

Beispielaufgaben für die Eignungsprüfung im Fach Englisch

A GRAMMAR

I Prepositions. Put in suitable prepositions from the following list : *about, at, by, for, from, in, of, off, on, to, till, with.*

1. The class lasts from 9.30 to (till) 10.45.
2. I'll meet you at 4 o'clock on Friday evening.
3. What is this book about ? The title is interesting.
4. I think the play is by Shakespeare. (etc. : about)
5. She heard the news on the radio.
6. We'll wait for you at the end of the road.
7. Don't you sit at the table for your evening meal?

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II Simple present or present continuous? Put the verbs into the correct tense (e.g. *you walk, you are walking*).

8. The moon goes (go) round the earth.
9. I must go now. It is getting (get) late.
10. The water is boiling (boil). Can you turn it off?
11. Julia is good at languages. She speaks (speak) French, German, Spanish and Arabic.
12. Jill is interested in politics but she doesn't belong (not / belong) to a political party.
13. This room smells (smell). Let's open a window.
14. What do you think (you / think) will happen?
15. We are enjoying (enjoy) our holiday. We have (have) a very nice room.

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III Complete these irregular verbs (e.g. get got got).

16. break broke broken 17. teach taught taught
18. know knew known 19. steal stole stolen
20. forgive forgave forgiven 21. drive drove driven ___/(6)

IV Simple past, past continuous or present perfect? Put the verbs into the correct tense (e.g. you walked, you were walking, you have walked).

22. Can you help me? I ^{?'ve} lost (lose) my key. I think I
..... dropped (drop) it while I
..... was running (run) to catch the bus.
23. When did you buy (you / buy) that car?
24. Shakespeare wrote (write) a lot of plays.
..... have you seen (you / see) any of them?
25. Bob is a good friend of mine. I ^{?'ve} known (know)
him for a long time now.
26. Who was driving (drive) when the accident
..... happened (happen)?
27. Tom has had (have) a dog since he
..... was (be) a child.
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V Negate the following sentences (e.g. He is working. → He isn't working.)

28. John bought lunch for everybody.
..... didn't buy
29. I will visit them again.
..... won't visit
30. Jane works in New York.
..... doesn't work
31. Michael has cooked lunch.
..... hasn't cooked
32. We're working on the new project.
..... aren't working

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VI Ask questions about the words underlined.

33. We are going to meet the prime minister after the press conference.
..... When are we going to meet the ...?
34. They found my purse in the grass.
..... What did they find ...?
35. John plans to stay in Australia for a year.
..... How long does John plan to stay ...?
36. She doesn't believe him because he has lied to her too often.
..... Why doesn't she believe him?
37. I gave the books back last Friday.
..... When did you give the books back?
38. Kylie prefers the white dress.
..... Which dress does Kylie prefer?
39. Mainz 05 played brilliantly.
..... How did Mainz 05 play?
40. Kevin's dog bit you.
..... Whose dog bit you? _____/(16)

VII Put in "some", "any" or one of their compounds (e.g. something).

41. Are there any mosquitos here?
42. We haven't got any lemonade, but I can give you
..... some orange juice.
43. I'm so hungry. Is there anything in the fridge?
44. Would you like some more cake?
45. Someone has taken my pen. I can't find it anywhere
Somebody _____/(7)

VIII Put in "a few", "a little", "much", "many" or "a lot of".

46. Mr Docker has got so much money that he could buy ten Porsches.
47. We've only got a little bread left, so we can't make many
sandwiches.
48. A lot of rain falls in Ireland, so it is very green.
49. I know you mustn't tell me the answers, but can you give me a few tips?

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50. Too many people aren't interested in their neighbours.

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IX Make comparisons (like German: größer als, das größte, so groß wie).

51. Buckingham Palace is bigger than (big) my house.

52. That is the most interesting (interesting) book I have ever read.

53. Janet made 5 mistakes in her test; Jennifer made 25.

Jennifer's test was worse than (bad) Janet's.

54. Catherine and Monica both ran 100 metres in 14 seconds.

Catherine was as fast as (fast) Monica.

55. Mineral water is better than (good) whisky on a very hot day!

56. The Ford costs \$500; the Mercedes costs \$6000.

The Mercedes is more expensive than (expensive) the Ford.

57. He must be the luckiest (lucky) man in the world.

He has won the lottery three times!

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X Adjective or adverb? Fill in the correct form of the word in brackets.

58. She sings so badly (bad). Why is she so

famous (famous)?

