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ENGLISCH

TEIL B

Reading and Use of English, Mediation and Writing

Arbeitszeit: 120 Minuten

Name, Vorname: _____

I Reading and Use of English

Working abroad – Life on the rigs

What is it like to live and work on a remote oil or gas platform?

In fact, larger oil rigs often employ more than a hundred workers to keep such platforms running. As many of these rigs are located far from cities and shores, the employees, who range from engineers and geologists to divers and doctors, live for
5 weeks at a time on these huge structures.

Men working on the North Sea Oil rigs off Scotland's east coast can earn large salaries and benefits, but life can be very dangerous. Men work either for seven or fourteen days, with the same time back on land when they have finished their working period. At the end of each twelve-hour day they normally return to their
10 cabins, which are shared by two or four men.

Oil rigs are not all jacuzzis¹ and cafeterias, though. Outside the living quarters, life on an oil rig is a constant encounter with potentially deadly conditions. Workers have to deal with all the typical dangers associated with operating dangerous machinery and working at tall heights in windy, stormy conditions.

15 The work is secure, and men earn enough money (£45,000 – £85,000 a year depending on the job they do) to buy expensive homes in the attractive villages around Aberdeen. Many workers do not mind the long hours on the rigs because they have several days onshore, which they can spend with their families.

Every rig is different, but most platforms have visitor accommodations, a restaurant,
20 a coffee house as well as a cinema, gym and other recreation areas.

Alcohol is not normally allowed, and smoking is only permitted in some areas on the rigs.

However, there is always a risk of fire and on Wednesday 6th July 1988, the Piper Alpha oil rig, situated about 150 km north-east of Wick in Scotland, blew up and
25 caught fire immediately. Almost 190 men were killed in this tragedy, and there followed a large emergency rescue operation in the North Sea. Many workers jumped into the sea from the burning platform and were picked up by helicopters and small boats. It is believed that the explosion was caused by a fault in one of the gas pipes. Piper Alpha was drilling for natural gas as well as oil.

¹ jacuzzi – Whirlpool

- 30 To cope with these dangers, petroleum companies make use of extensive training programmes on how to work safely with volatile substances on the high seas. These measures not only help to safeguard the lives of their employees, but also protect their truly massive financial investment in constructing and sustaining an offshore production platform.

adapted from: Life on the rigs, Spotlight on Britain, Oxford University Press

I.1 True/false/not in the text

Read the text. Then decide if the statements are true, false or not in the text. Mark the correct box.

	Statements	true	false	not in the text
1	Workers of many professional groups work on the oil and gas rigs.			
2	People who work on the rig have to pass a regular health check once a year.			
3	The time men spend on the rig is as long as the time they are onshore.			
4	Many of the workers can't afford high-priced residences.			
5	While on board you can spend your time off in a variety of amenities and amusements.			
6	All the expenses of the employees such as food and accommodation are paid by the companies.			
7	The Piper Alpha pumped only oil.			
8	The Piper Alpha explosion happened just after lunch.			

I.2 Finding the English phrases

Copy the phrases from the text that have the following German meaning.

1 solche Plattformen in Gang zu halten

2 außerhalb der Wohnbereiche

3 mit möglicherweise lebensgefährlichen Bedingungen

4 eine große Notrettungsaktion

5 mit diesen Gefahren umzugehen

6 das Leben ihrer Angestellten schützen

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I.3 Gap filling

Choose the right word/phrase from the box and copy it into the sentence.

1 We want to _____ bus to Scotland.

drive – go – go by – ride

2 I am very _____ in old Scottish buildings.

interest – interested – interesting – interestingly

3 Where we go on holiday there aren't a lot of _____.

holidaymakers – holidays – sightseeing – tourist

4 My family prefers to go _____ for their holidays.

abroad – bus – flight – holidaymaking

5 My friend loves _____. He always has his camera with him.

foreign country – sightseeing – travel – visit

I.4 Working with the dictionary

a) Correcting mistakes

Katharina is in Scotland for a year.

During her stay she writes a diary. Here is one of her entries. Read it.

In her entry there are five spelling mistakes.

Find them and write down the corrected words.

Dear diary,

25th January

Today my houst parents asked me to celebrate *Burns Night* with them.

It is a traditional Skottish festival celebrated on or around January 25th. (By the way, Robert Burns was a poet and wrote many poems and lyrics.)

