BMS II, Aufnahmeprüfung Englisch, 2019   Kanton Zürich

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

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Für die Korrektur: _____

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Reading

Has President Trump started a trade war?

Do you like peanut butter? Or super-food cranberries? Are you planning to buy an American motorbike, or some new jeans? If so, you will soon probably have to pay a bit more than you would have paid last year. The reason? The European Union has put tariffs – taxes on products made abroad – on these and many other products from the US. It´s a reaction to tariffs on some EU goods that have been introduced by US President Trump.

During his 2016 election campaign, the president promised to bring jobs back to America. He says that the US imports too many products, especially from China, but also from Mexico, Germany, Japan and others. There is a trade deficit with these countries – the US imports more goods from them than it exports to them. If imports are made more expensive by putting tariffs on them, people and businesses will buy cheaper home-produced goods. That means more jobs for American workers, the president argues.

It sounds like a simple solution, and it appeals to a lot of Americans working in industries that have been hit by globalisation, such as steel and automobiles. However, other countries can react by putting tariffs on American goods, too, which hurts US exports.

This is what is happening now. President Trump began by introducing a 25% tariff on Chinese imports. China reacted with its own tariffs on American products including soybeans, pork, aeroplanes and cars. The president also slapped tariffs on steel and aluminium from the EU, Canada and other countries. The EU then introduced its tariffs on US steel, tobacco, peanut butter, jeans, motorbikes and a number of other goods.

It didn´t stop there. President Trump has threatened tariffs on more goods from China. He has also said that if the EU does not remove tariffs and trade barriers to US goods, he will introduce a 20% tariff on European-made cars. Economists fear that this is the start of a trade war.

That doesn´t worry President Trump, however. He tweeted: "When a country (USA) is losing many billions of dollars on trade with virtually every country it does business with, trade wars are good, and easy to win." Most economists disagree with that. They say that free trade – trade without tariffs and barriers – is better for everyone. It means that consumers and businesses can buy the cheapest goods from anywhere in the world. Tariffs will likely lead to higher prices for US consumers and also for businesses buying raw materials to make products, they say.

This could harm the US industry and lead to job losses. Thomas J. Donohue, the president of the US chamber of Commerce, said in a statement that he is "very concerned" about the possibility of a trade war. "These new tariffs would directly harm American manufacturers," he said.

However, the tariffs introduced by the EU could cost the Republicans votes. Peanut butter, cranberries and motorbikes might seem like pretty unimportant products, but they are all from states that are important for the Republicans. If jobs are lost because of the tariffs, voters might decide that a trade war is anything but "easy to win".

TASK 1A
Read the text and then decide if the following statements are *True* or *False*. If there is not enough information in the text, choose *Doesn't Say*. The questions follow the order of the text.

T (True), F (False) or DS (Doesn't Say)

1. The EU first started to put tariffs on US products.   T   F   DS

2. The US imports more goods from Germany than it exports to it.   T   F   DS

3. Trump wants to boost the US economy by producing cheaper goods
   for export.   T   F   DS

4. The US is planning to import more EU cars.   T   F   DS

5. Trump is confident to win this trade war.   T   F   DS

6. The cheaper the goods, the less tariffs there are on the goods.   T   F   DS

7. Businesses now buy more raw materials than the higher priced
   finished products.   T   F   DS

8. Thomas J. Donohue is worried about Trump´s actions.   T   F   DS

9. After the EU introduced tariffs, voting now costs money for the
   Republicans.   T   F   DS

10. Republicans are confident to win this trade war.   T   F   DS

Points:_____/10

Task 1B
Find the words in the text matching the synonyms. The words you need to find follow the order of the text.

1. lack   ……………………...

2. pleases   ……………………...

3. warned   ……………………...

4. almost   ……………………...

5. cuts   …………………………

Points:_____/5

TASK 2

Writing

"Driving should be permitted at the age of 16"

Do you agree? Why? Why not?

Write a short text of about 60 words.

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Points:_____/15

TASK 3

Use of English

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

Retirement for Maria

Maria Whitby is due to retire next week from well-known local law firm Barnes & Franks, 1) ………………offices are located across the south-west of England.
After 2)…………….. her training in Bath, Mrs. Whitby joined the company, where she has spent more 3) ………………20 years. Barnes & Franks immediately recognised her enormous potential and she was promoted 4) ……………….. times. She became the only female out of five partners in 1997. Shortly after that, in 1998, she became Senior Partner.
When asked about her plans for the future, Mrs. Whitby replied, "5) ………………. I´ve been thinking of visiting my brother in the United States, I haven´t actually decided 6) ……………….. . But really, I´m keen 7) …………………buy a house in Bath and settle down there. "
Michael Sawyer, a colleague at Barnes & Franks, is going to replace Mrs. Whitby.
 8) ………………. Mrs. Whitby, Mr. Sawyer has worked for Barnes & Franks 9)……………….. the early 1990s.
A retirement party will 10)………………..held for Mrs. White at the Crown Hotel on 20 May.

1. A who´s   B whose   C which
2. A finish   B finishing   C finished
3. A then   B than   C that
4. A much   B most   C many
5. A Provided   B Despite   C Although
6. A yet   B already   C still
7. A on   B in   C to
8. A Like   B How   C As
9. A during   B for   C since
10. A been   B be   C being

Points:_____/10

TASK 4

Complete the second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between 2 and 5 words.

Example:
   0. The Best Western is cheaper than the Hilton. **MORE**
       The Hilton is <u>more expensive than</u> the Best Western.

1. It´s only her third time at a concert. **BEEN**

   She……………………………………………………….. at a concert twice before.

2. Are those your books? **TO**

   Do ………………………………………………………….. you?

3. Repeat the vocabulary and then I´ll give you a test. **DO**

   I won´t give you a test …………………………………………………………some repetition.

4. It´s very hot in Thailand so remember to wear sunscreen! **WHILE**

   Remember to wear sunscreen ……………………………………………through Thailand.

5. I didn´t eat much chocolate because I´m on a diet. **ONLY**

   I ……………………………………..……………….. chocolate because I´m on a diet.

6. Nobody has ever been this far under the sea level. **THE**

   This is …………………………………………………..has ever been under the sea level.

7. Students are not allowed to cheat during an exam. **MUST**

   Students ………………………………………………………..during an exam.

8. JRR Tolkien wrote "Lord of the Rings" in the 1950s. **WRITTEN**

   "Lord of the Rings"…………………………………………….JRR Tolkien in the 1950s.

9. I´ll always remember the time when I went up to the Matterhorn. **NEVER**

   I´ll …………………………………………………..the Matterhorn.

10. The new one in our office, Emily, seems really nice. **NAME**

    The new one in our office, ……………………………………….…...Emily, seems really nice.

Points:_____/10