte.



**STOP**

Do not go on until you are told to do so.

Blättern Sie nicht weiter, bis Sie dazu aufgefordert werden.

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**Task 2: Persuasive Essay**

You have 1 minute to read the directions for this task.

Sie haben 1 Minute Zeit, die Anweisungen für diese Aufgabe zu lesen.

You will write a persuasive essay to submit to a German writing contest. The essay topic is based on three accompanying sources, which present different viewpoints on the topic and include both print and audio material. First, you will have 6 minutes to read the essay topic and the printed material. Afterward, you will hear the audio material twice; you should take notes while you listen. Then, you will have 40 minutes to prepare and write your essay.

In your persuasive essay, you should present the sources' different viewpoints on the topic and also clearly indicate your own viewpoint and defend it thoroughly. Use information from all of the sources to support your essay. As you refer to the sources, identify them appropriately. Also, organize your essay into clear paragraphs.

Sie nehmen an einem deutschen Schreibwettbewerb teil und reichen einen Aufsatz ein, in dem Sie Ihre Argumente darstellen. Das Thema des Aufsatzes basiert auf drei Quellen, die jeweils einen anderen Aspekt dieses Themas darstellen. Diese Quellen bestehen aus Hör- und Lesetexten. Zuerst haben Sie 6 Minuten Zeit, das AufsatztHEMA und die gedruckten Texte zu lesen. Danach hören Sie den Hörtextr zweimal. Dabei sollten Sie sich Notizen machen. Dann haben Sie 40 Minuten Zeit, den Aufsatz zu gliedern und zu schreiben.

Behandeln Sie in Ihrem Aufsatz die unterschiedlichen Meinungen der Quellen zu dem Thema. Drücken Sie Ihre eigene Meinung dazu klar aus und begründen Sie sie. Benutzen Sie Informationen aus allen drei Quellen beim Aufbau des Aufsatzes. Immer wenn Sie auf das Quellenmaterial verweisen, identifizieren Sie dieses entsprechend. Zudem sollte der Aufsatz übersichtlich in Absätze gegliedert sein.

You will now begin this task.

Sie beginnen jetzt mit dieser Aufgabe.

**Time — Approximately 55 minutes**

Thema: Globalisierung

Sie haben 6 Minuten Zeit, das AufsatztHEMA, das Quellenmaterial 1 und das Quellenmaterial 2 zu lesen.

**AufsatztHEMA:**

Sollte man alle Zoos (oder Tiergärten) schließen?

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## **Interpersonal Writing: E-mail Reply (Task 1)**

### **5: STRONG performance in Interpersonal Writing**

- Maintains the exchange with a response that is clearly appropriate within the context of the task
- Provides required information (responses to questions, request for details) with frequent elaboration
- Fully understandable, with ease and clarity of expression; occasional errors do not impede comprehensibility
- Varied and appropriate vocabulary and idiomatic language
- Accuracy and variety in grammar, syntax, and usage, with few errors
- Mostly consistent use of register appropriate for the situation; control of cultural conventions appropriate for formal correspondence (e.g., greeting, closing), despite occasional errors
- Variety of simple and compound sentences, and some complex sentences

### **4: GOOD performance in Interpersonal Writing**

- Maintains the exchange with a response that is generally appropriate within the context of the task
- Provides most required information (responses to questions, request for details) with some elaboration
- Fully understandable, with some errors that do not impede comprehensibility
- Varied and generally appropriate vocabulary and idiomatic language
- General control of grammar, syntax, and usage
- Generally consistent use of register appropriate for the situation, except for occasional shifts; basic control of cultural conventions appropriate for formal correspondence (e.g., greeting, closing)
- Simple, compound, and a few complex sentences

### **3: FAIR performance in Interpersonal Writing**

- Maintains the exchange with a response that is somewhat appropriate but basic within the context of the task
- Provides most required information (responses to questions, request for details)
- Generally understandable, with errors that may impede comprehensibility
- Appropriate but basic vocabulary and idiomatic language
- Some control of grammar, syntax, and usage
- Use of register may be inappropriate for the situation with several shifts; partial control of conventions for formal correspondence (e.g., greeting, closing), although these may lack cultural appropriateness
- Simple and a few compound sentences

### **2: WEAK performance in Interpersonal Writing**

- Partially maintains the exchange with a response that is minimally appropriate within the context of the task
- Provides some required information (responses to questions, request for details)
- Partially understandable with errors that force interpretation and cause confusion for the reader
- Limited vocabulary and idiomatic language
- Limited control of grammar, syntax, and usage
- Use of register is generally inappropriate for the situation; includes some conventions for formal correspondence (e.g., greeting, closing) with inaccuracies
- Simple sentences and phrases

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## **1: POOR performance in Interpersonal Writing**

- Unsuccessfully attempts to maintain the exchange by providing a response that is inappropriate within the context of the task
- Provides little required information (responses to questions, request for details)
- Barely understandable, with frequent or significant errors that impede comprehensibility
- Very few vocabulary resources
- Little or no control of grammar, syntax, and usage
- Minimal or no attention to register; includes significantly inaccurate or no conventions for formal correspondence (e.g., greeting, closing)
- Very simple sentences or fragments

## **0: UNACCEPTABLE performance in Interpersonal Writing**

- Mere restatement of language from the stimulus
- Completely irrelevant to the stimulus
- “I don’t know,” “I don’t understand,” or equivalent in any language
- Not in the language of the exam

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