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## Auswahlverfahren für den höheren Auswärtigen Dienst 2013

### Sprachtest ENGLISCH

#### Testübersicht

I.	Einsetzübung	20 Punkte
II.	Verbübung	15 Punkte
III.	Übersetzung	20 Punkte
IV.	Grammatik (Präpositionen)	15 Punkte

<b>Gesamtpunktzahl</b>	<b>70 Punkte</b>
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*Bearbeitungszeit: 30 Minuten.*

*Hilfsmittel: KEINE.*

*Der Test umfasst einschl. Deckblatt – 6 - Seiten.*

Korrektor/in: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_

Fehlerzahl: \_\_\_\_\_ Punktzahl: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. VOCABULARY**

Write **ONE** appropriate word in each blank. Do **not** use the same word twice.

**Obama wavers on Syria**

Recent history shows that the 21st century is an  
1..... of interdependence. That was  
2..... Barack Obama told students in Cairo soon  
after taking 3..... in 2009, in a speech intended to  
heal 4..... with the Muslim world and start restoring  
America's image after the 5..... of the Bush years.  
Mr Obama has learned that problems must be tackled with the  
6..... of others. In Cairo he offered examples of  
global 7..... that bind. When one nation pursues a  
nuclear weapon, the 8..... rise for all nations, he  
said.

9..... foreign-policy doctrines survive much contact  
with reality. But four years 10....., events are  
undermining Mr Obama's Cairo pieties with unusual  
11..... An estimated 70,000 Syrians have already  
been killed. Enough of the dead are innocents to stir  
12..... but the most brutish conscience. America's  
response, though, has been an 13..... in  
minimalism. It is an approach set from the top, with Mr Obama worrying that the  
14..... intervention urged by his aides and allies  
might only make things 15.....

Syria's horrors are not Mr. Obama's 16..... And it is  
17..... that the president faces only bad choices in  
Syria. But he is partly to 18..... Obama must now  
choose between tolerating massacres and intervening at the  
19..... of empowering violent extremists. Balancing  
American interests and 20..... is hard. But right  
now, in Syria, he is advancing neither.

## II. Verb Exercise

Fill in the correct verb form in each of the gaps below, choosing an appropriate verb from the following list. Do **not** use the same verb twice.

<i>allow</i>	<i>deploy</i>	<i>ensure</i>	<i>help</i>	<i>serve</i>
<i>control</i>	<i>display</i>	<i>erode</i>	<i>not deviate</i>	<i>state</i>
<i>dash</i>	<i>enable</i>	<i>exert</i>	<i>retain</i>	<i>topple</i>

### The Power of the Internet

Bill Clinton, then America's president, once compared **1**..... the internet in China with trying in vain to "nail Jell-O to the wall". At the time he seemed **2**..... the obvious. By its nature the web promised to open up the world to its users even in shut-in places. Just as earlier communications technologies may **3**..... **4**..... dictatorships in the past, many people were convinced that the internet **5**..... China's authoritarian state bit by bit.

Those hopes **6**..... Not only has Chinese authoritarian rule survived the internet, but the state **7**..... great skill in bending the technology to its own purposes, thus **8**..... the government **9**..... better control of its own society. China's party-state **10**..... an army of cyber-police to watch, censor and guide Chinese internet users. Chinese private internet companies **11**..... to flourish so long as they **12**..... from the party line.

In short, the Chinese government **13**..... a huge amount of effort on **14**..... that its internet is different - not just that freedom of expression is limited but also that the industry that is built around it **15**..... national goals as well as commercial ones.

**15 points**

Adapted from the Economist,

**III. Translate the following sentences into English**

1. Die Niederlande sind seit dem 4. April 1949 Mitglied der NATO. **(3P)**

2. Wenn US-Außenminister John Kerry seinen russischen Amtskollegen früher zu Gesprächen getroffen hätte, wäre es zu keiner weiteren Eskalation des Syrien-Konflikts gekommen.

**(6P)**

3. Wir diskutieren heute in Deutschland, wie wir sicherstellen, dass Menschen mit einer vollen Arbeitsstelle von ihrem Lohn auch menschenwürdig leben können.

**(5P)**

4. Ich bin fest davon überzeugt, dass Litauen und Lettland aus der Rezession herauskommen werden. **(3P)**

5. Die Regierung muss es vermeiden, die Entscheidung auf unbestimmte Zeit zu vertagen. **(3P)**

**20 points**

**IV. PREPOSITIONS**

**Put the correct preposition in the gaps below:**

1. He hasn't succeeded ..... finding a job yet.
2. Allow me to congratulate you ..... your promotion.
3. What prevented you ..... travelling to Moscow?
4. She insisted ..... paying for the meal.
5. I really don't approve ..... children watching too much television.
6. Please make sure you submit the report ..... Tuesday at the latest.
7. Your flat is actually really similar ..... mine.
8. Thanks for reminding me ..... the meeting – I would have forgotten!
9. Everyone blamed the mistake ..... me, even though it wasn't my fault.
10. The number of people suffering ..... heart disease has increased.
11. At the conference, we gained some interesting insights ..... how to alleviate poverty.
12. You spend far too much money ..... clothes!
13. You're walking too fast – I can barely keep ..... with you!
14. Martin is a lawyer. He specialises ..... labour law.
15. He is suspected ..... having stolen some money.

**15 points**