The celebrations inklude eating and drinking and many toasts!!!

And you won't believe it – I ate a traditional but rather unusual dish called haggis. It looks like a very fat sausage, with a filling consisting of pieces of sheep's heart, liver and lungs mixed with onions, oats and speices (like pepper and salt). The skin of the haggis is made from part of a sheep's stomach. The haggis is boiled in water for about an hour, then eaten with 'neeps (mashed turnips) and tatties' (mashed potatos).

Isn't that amazing. – I ate innards from the sheep!!!

But I'm not sure if I'll eat it again.

See you.



Corrected words: _____

b) Finding the right word

Fill in the missing verbs. Check your solution with the help of the dictionary by looking up the words in bold.

- 1 When searching for suitable clothes for your holiday in Scotland it is important to _____ **attention** to the weather forecast.
- 2 Whenever Hannah is on the Isle of Skye she loves to _____ **photos** of Dunvegan Castle.
- 3 Some people think they _____ always **right**.
- 4 Do not forget to _____ your **homework** about Scottish history.

Fill in the suitable words in their correct form. The German words in brackets might help you.

- 5 It's quite cold at the Scottish coast today. _____ **(anziehen)** a rain coat.
- 6 Your _____ **(Strauß)** is really beautiful, especially because my favourite flowers are tulips.
- 7 I have to _____ **(aufgeben)** my luggage now.
- 8 I think this bike is really expensive. Unfortunately I can't _____ it. **(sich leisten)**

II Mediation

Im Geographieunterricht wird das Projekt „Burgen und Schlösser weltweit“ bearbeitet. Ihr Auftrag ist, über das Majestic Glamis Castle zu berichten.

Lesen Sie den Artikel und notieren Sie sechs Fakten in deutscher Sprache.

The Majestic Glamis Castle

Glamis Castle is a most magnificent building, but behind the majestic appearance there are many strange and dark secrets.



It is located 80 miles north of the capital, Edinburgh. Gifted by Robert the Bruce to the Bowes-Lyon family in 1372, it has remained in their care ever since. Originally a royal hunting lodge, it is perhaps best known as the childhood home of the Queen Mother. The castle has been shrouded in mystery with stories of ghosts, monsters and pacts with the devil.

It is alleged that a Bowes-Lyon child, born in 1821, was deformed, kept hidden through infancy, and spent his adult life confined in one of the Castle's secret rooms. Known as the Monster of Glamis Castle, and even described as a hideously deformed ghost, the handicapped son was hidden in the castle until he died.

But there are more strange and sinister tales attached to Glamis Castle, for example that one Earl Beardie lost his soul to the devil while playing cards. The family chapel is said to be haunted by the Grey Lady, thought to be the spirit of Lady Janet Douglas, who was burned at the stake as a witch in 1537, on charges of plotting to poison the King.

adapted and shortened from: <http://www.scotlandwelcomesyou.com/glamis-castle>

Fakten:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

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III Writing

III.1 Completing a dialogue

Tom and Peggy meet at the Military Tattoo² in Edinburgh. In their dialogue the questions are missing.

Find the questions and write down the correct versions. The sentence below is the answer to your question.

Example:

Tom: It's a great concert, isn't it?

Peggy: Sure, it is.

Tom: Have you ever been to a concert?

Peggy: No, it's my first concert ever.

Now it's your turn.

Peggy: By the way, I'm Peggy.

Tom: _____
Thomas Schwarz, but you can call me Tom. Nice to meet you.

Peggy: You don't sound like you come from here.

Tom: _____
I'm from Germany.

Peggy: Oh, that's super.

Tom: _____
I'm here for a fortnight.

² Military Tattoo – militärische Musikparade mit Show-Einlagen

Peggy: _____

Tom: Yes, of course. It's terrific. And our accommodation in the city centre is really good.

Peggy: No, I don't. I've never heard of the "Crown Hotel".

Tom: £60.

Peggy: Oh, the break is over now. I don't want to miss the next performance. Let's go back.

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III.2 Travelling

Choose **one** of the following tasks.

a) Email

SUBJECT:

Our trip to Germany

Hello,

We are Ben and Cully from Thurso in Scotland. We want to spend two weeks in Germany. Where would you recommend us to go, what can we visit there, where can we live and how long will the journey take us?

We are looking forward to your answer.

Bye.

Ben and Cully

Answer the email.

Write at least 120 words.

or

