Stage 2 German (Continuers)

Assessment Type 1: Folio

Text Analysis – Response to Aural Texts

Questions

Text 1

Interpretation of Meaning in Texts

Key ideas represented in texts are identified and explained.

1. What is the purpose of the telephone call?

To see if she can borrow her mother’s car to go to a job interview at Ikea at 9 o’clock. This is because her car won’t start. It won’t turn over. There’s enough petrol because she put it in the day before. She does not have enough money for a taxi.

1. What emotions does Jutta display? Support your answer with examples from the text.

Interpretation of Meaning in Texts

Key ideas represented in texts are identified and explained. Interpretations of meaning are supported with some appropriate examples.

She seems quite stressed. She says ‘I have to talk to you immediately.’ She also seems nervous about not getting there on time. At the end she seems quite angry. ‘So I’m here now and there is no sign of you or your car. That’s typical.

Text 2

1. Summarise the reasons for Herr Müller’s disappointment and frustration with the hotel.

He and his wife were staying for 2 nights. The service was horrible. When they arrived their room was still not finished. They thus had to wait half an hour. When they got to their room it smelled of cigarettes even though they had booked a non-smoking room. At 7 o’clock the next morning the phone rang because someone had accidentally dialled their room number at reception. They had made the mistake of going to the restaurant. It took a long time for the food to come. The soup was luke warm and too salt and the meat was tough. The portions were so small that a kid would be hungry. Then the bill came and it was outrageously expensive and for no reason. There was a party in the room next door which was very loud and although they rang the reception to complain, they did nothing about it.

Interpretation of Meaning in Texts

Conclusions are drawn about the purpose, audience, and message (argument) of the text, and justified with evidence from the text.

1. How does Herr Müller convey his dissatisfaction with the hotel? Give examples from the text to support your answer.

He is very rude and to the point. He points out all of the faults with the place and won’t let the man on the phone interrupt him. He says “No, you don’t understand” when the man on the phone says “I understand and I’m sorry”.

Text 3

1. (i) How does Peter convey his fears about the oral exam?

He says he didn’t sleep a wink and he had a stomach ache all night. He’s worried that he might not understand the examiners or some of their questions. He’s also worried that he will go blank and not be able to remember anything.

Interpretation of Meaning in Texts

Concepts, perspectives, and ideas represented in the text are generally identified and explained with some clarity.

(ii) How does Peter's father reassure his son? Support your answer with examples from the text.

He says, “You’ve prepared well. You spoke for hours on the weekend with Tom in French. You’ve worked hard all year, you’ve had a good teacher and you did a holiday course.” He tells him to take time with his answers and tells him that nobody expects him to speak French perfectly.

1. How would you describe the relationship between Peter and his father? Give examples from the text to support your answer.

A very good one. He seems to tell his father everything and they understand each other very well. Peter says” you know how I get this” which shows they understand each other well.

Text 4

Listen to the text and answer the questions below. Indicate the one alternative that you consider best answers the question highlighting the correct answer.

1. Why did Leimart not go to the movies?
2. He was alone at home and could not get to the cinema.
3. He does not enjoy going to the movies by himself.
4. He didn't have any money to go to the movies.
5. He had an argument with his father.

(b) What factors affected the family's business?

1. Water levels are so low that people don't want a holiday on the river.
2. People don't like going on houseboats during the winter.
3. Lennart's father is too miserable to take people out on the Murray.
4. People think taking a holiday on a houseboat costs too much.

(c) Why is Lennart having a hard time?

1. Lennart is tired of putting up with water restrictions.
2. Lennart has had an argument with his friends.
3. Lennart' s father is depressed and not easy to get on with.
4. Lennart's father will not allow him to go to the movies.

**Additional Comments**

This example is illustrative of a B standard.

* Student responses are based on texts from the 2008 SACE Board of South Australia German Continuers exam.
* As a stand-alone task, the questions provide limited opportunity to address the ‘Analysis of Language in Texts’ assessment design criteria at the highest level.
* The final question shows comprehension of the text but does not address the requirements of the performance standards at higher levels.

**Expression**

* Information and ideas are organised logically and coherently.

