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## Auswahlverfahren für den höheren Auswärtigen Dienst 2019

### Sprachtest Englisch

#### Testübersicht

I.	Einsetzübung	20 Punkte
II.	Verbübung	15 Punkte
III.	Übersetzung	20 Punkte
IV.	Grammatik	15 Punkte
<b>Gesamtpunktzahl</b>		<b>70 Punkte</b>

*Bearbeitungszeit: 30 Minuten.*

*Hilfsmittel: KEINE.*

*Der Test umfasst einschl. Deckblatt – 5 – Seiten.*

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

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Note: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Vocabulary**

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

**As islands erode, so do their rights**

In a landmark petition recently submitted to the United Nations, Torres Strait Islanders argued that Australia, by failing to take appropriate **1**..... to reduce carbon emissions, has violated their **2**..... human rights, including the right to **3**..... their culture.

The action is **4**..... of a growing trend in which litigants around the world are making the novel **5**..... that governments have a(n) **6**..... to ensure a livable environment. But it is the very first time litigants have argued a **7**..... before the United Nations, and it could set a **8**..... for how those most vulnerable to the **9**..... of global warming can claim **10**..... under international law. If successful, the case “would really turn a new **11**..... in the history of international law,” said John Knox, a professor at Wake Forest University.

The UN cannot force Australia to implement **12**....., but campaigners say they hope the action will exert **13**..... on other governments to protect the rights of marginalized groups whose culture is at **14**....., and for whom dispossession could revive the **15**..... of colonization.

“They are losing everything. They can’t just go somewhere else: Their culture is **16**..... to that region,” said Sophie Marjanac, a lawyer with ClientEarth. “That’s the **17**..... of the argument. If indigenous people are dispossessed of their **18**....., then they can’t practice their culture. Australia has an **19**..... record on human rights. This is an opportunity for them to make **20**..... for past grievances.”

The New York Times, June 2019 (adapted)

**20 points**

**II. Verb Exercise**

Fill in the correct verb form in each of the gaps below.

**Summertime madness**

It is a bright, cold Monday in April, and pupils **1**..... (arrive) at the Fläming Gymnasium in Brandenburg. Last night the clocks **2**..... (put) forward and, as a result, many of the children are tired today - victims of the rich world's biannual ritual of **3**..... (tamper) with time. That is if the research on daylight-saving time (DST) is **4**..... (believe). Disrupting adolescents' sleep can play havoc with their bodies. One parent says that if her teenage daughter **5**..... (lose) an hour's sleep, she is tired for days. Adults suffer, too: in 2016, one German study **6**..... (find) a 25% increase in reported heart problems after the spring time change.

Time may soon be up for DST in Europe. On 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the European Parliament voted to end DST by 2021. The EU's governments **7**..... (agree) to make a decision by April 2020. None is more gripped than Germany. 67% of the replies to a European Commission "consultation" last year **8**..... (submit) by Germans. Most of them wanted to ditch DST.

Even beyond the health effects, the critics' case is strong. Under DST, energy savings from lighter evenings **9**..... (cancel) out by extra heating bills in the morning. Steffen Kampeter of Germany's Federal Employers' Association says businesses **10**..... (welcome) an end to disruptive clock changes. Yet he also warns that if some countries **11**..... (shift) to permanent summertime and others to wintertime, a "patchwork" would evolve across Europe. To avoid such chaos, the EU institutions **12**..... (urge) governments for months to co-ordinate their approaches. But views vary.

Most Germans say they **13**..... (prefer) year-round summertime in the future. But the German Teachers' Association is opposed. In December, the sun **14**..... (not rise) in northern German towns until after 9.30am. Dark mornings are especially bad for teenage brains and traffic accidents. In Germany and elsewhere, the debate **15**..... (just/begin). Who will prevail? Only time will tell.

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

1. Angesichts des überwältigenden Sieges der Partei, ist ihm das Präsidentenamt angetragen worden. **5P**

2. Der amerikanische Außenminister versprach, dass er die gescheiterten Verhandlungen wieder aufnehmen werde. **3P**

3. Seit vielen Jahren versucht die Regierung, die Korruption in Regierungskreisen zu bekämpfen. **4P**

4. Während ich mich auf den Volkswirtschaftstest vorbereitete, wurde ich mehrfach durch das Klingeln des Handys gestört. **4P**

5. Der scheidende Minister vermied es, eine eindeutige Aussage über die bevorstehenden Steuererhöhungen zu machen. **4P**

**20 points**

**IV. Grammar**

There is one mistake in each of the following sentences. Look at the example:

e.g. We didn't ~~gave~~ him the right room number.  
..... *give* .....

**Score out the incorrect part of the sentence. Write the correction on the line underneath. You do not have to write out the whole sentence again.**

1. The President announced that the country would be at war with its neighbor since the previous day.  
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2. The embassy assured that all Germans in the region were evacuated speedily.  
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3. More than 2,000 people were infected with Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo since May.  
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4. Studies show that women are still considerably more likely to be in low-paid work as men.  
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5. Only if we implement economic change, we will be able to achieve gender equality.  
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6. In 1989, the first free elections in Poland have marked a great victory for the Solidarity movement.  
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7. For the foreseeable future, the regulation is applying to refugees from Syria only.  
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8. The controversial athlete is currently considering to take part in the 800m in Paris next week.  
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9. There are many reasons why the price of cinema tickets in Japan now goes up for the first time in 26 years.  
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10. I really wish James wouldn't have told me my boss was coming to the event.  
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**Fill in the gaps below with the correct preposition:**

11. I'm afraid I have to leave early today, but I'll make ..... the hours next week.
12. Can you give me an example ..... what diplomats do in their jobs?
13. We have spent €40 million ..... upgrading the facilities.
14. Many of the girls are married off to older relatives ..... the age of 14 or 15.
15. Germany is committed ..... fostering peace around the world.

**15 points**