

Musteraufnahmeprüfung für SchülerInnen mit Frühenglisch

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READING COMPREHENSION (17 marks)

Read the text and answer the questions below.

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I've just done my first jump since the accident that nearly killed me just over a year ago. As I was lying in hospital, thinking that I would never skydive again, I wasn't feeling glad to be alive. Instead, I was wondering how I could possibly live without it.

It all started one evening after another typical nine to five day. I was sitting at home thinking "There has to be more to life than this," when an ad came on the television. 'Try Skydiving,' it said. The next day, I called my local skydiving centre and booked my first jump.

I spent a day training and then I was ready for my first jump. Or almost. First, I had to sign a document to say that I understood that I was taking part in an activity that could end in serious injury. At that moment, I realised that I was about to do something voluntarily that would put my life at risk and as I signed, I wondered if I was completely mad.

I will never forget my first jump. Five of us walked to the runway and got into a plane barely big enough to hold three people. I was beginning to feel nervous, but the others were chatting and joking and I started to feel more relaxed. It was a beautiful, cloudless day and the sun was just going down. It took us about 20 minutes to get to 11,000 feet and then the trainer opened the plane door-the view took my breath away. Suddenly, it was time to jump and as I pushed myself away from the plane, I don't know what I was thinking, my mind went blank.

Words cannot describe the rush of adrenalin I experienced while I was free-falling.

At 5,500 feet I pulled the cord and the parachute opened immediately. Suddenly, everything was silent and peaceful. Twice I shouted "This is absolutely incredible," though I knew there was nobody to hear me. It was the most amazing four minutes of my life.

From the first jump, I was hooked. I started spending every free moment I had skydiving. At work, I sat in front of my computer and imagined ways of making more money so that I could jump more often. It became my reason for living and nothing else mattered. I was addicted to skydiving.

Questions (7 marks)

Answer the questions below in your own words as far as possible. Marks will be deducted for copying directly from the text.

1. Why did Mike start skydiving? (2 marks)

2. How did he feel before and during his first jump? (3 marks)

3. What condition was he in after his accident and why has he continued skydiving? (2 marks)

True or False? (4 marks)

Read the sentences below and decide whether they are true or false according to the text. Mark the true sentences with a **T** and the false sentences with an **F**.

1. Mike thought about skydiving for a long time before he booked a jump. ____
2. After a day's skydiving, he was sure he was doing the right thing. ____
3. After his first jump, he didn't think he would do it again. ____
4. During his free time, he thought about skydiving a lot. ____

Synonyms and Opposites (6 marks)

Find synonyms IN THE TEXT for the words and expressions below:

1. crazy _____
2. fantastic _____
3. addicted _____

Find opposites IN THE TEXT for the words below:

1. remember _____
2. stressed _____
3. noisy/loud _____

GRAMMAR SECTION (24 marks)

1 Complete the following using question tags. (4 marks)

Example. You are from Steinen _____ *aren't you* _____ ?

- 1 Suki isn't French, _____ ?
- 2 We were on holiday last year, _____ ?
- 3 Julia wasn't at school yesterday, _____ ?
- 4 They're having a great time, _____ ?

2 Complete with the correct preposition. (3 marks)

- 1 I enjoy going out _____ night.
- 2 You look worried. What are you thinking _____ ?
- 3 Where's the cash desk? I need to pay _____ this book.
- 4 I think you're wrong. I don't agree _____ you.
- 5 I usually watch television _____ the evening.
- 6 We might have a picnic tomorrow. It depends _____ the weather.

3 Complete 1-5. Make the correct word for each sentence by adding *dis-*, *un-*, *-ly*, *ness* or *-al*. (5 marks)

profession	agree	complete
happy		usual

- 1 She looks _____ different. I didn't recognize her.
- 2 Most people say that _____ is one of the most important things in life.
- 3 I never have any money, so it's quite _____ for me to go to the cinema.
- 4 You think he's really attractive. But I don't. I _____ with you.
- 5 _____ sports people often earn a lot of money.

4 Each of these sentences has an extra word or a wrong word. Correct the mistake by crossing out the extra word or writing the right word(s) above the wrong word. (4 marks)

- 1 Claire plays the piano beautiful.
- 2 They often go out and enjoy himself at the weekend.
- 3 How many money has she got?
- 4 You mustn't finish the homework by tomorrow. We'll check it in two weeks.

5 Look at the short letter from Claudia, a student in England, to her friend Julie. After the gaps there is a verb in brackets. Put the verb in the correct tense. (8 marks)

Example: Last week I visited (visit) Liverpool.

Dear Julie,

I (1)_____ (arrive) in England three days ago. I

(2)_____ (stay) with a family in a suburb of York. They're really nice.

Mr Jones (3)_____ (work) in York. Mrs Jones (4) _____ just

_____ (have) a baby, so she (5)_____ (not work) at the

moment. I (6)_____ (have) a good time here, although everything

(7)_____ (be) very expensive.

Yesterday I (8)_____ (take) the train to York to do some sightseeing. York

Cathedral is wonderful. That's about all the news for now.

Write back soon and tell me about your holiday in Portugal.

Love, Claudia