**Performance Standards for Stage 2 Locally Assessed Languages at Continuers Level**

|  | Ideas | Expression | Interpretation and Reflection |
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| A | *Relevance*Responses are consistently relevant to context, purpose, audience, and topic.Responses consistently convey the appropriate detail, ideas, information, and opinions.Responses successfully create the desired impact and interest, and engage the audience.*Depth of Treatment of Ideas, Information, or Opinions*Depth and breadth in the treatment of the topic and content is very detailed and varied.Ideas are elaborated, opinions and arguments are supported and justified, and complex ideas are communicated effectively, with originality and creativity.Comprehensive evidence of planning and preparation. | *Capacity to Convey Information Accurately and Appropriately*Use of an extensive range of complex linguistic structures and features with a high degree of accuracy to achieve interest, flow, and cohesion.A few errors may be evident when attempting to use more complex language, but errors do not impede meaning.Effective use of a range of sophisticated cohesive devices to connect ideas. Expression consistently appropriate to the cultural and social context.Very effective communication with a high degree of fluency. Pronunciation is accurate, and there is little hesitation in the choice of linguistic resources. Intonation and stress are used effectively to enhance meaning.*Coherence in Structure and Sequence*Information and ideas are organised logically and coherently.Conventions of the text type are observed. | *Capacity to Interact and Maintain a Conversation and Discussion*Interaction is initiated, sustained, and spontaneous across a wide range of topics. Comments or opinions are adjusted or elaborated on in response to reactions and comments. Interest and enthusiasm for the topic of discussion are conveyed.A variety of communication strategies are used with effect during interaction (e.g. using new vocabulary encountered during interaction, seeking clarification, using appropriate pause fillers).Responses are quick, confident, and fluent. Topic shifts and unpredictable elements are handled well. | *Interpretation of Meaning in Texts*Detailed and appropriate use of evidence from texts to support arguments/conclusions. Interpretations are enhanced by making connections within and/or between texts (e.g. comparing and contrasting information, ideas, and opinions).Conclusions are drawn about the purpose, audience, and message (argument) of the text, and justified with evidence from the text.Concepts, perspectives, and ideas represented in the text are identified and explained with clarity and insight.*Analysis of the Language in Texts*The functions of particular linguistic and cultural features in the text are explained with clarity and insight.Detailed explanation of how stylistic features are used for effect in the text (e.g. register, tone, textual features/organisation).*Reflection*Critical reflection on how cultures, values, beliefs, practices, and ideas are represented or expressed in texts.Sophisticated recognition and explanation of connections between own values, beliefs, practices, and ideas, and those explored in texts.Critical reflection on own learning. |
| B | *Relevance*Responses are mostly relevant to context, purpose, audience, and topic.Responses mostly convey the appropriate detail, ideas, information, and opinions.Responses generally create the desired impact and interest, and engage the audience.*Depth of Treatment of Ideas, Information, or Opinions*Breadth and some depth in the treatment of the topic. Ideas are elaborated by offering additional details, and opinions are supported with examples. When dealing with unfamiliar topics, ideas are presented as a series of statements rather than as an argued position.Sound planning and preparation. | *Capacity to Convey Information Accurately and Appropriately*Use of a range of linguistic structures and features, with good control, to convey meaning.Mostly accurate use of high-frequency vocabulary and sentence structures. Attempts are made to use some complex language, and errors sometimes impede meaning.A range of cohesive devices is used to connect ideas.Expression is mostly appropriate to the cultural and social context.Effective communication, with some degree of fluency. Reasonably accurate pronunciation and intonation.*Coherence in Structure and Sequence*Mostly coherent organisation of information and ideas.Most conventions of the text type are observed. | *Capacity to Interact and Maintain a Conversation and Discussion*Interaction is maintained on a range of familiar topics. Some clarification or repetition is required to comprehend topic shifts into unfamiliar areas or when complex sentence constructions are used. Interest in the topic is conveyed effectively.A number of communication strategies are used to maintain interaction (e.g. self-correcting, responding to correction by the interlocutor, seeking support and clarification).Occasional pauses to process questions and to search for linguistic resources. | *Interpretation of Meaning in Texts*Key ideas represented in texts are identified and explained. Interpretations of meaning are supported with some appropriate examples.Some conclusions are drawn about the purpose, audience, and message (argument) of the text and supported with some relevant examples from the text.Concepts, perspectives, and ideas represented in the text are generally identified and explained with some clarity.*Analysis of the Language in Texts*The functions of particular linguistic and cultural features in the text are described.Some detail in explaining stylistic features in the text (e.g. register, tone, textual features/organisation).ReflectionSome depth in reflection on how cultures, values, beliefs, practices, and ideas are represented or expressed in texts.Some depth in reflection on own values, beliefs, practices, and ideas in relation to those represented in texts.Thoughtful reflection on own learning. |
