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Sprachtest **ENGLISCH** Musterlösung

Testübersicht

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

Gesamtpunktzahl	70 Punkte
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Bearbeitungszeit: 30 Minuten.

Hilfsmittel: KEINE.

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Der Test umfasst einschl. Deckblatt 7 Seiten.

Korrektor/in: _____ Fehlerzahl: _____

Datum: _____ Punktzahl: _____

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

Let them in

In the **1**.....midst..... of the European immigration debate, a number of eminent personalities, led by **2**.....former..... German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, presented a report on May 11 called “Living Together: Combining Diversity and Freedom in 21st Century Europe”. The message of the report is that **3**.....unless..... Europe learns to cultivate its diversity, it will always inevitably be **4**.....at..... a demographic disadvantage. This is explained by a simple **5**.....fact.....: without immigration, the active population will decline **6**.....by..... a hundred million people in the next fifty years, while the total population will increase and will age. Europe will **7**.....thus..... have to open up to immigration and to societal diversity.

Immigrants cannot be asked to leave their identity at the border. According to the group, which **8**.....includes..... Javier Solana, Emma Bonino and Timothy Garton Ash, there is nothing **9**.....wrong..... with immigrants bringing their cultural baggage with them – **10**.....provided..... they respect the law. Better **11**.....yet....., the **12**.....arrival..... of new cultures can contribute to creativity, of which Europe is in **13**.....dire..... need.

The message is a **14**.....hard..... sell. It goes totally **15**.....against..... the grain of the populist approach which sees mass immigration as a threat. Joschka Fischer and his **16**.....supporters..... are calling on European leaders, not just in the **17**.....sphere..... of politics,

but also in the culture, media and teaching professions, to rise up against these false prophets.

Fischer considers that politicians from the major mainstream parties who bow to populism are not fulfilling their **18**.....duty..... as leaders. One after **19**.....another....., European leaders are lining up to lament that the multicultural society model has **20**.....failed..... Fischer avoids this debate. He simply notes that in Europe, diversity is a reality that cannot be ignored.

20 points

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.

assert	challenge	disrupt	flare up	pose
become	cram	employ	fail	spend
catch	deploy	expand	participate	strengthen

Yankee go home?

Lying halfway between mainland Japan and China, the Japanese island of Okinawa **1**.....is caught..... in a power struggle. For the past few years, China **2**.....has challenged..... U.S. naval dominance in the East and South China Seas by **3**.....asserting..... claims to islets and waterways from Japan to Vietnam, and all too often it **4**.....has disrupted..... exploration in areas believed to be rich in oil and gas.

Beijing's maneuvers **5**.....pose..... a new security concern for leaders of countries whose economies **6**.....have become..... ever more entwined with China's, even if they are politically closer to the U.S. They are unsettled by the ease with which trouble between the two major powers periodically **7**.....flares up.....

In what it calls a "pivot to Asia," the Obama Administration **8**.....has spent..... the last year **9**.....strengthening..... regional military ties in tacit counterbalance to China's muscle-flexing. Last week the first of up to 2,500 Marines **10**.....to be deployed..... in northern Australia arrived in Darwin, and nearly 2,000 personnel stationed on Okinawa **11**.....will participate..... in joint military exercises in the Philippines next month.

Over 30 U.S. military bases **12**.....are crammed..... onto Okinawa today. Locals may be fed up with the noise of military aircraft and social disruption that comes with a large population of young foreign males, but the local American bases still **13**.....employ..... 9,000 local people. In fact many businesses **14**.....would have failed..... long ago if it weren't for U.S. personnel and their families. Yet China's posturing is making disgruntled locals more willing to accept a U.S. presence on the island. "It's scary living so close to a military base," says shopkeeper Genji Sunakawa, "but as China **15**.....expands....., the alternative might be even scarier."

15 points

III. TRANSLATION

Translate the following sentences into English.

1. Es macht keinen Sinn, eine Rede unvorbereitet zu halten. **(3P)**

It makes no sense to deliver a speech unprepared.

2. Den neusten Informationen zufolge, scheinen die Verhandlungen über einen Waffenstillstand zwischen den Konfliktparteien in eine Sackgasse geraten zu sein. **(5 P)**

According to the latest information, the negotiations over a ceasefire between the warring parties seem to have run into a dead-end.

3. Er behauptete, dass die Abschaltung der Atomkraftwerke keinerlei Auswirkungen auf die Strompreise habe. **(4P)**

He claimed that shutting down the atomic energy plants had no effect on electricity prices.

4. Nur durch vollständige Abrüstung kann dauerhaft Frieden geschaffen werden. **(3P)**

Complete disarmament is the only way lasting peace can be established / is the only way to achieve lasting peace.

5. Im Streit über die Reform des Schengen-Raums hat der Innenminister das Europaparlament aufgefordert, sich an das Gesetz zu halten. **(5P)**

In the dispute over the reform of the Schengen Area, the minister of the interior urged the European Parliament to respect the law.

20 points

IV. Grammar

Put the correct preposition in the gaps below:

1. I've got to go – something really urgent has just comeup.....
2. I can't come to the appointment tomorrow. Can we put itoff..... until next week?
3. If you keepup..... the good work, I'm sure you'll get a promotion next year.
4. I still haven't gotaround..... to phoning my mum. I just don't have time.
5. The effects of the alcohol woreoff..... after a few hours and he felt much better.
6. With the population falling, there is an urgent needfor..... more highly skilled workers in Germany.
7. Since my husband lost his job, we've had to getby..... on one salary.
8. Do you know what time Anna's plane getsin.....?
9. Don't buy anything from those crooks! They're always ripping peopleoff.....
10. I really wanted the job, but they turned medown.....
11. Oh no! We've runout..... of bread. I'll have to go to the shops.
12. I think I might have got a bit carriedaway..... at the winter sales. I've spent a fortune!
13. Janine suddenly turnedup..... at the party. What a surprise!
14. The latest fashion for big sunglasses has caughton..... really quickly.
Everyone has a pair!
15. I'm sick of his behaviour. I'm not prepared to putup..... with it any more.

15 points