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**2025 German**

**Listening**

**Higher**

## **Question Paper Finalised Marking Instructions**

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## General marking principles for Higher German Listening

*Always apply these general principles. Use them in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidates' responses.*

- (a) Always use positive marking. This means candidates accumulate marks for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding; marks are not deducted for errors or omissions.
- (b) If a candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (c) Award a mark to each answer. Marks are not transferable between questions and the answers for each question must come from the item.
- (d) Award marks according to the accuracy and relevance of the candidate's answers. Award marks to candidates where the answer is accurate but expressed in their own words.

## Marking instructions for each question

### Item 1

| Question |     |  | Expected response(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Max mark | Additional guidance                                                                               |
|----------|-----|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|          |     |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |          | Do not accept:                                                                                    |
| 1.       | (a) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reduce/less working <b>time</b></li> <li>(employees can) work four days <b>instead of</b> five</li> <li>they get the same money</li> </ul> <p>Any 2 from 3</p>                                                                                   | 2        | reduces amount of days/hours                                                                      |
|          | (b) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it is (totally/completely) unrealistic in <b>some jobs/for the fire brigade/in medical jobs</b></li> <li>they worry about productivity</li> <li>they worry about/scared of the negative effects/impact on society</li> </ul> <p>Any 1 from 3</p> | 1        |                                                                                                   |
|          | (c) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it increases motivation at/in the <b>workplace/work</b></li> <li>reduces stress for employee(s)/worker(s)</li> <li>employees/workers/people are <b>less often/not as often</b> sick/off sick <b>less</b></li> </ul> <p>Any 2 from 3</p>          | 2        | <p>increases motivation in workers</p> <p>reduces work stress/reduces stress in the workplace</p> |
|          | (d) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(employees) have more time for hobbies <b>and</b> (their) family</li> <li>(employees) get more sleep</li> <li>improves (general) <b>work</b> morale</li> </ul> <p>Any 2 from 3</p>                                                               | 2        | <p>better sleep</p> <p>morality</p> <p>Note - ignore misspelling of morale</p>                    |

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|          |     |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          | Do not accept:                                                    |
|          | (e) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>companies/workplaces</b> use less energy</li> <li>• workers can leave their car at home <b>one day a week</b></li> <li>• less (environmental) pollution</li> <li>• (opportunity to) tackle/fight climate change/crisis</li> </ul> <p>Any 1 from 4</p> | 1        | <p>they/office use less energy</p> <p>less CO2/less emissions</p> |

Item 2

| Question |     |      | Expected response(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Max mark | Additional guidance                                                                |
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|          |     |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          | <b>Do not accept:</b>                                                              |
| 2.       | (a) |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>her agency doesn't/they don't use planes/it organises holiday(s) without flight(s)/plane(s)</li> </ul>                                                                                                         | 1        | don't organise planes                                                              |
|          | (b) |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>more and more</b> people are interested in/care about/want to help/save the environment</li> <li>they (also) want to see the world</li> </ul> <p><b>Any 1 from 2</b></p>                                    | 1        | travel the world                                                                   |
|          | (c) | (i)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>they go to the sea/seaside</li> <li>they go to the mountain(s)</li> </ul> <p><b>Any 1 from 2</b></p>                                                                                                           | 1        | stay in                                                                            |
|          |     | (ii) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>beach (holiday) <b>in Turkey</b></li> <li>(a) hiking (holiday) <b>in the Alps</b></li> <li>a <b>city break</b> to <b>Rome/Italy</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Any 2 from 3</b></p>                                      | 2        | trip to Rome/Italy                                                                 |
|          | (d) |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it is <b>very/too</b> expensive</li> <li>her parents did not have <b>enough</b> money for flying lessons</li> <li>she got bad grades/did not get good grades (at school)</li> </ul> <p><b>Any 1 from 3</b></p> | 1        | the lessons are (very) expensive<br><b>no</b> money for flying lessons<br>training |

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|          |     |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |          | Do not accept:                 |
|          | (e) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>check emails</li> <li>answer questions</li> <li>post <b>information</b> on social media</li> </ul>                                                                                                                      | 3        | on media                       |
|          | (f) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it shows/she knows they trust her</li> <li>it shows/she knows she does a good job/is good at her job</li> </ul> <p>Any 1 from 2</p>                                                                                     | 1        |                                |
|          | (g) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eco-friendly/environmentally-friendly travel/holiday(s) is expensive <b>and</b> lots of people can't afford it/them</li> <li>she can't go on these/the holidays/trips as she has to work</li> </ul> <p>Any 1 from 2</p> | 1        | she can't go on holiday        |
|          | (h) |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>get/do work experience/internship in <b>different</b> travel agencies</li> <li>travel <b>as much as possible</b> (to get to know destinations first-hand)</li> <li>follow your interests</li> </ul> <p>Any 1 from 3</p> | 1        | apprenticeship<br>travel a lot |

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]