| C | *Relevance*Responses are generally relevant to topic and purpose, with some relevance to context and audience.Responses generally convey simple ideas and opinions, with generally appropriate information.Responses generally create some interest, and partly engage the audience.*Depth of Treatment of Ideas, Information, or Opinions*Some variety in the treatment of information and simple ideas or opinions on mostly familiar topics.Simple sentences usually containing one idea are used with some effectiveness to convey meaning and support an opinion.Competent planning and preparation. | *Capacity to Convey Information Accurately and Appropriately*Use of a range of linguistic structures and features to convey meaning. Reliance on rehearsed patterns.Accuracy tends to be variable, with some basic errors. Generally accurate when using formulaic expressions and rehearsed patterns.Cohesive devices are simple and repetitive. Reliance on a limited range of cohesive devices to connect ideas at sentence, paragraph, and whole text level.Expression is generally appropriate to the cultural and social context.Some hesitancy in responding. Pronunciation and intonation are understandable.*Coherence in Structure and Sequence*Generally coherent organisation of information and ideas.Responses generally conform to the conventions of the text type. | *Capacity to Interact and Maintain a Conversation and Discussion*Use of well-rehearsed language to maintain an interaction by responding to questions on familiar topics. Some reliance on the interlocutor to take the lead. Some interest in the topic is conveyed.Use of prepared phrases to indicate lack of comprehension and ask for support. Often relies on the interlocutor’s sentence patterns to respond.Occasional silences because of lack of comprehension and time required to process more complex language and to search for words. Responses may be repetitive. Some hesitation in communication when dealing with unfamiliar contexts. | *Interpretation of Meaning in Texts*Identifies and explains some relevant information from texts on familiar topics containing predictable and familiar language structures.Competent understanding of context, purpose, and audience, supported with isolated examples from the text.Main concepts, ideas, and one or more perspectives in the text are identified, with some explanation.*Analysis of the Language in Texts*Particular linguistic and cultural features of the text are identified.Identification of stylistic features in the text (e.g. idioms, rhetoric, expressions).ReflectionSome reflection on cultures, values, beliefs, practices, and ideas represented or expressed in texts.Some reflection on, with mostly description of, own values, beliefs, practices, and ideas in relation to those represented in texts.Some reflection on own learning. |
| D | *Relevance*Responses partially relevant to the topic and purpose.Responses convey some basic information that may be appropriate.Responses include one or more elements of interest that may engage the audience.*Depth of Treatment of Ideas, Information, or Opinions*Some basic treatment of information or ideas relating to simple aspects of familiar topics.Simple sentences are used with partial effectiveness to convey an idea or opinion. Sentences may be short or incomplete.Some planning and preparation. | *Capacity to Convey Information Accurately and Appropriately*Use of simple vocabulary, short sentences, formulaic expressions, and rehearsed patterns to convey meaning. When attempts are made to elaborate, the structure is often based on word order derived from English.Frequent errors and incorrect selection of words from the dictionary impede meaning.A cohesive device may be used, with some effectiveness.Expression occasionally appropriate to cultural and social context.Frequent hesitancy in responding. Pronunciation may impede meaning.*Coherence in Structure and Sequence*Some basic organisation of information and/or ideas.Some use of very basic conventions of the text type. | *Capacity to Interact and Maintain a Conversation and Discussion*Routine courtesy phrases and basic structures are used to respond to simple questions on familiar topics. Reliance on the interlocutor to take the lead and maintain interaction. Some interest in the topic may be conveyed.Reliance on repetition and rephrasing of questions. Partial understanding of questions may lead to a response that is not relevant.Frequent silences may occur because of lack of comprehension and time required to search for words and construct answers. | *Interpretation of Meaning in Texts*Keywords and some supporting detail are identified in texts dealing with familiar situations.Some basic understanding of context, purpose, and/or audience.Identification of one or more concepts or ideas, with specific information in texts transcribed rather than interpreted.*Analysis of the Language in Texts*One or more basic linguistic and/or cultural features of the text are identified.One or more stylistic features are identified.*Reflection*One or more familiar aspects of cultures, values, beliefs, practices, or ideas represented or expressed in texts are identified.One or more of own values, beliefs, practices, or ideas in relation to those represented in texts are described.Learning experiences are recounted. |
| E | *Relevance*Responses have limited relevance to the topic and purpose.Responses attempt to convey some basic information, with limited appropriateness. Responses attempt to include an element of interest.*Depth of Treatment of Ideas, Information, or Opinions*Attempted treatment of simple information relating to one or more aspects of familiar topics.Responses are brief and often rely on a keyword to convey basic meaning.Attempted planning or preparation. | *Capacity to Convey Information Accurately and Appropriately*Relies heavily on the dictionary. Use of a very limited range of vocabulary and sentence structures, with single words and set formulaic expressions to convey basic information. Reliance on anglicisms to convey meaning.Frequent errors impede meaning.Limited appropriateness of expression.Attempted use of a cohesive device, with limited effectiveness.Always or mostly hesitant in responding. Pronunciation impedes meaning.*Coherence in Structure and Sequence*Limited organisation of information or ideas.Limited evidence of conventions of text type. | *Capacity to Interact and Maintain a Conversation and Discussion*Reliance on interlocutor to assist with communication breakdowns to complete sentences or to interpret intended meanings.Repetition, rephrasing of questions, and a slowed rate of speech are required for comprehension. Utterances rarely consist of more than two or three words. Frequent misunderstandings of simple questions.Frequent long pauses to process questions and to search for words. May resort to using English to convey meaning. | *Interpretation of Meaning in Texts*Isolated items of information are identified in texts on familiar topics containing simple language.Identification of a context, purpose, or audience.Understanding of information is limited to occasional isolated words (e.g. borrowed words, high-frequency social conventions).*Analysis of the Language in Texts*Attempted identification of a basic linguistic feature of the text.Attempted identification of a stylistic feature.*Reflection*One or more formulaic cultural expressions are identified.One or more of own values, beliefs, practices, or ideas are identified.Learning experiences are listed. |