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Auswahlverfahren für den höheren Auswärtigen Dienst 2013

Sprachtest ENGLISCH Musterlösung

Testübersicht

I.	Einsetzübung	20 Punkte
II.	Verbübung	15 Punkte
III.	Übersetzung	20 Punkte
IV.	Grammatik (Präpositionen)	15 Punkte
Gesamtpunktzahl		70 Punkte

Bearbeitungszeit: 30 Minuten.

Hilfsmittel: KEINE.

Der Test umfasst einschl. Deckblatt – 6 - Seiten.

Korrektor/in: _____ Datum: _____

Fehlerzahl: _____ Punktzahl: _____

Note: _____

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.....age..... of interdependence. That was
 2.....what..... Barack Obama told students in Cairo soon
 after taking 3.....office..... in 2009, in a speech intended to
 heal 4.....rifts..... with the Muslim world and start restoring
 America's image after the 5.....mistakes..... of the Bush years.
 Mr Obama has learned that problems must be tackled with the
 6.....help..... of others. In Cairo he offered examples of
 global 7.....ties..... that bind. When one nation pursues
 a nuclear weapon, the 8.....stakes..... rise for all nations, he
 said.

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

Syria's horrors are not Mr. Obama's 16.....fault..... And it is
 17.....true..... that the president faces only bad choices in
 Syria. But he is partly to 18.....blame..... Obama must now
 choose between tolerating massacres and intervening at the
 19.....risk..... of empowering violent extremists. Balancing
 American interests and 20.....values..... 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**.....controlling..... the internet in China with trying in vain to "nail Jell-O to the wall". At the time he seemed **2**.....to be stating..... 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**.....have helped..... **4**.....(to) topple..... dictatorships in the past, many people were convinced that the internet **5**.....would erode..... China's authoritarian state bit by bit.

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

In short, the Chinese government **13**.....has exerted..... a huge amount of effort on **14**.....ensuring..... that its internet is different - not just that freedom of expression is limited but also that the industry that is built around it **15**.....serves..... 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)**

The Netherlands has been a member of NATO since 4 April 1949.

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)

If U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry had met his Russian counterpart for talks sooner, the conflict in Syria would not have escalated further / would not have continued to escalate.

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

(5P)

In Germany, we are currently discussing how to ensure that people in full-time employment can live in a dignified manner on what they earn.

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

I am absolutely convinced that Lithuania and Latvia will overcome the recession.

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

The government must avoid postponing the decision indefinitely.

20 points

IV. PREPOSITIONS

Put the correct preposition in the gaps below:

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

15 points