59. Your son is a dangerous (dangerous) driver. He drives

much too fast (fast).

60. Elaine is always well (good) dressed.

61. That was a really (real) simple

(simple) test. I answered all the questions easily (easy).

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X. Text analysis

Read through the following text carefully and then answer the questions on page 12.

The Life-Saver

It was at the door of the hospital that I met Hans again. We passed through it together on our way out, and recognized each other at the same moment.

„Hans“ I cried. „What brings you to the sorrowful walls of a hospital? You look as healthy as a racehorse.“

He was about to shake my hand, but stopped. „What’s happened to your hand?“ he asked.

„Oh, just a stupid accident with a broken glass. But what are you doing here? This is splendid, Hans, old fellow. We must have dinner together. I know a little place...“

„Right,“ he said with his usual smile. „Where?“

I told him and we went there, found a table and ordered a meal. When it was served, I said „You haven’t told me what brings you to Alexandria.“ Hans spends most of his time in Copenhagen, but he is one of those men you may meet anywhere on earth.

„I was on my way to India,“ he said, „but I heard about Sinclair’s disappearance.“

„Sinclair?“

„He’s in hospital now. You don’t know him, but I’ve met him several times. Young man. Well dressed sort of fellow. Always thinking about his appearance. If he has one hair out of place, he’s ashamed to look you in the face. He examines his hair every half hour, like a girl.“

„What’s the matter with him?“

„Broken leg. Heat. No food or water. Desert. But he’s out of danger now.“

„What happened?“ I asked.

„He went into the desert. Very foolish. They told him not to go, but it’s useless to talk to Sinclair. He doesn’t understand the desert. Those who don’t know it, don’t understand it. With a party, everything is fine. But if you leave the party—just for a little walk, you know—you get lost. You climb a hill and go down into a valley. The warm air, the bright sun, the blue sky and the silence are delightful. You walk a little further and then turn back. Where’s the party? Over there? You came over that hill, of course; or was it that other hill? You remember that grey rock there; or was it that other rock? You climb a hill to find the party, but there’s no one in sight. Then the desert begins to show its power. You feel a touch of fear; you’re lost under the burning sun. All nature is cruel, Peter, and the desert is no exception. With others you can beat it; but not alone. Sinclair went alone.“

„Why?“

„Oh, he has a car, and he won’t listen to reason. He wanted a breath of fresh air, he said! He set off along the coast from here; just for a little drive, you understand. If he had kept on the road, he would have been all right. But he decided to take a little trip across the sand. A stupid thing to do. Then his car broke down, of course, and there he was, miles from anywhere, alone in the sand. He tried to walk, fell over a big stone on the side of a hill, and broke his leg. And that ought to have been the end of him. Couldn’t move. No food. No water. He’d left the car, of course.“

„How did he get into hospital?“ I asked.

„I heard about him when I landed here. He hadn’t returned, and I decided I must change my plans and do something. The police were very helpful. We got a doctor and a few men. Two cars we had. It was almost hopeless: like looking for a pin in the garden. We didn’t find him on the road, and camped for the night. The next day we searched the desert south of the road, but found nothing. We camped again and tried once more next morning. Useless. We shouted all day at the tops of our voices. No answer. The sun began to go down. I decided to come back here. It was then that I saw the sudden light—suddenly bright in my eyes. I was standing with my back to the sun, and yet a light shone in my eyes. Just for half a second. That needed explanation. It came from the south-east and I didn’t see it again. But there was a good chance that we had found Sinclair; something had moved, and the desert itself doesn’t move. We set out for the south-east, shouting all the time. The sun was setting when we found him. Very weak he was. We gave him a drink and a little food, and the doctor examined his leg. We got him to hospital.“

„What was the light you saw?“

„He thought he heard a distant shout, but he was much too weak to make us hear, of course. Dry throat, you know. I told you that he’s always very careful about his appearance, and so he carries a small looking-glass in his pocket. He had the sense to hold up the glass in the sunlight and move it about. He hoped someone would see the light. I did. It’s strange how the fear of death can make even a stupid fellow quite clever.“

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Questions on the text

Now answer the following questions on the text. Use your own words and don't simply copy from the text!!

1. What brings Hans and his friend to the hospital?
2. What do we learn about Sinclair's character?
3. Why do you get lost in the desert so easily?
4. What made Sinclair's little trip turn into a hopeless situation?
5. What did Sinclair do to make himself noticed?
6. „All nature is cruel“
Write a short essay (about 150 words).
If you agree, illustrate this statement by an example, if not, state your reasons.