

**Prüfungsdauer: 30 Minuten**

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**Nicht mit Bleistift schreiben!**

Maximal erreichbare Punktzahl	50	Punkte
Reading: TASK 1	_____	Punkte (max. 15)
Writing: TASK 2	_____	Punkte (max. 15)
Use of English: TASKS 3 + 4	_____	Punkte (max. 20)

**Total erreichte Punktzahl** \_\_\_\_\_ **Punkte**

**Prüfungsnote** \_\_\_\_\_

Für die Korrektur: \_\_\_\_\_

Für die Kontrolle: \_\_\_\_\_

**TASK 1****A**

Read the text below and then decide if the following statements are *True* or *False*. If there is not enough information in the text, choose *Doesn't say*.

**B**

Find the words in the text matching the definitions. The words you need to find follow the order of the text.

**Diamonds are forever, aren't they?**

On June 29, 2016 an auctioneer from Sotheby's opened bidding on the 1,109-carat Lesedi La Rona, the biggest diamond to be discovered in over a century. However, the stone failed to reach its minimum price of \$70m. "I am a bit disappointed", said William Lamb, CEO of Lucara Diamond, the Canadian firm that had found the stone in Botswana the year before. He said he had hoped the auction would symbolise the appeal of diamonds and their promise for African development and get rid of the rumour that all diamonds are bad. In recent years the industry has got a bad reputation, especially among the millennial generation that came of age in the 1990s, when evidence emerged that diamonds were used to finance wars like the one in Sierra Leone.

Financial stresses are also rising on "sightholders", the middlemen who buy rough diamonds and ship them to places like Antwerp and Mumbai for cutting and polishing. The publicity-shy middlemen are now under pressure to improve transparency. "Their corporate structures look like bowls of spaghetti," says Faz Chaudhri, a diamond-industry consultant. Since the financial crisis, banks have come under pressure to make sure they are not lending money to businesses associated with crime and terrorist financing. Industry leader De Beers recently told its middlemen that from next year on they had to produce bank reports according to international standards, because more than \$12 billion of bank credit would be subject to tighter norms.

On top of that there is also a technological challenge. From China to California scientists are improving their ability to produce diamonds in laboratories. So far billions of carats of synthetic diamonds have been made for use in industries such as oil drilling. Now they are perfecting high quality stones for jewellery.

Since 2015 California-based Diamond Foundry has been producing laboratory-grown rough diamonds of a quality hard to distinguish from the ones dug up from the ground. They can be cut as exquisitely as any real diamond and are only slightly less expensive. The company tries to add to their appeal by attacking traditional miners at their weakest point - unethical sourcing, and selling its own diamonds as "morally pure". One of its supporters is Leonardo DiCaprio, star of "Blood Diamond", a film released in 2006. Although sales of such diamonds are still tiny compared with the \$14 billion of rough stones dug up each year, the ethics-based marketing still troubles the traditional industry. It also feeds the industry's insecurity about the tastes of a generation, who may prefer spending on exotic holidays rather than diamonds. Last year the Diamond Producers' Association came up with the slogan "Real is rare" aimed at such consumers. This may not be as good as De Beers' "A Diamond is Forever", one of the great slogans of the 20th century, but it shows the industry is becoming less sure of itself. These days, any industry that thinks anything can last forever is ripe for decline.

**TASK 1A****T (True), F (False) or D (Doesn't Say)**

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| 1. The Lesedi La Rona is the biggest diamond ever found.                    | T | F | D |
| 2. The Lesedi La Rona was discovered in 2015.                               | T | F | D |
| 3. The war in Sierra Leone was the first to be financed by diamonds.        | T | F | D |
| 4. Middlemen have to improve transparency because of stricter banking laws. | T | F | D |
| 5. The production of artificial diamonds started in China.                  | T | F | D |
| 6. Originally synthetic diamonds were mainly for industrial use.            | T | F | D |
| 7. Artificial diamonds are a lot cheaper than real ones.                    | T | F | D |
| 8. Leonardo DiCaprio prefers real diamonds.                                 | T | F | D |
| 9. "Real is rare" should justify the difference in price.                   | T | F | D |
| 10. The writer thinks nowadays you cannot expect anything to last forever.  | T | F | D |

**Points:\_\_\_\_\_/10****Task 1B**

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| 1. a period of 100 years                  | ..... |
| 2. became an adult                        | ..... |
| 3. person or organisation ahead of others | ..... |
| 4. tell the difference                    | ..... |
| 5. very small                             | ..... |

**Points:\_\_\_\_\_/5**

**TASK 2**

**Writing**

**“Mobile phones are killing real communication.” Do you agree? Why? Why not?  
Write a short text of about 60 words.**

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**TASK 3**

Read the following text and choose the best letter A, B or C for each space.

**Teenagers**

The word “teenager” came into existence in the 1940s. Before that, these young people were 1. .... as adolescents or simply young adults. The change in terminology 2. .... along with a cultural and social change. For the first time teenagers were asserting their independence and creating a culture for 3. .... They were able to do so because of their increased spending power.

Teenagers are expected to 4. .... several goals like starting to lead independent 5. .... It is not uncommon in countries such as the UK for teenagers to leave home at the age of sixteen. They are also expected to 6. .... a sense of their own identity. Finally, they are expected to have completed their 7. .... education and to find a 8. .... of earning a living. Teenagers are often rebellious. 9. .... are various reasons like the physical and hormonal changes. But also the rapid changes in social attitudes which often create differences in opinion 10. .... teenagers and the older generation.

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| 1. A called    | B known      | C named      |
| 2. A came      | B has come   | C comes      |
| 3. A their own | B themselves | C themselves |
| 4. A achieve   | B hit        | C make       |
| 5. A life      | B lives      | C living     |
| 6. A develop   | B grow       | C make       |
| 7. A basic     | B basical    | C basically  |
| 8. A kind      | B path       | C way        |
| 9. A They      | B There      | C These      |
| 10. A among    | B between    | C of         |

**Points: \_\_\_\_\_/10**

**TASK 4**

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. The words need not be the same. Use between 2 and 5 words.

Example:

0. The Best Western is cheaper than the Hilton.  
The Hilton is more expensive than the Best Western.
1. The Riu Grande Hotel is better than the Miramar.  
The Miramar isn't.....the Riu Grande Hotel.
2. You mustn't use mobile phones during the conference.  
The use.....during the conference.
3. She asked him how much that T-shirt cost.  
"How much .....?" she asked him.
4. The water is too cold to go swimming.  
The water isn't.....to go swimming.
5. Most people didn't expect Donald Trump to win the elections.  
Most people were .....Donald Trump winning the elections.
6. Julie started to learn Spanish two years ago.  
Julie ..... two years.
7. Picasso was a very good painter.  
Picasso used to paint.....
8. James Cameron directed the film Avatar..  
The film Avatar .....James Cameron.
9. That is the worst restaurant we have ever been to.  
We have ..... restaurant than that.
10. This is my sister's car.  
This car ..... my sister.

**Points:\_\_\_\_\_/10**