

AP[®] GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE EXAM 2015 SCORING GUIDELINES

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Presentational Writing: Persuasive Essay

5: STRONG performance in Presentational Writing

- Effective treatment of topic within the context of the task
 - Demonstrates a high degree of comprehension of the sources' viewpoints, with very few minor inaccuracies
 - Integrates content from all three sources in support of the essay
 - Presents and defends the student's own viewpoint on the topic with a high degree of clarity; develops a persuasive argument with coherence and detail
 - Organized essay; effective use of transitional elements or cohesive devices
 - Fully understandable, with ease and clarity of expression; occasional errors do not impede comprehensibility
 - Varied and appropriate vocabulary and idiomatic language
 - Accuracy and variety in grammar, syntax and usage, with few errors
 - Develops paragraph-length discourse with a variety of simple and compound sentences, and some complex sentences
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4: GOOD performance in Presentational Writing

- Generally effective treatment of topic within the context of the task
 - Demonstrates comprehension of the sources' viewpoints; may include a few inaccuracies
 - Summarizes, with limited integration, content from all three sources in support of the essay
 - Presents and defends the student's own viewpoint on the topic with clarity; develops a persuasive argument with coherence
 - Organized essay; some effective use of transitional elements or cohesive devices
 - Fully understandable, with some errors which do not impede comprehensibility
 - Varied and generally appropriate vocabulary and idiomatic language
 - General control of grammar, syntax and usage
 - Develops mostly paragraph-length discourse with simple, compound and a few complex sentences
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3: FAIR performance in Presentational Writing

- Suitable treatment of topic within the context of the task
- Demonstrates a moderate degree of comprehension of the sources' viewpoints; includes some inaccuracies
- Summarizes content from at least two sources in support of the essay
- Presents and defends the student's own viewpoint on the topic; develops a somewhat persuasive argument with some coherence
- Some organization; limited use of transitional elements or cohesive devices
- Generally understandable, with errors that may impede comprehensibility
- Appropriate but basic vocabulary and idiomatic language
- Some control of grammar, syntax and usage
- Uses strings of mostly simple sentences, with a few compound sentences

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2: WEAK performance in Presentational Writing

- Unsuitable treatment of topic within the context of the task
 - Demonstrates a low degree of comprehension of the sources' viewpoints; information may be limited or inaccurate
 - Summarizes content from one or two sources; may not support the essay
 - Presents, or at least suggests, the student's own viewpoint on the topic; develops an unpersuasive argument somewhat incoherently
 - Limited organization; ineffective use of transitional elements or cohesive devices
 - Partially understandable, with errors that force interpretation and cause confusion for the reader
 - Limited vocabulary and idiomatic language
 - Limited control of grammar, syntax and usage
 - Uses strings of simple sentences and phrases
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1: POOR performance in Presentational Writing

- Almost no treatment of topic within the context of the task
 - Demonstrates poor comprehension of the sources' viewpoints; includes frequent and significant inaccuracies
 - Mostly repeats statements from sources or may not refer to any sources
 - Minimally suggests the student's own viewpoint on the topic; argument is undeveloped or incoherent
 - Little or no organization; absence of transitional elements and cohesive devices
 - Barely understandable, with frequent or significant errors that impede comprehensibility
 - Very few vocabulary resources
 - Little or no control of grammar, syntax and usage
 - Very simple sentences or fragments
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0: UNACCEPTABLE performance in Presentational Writing

- Mere restatement of language from the prompt
 - Clearly does not respond to the prompt; completely irrelevant to the topic
 - "I don't know," "I don't understand" or equivalent in any language
 - Not in the language of the exam
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- (hyphen): **BLANK (no response)**
