Test of INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE IN ENGLISH - ICE Level 2

MOCK TEST Version 1

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Time	Part	Item Type	No. of items
10 min.	1	Critical Incidents	10
10 min.	2	Listening Comprehension	10
10 min	3	Structured Responses	10
10 min	4	Proof Reading	10
10 min	5	Country Specifics	30
10 min	6	Writing	1
60 min			

FORMAT ICE - MOCK TEST

Time	Part	Item Type	No. of items
3 min.	1	Critical Incidents	2
5 min.	2	Listening Comprehension	1
5 min	3	Structured Responses	2
5 min	4	Proof Reading	2
7 min	5	Country Specifics	20
10 min	6	Writing	1
35 min			

MARK ALL ANSWERS ON THE ANSWER SHEET!

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	PART 1	CRITICAL INCIDENTS

Choose **one** of the answers — a, b or c — for each question. Only one answer is correct.

Unless stated otherwise, in all the situations below, you do not know the person you are speaking to very well.

1.

An Indian visitor to your company gives you a very personal gift, e.g. a rare recording of precisely the music you like, because he knows what you are interested in. What do you say and do?

- a. You accept it but tell him that this is not appropriate in your culture ("Thank you for the present, but we don't usually do this in Germany.")
- b. You refuse it ("I'm sorry, I can't take this from you") as you feel it is not appropriate to accept personal gifts from business associates. c. You thank him ("Thank you very much, that's most kind of you.") and accept it gratefully be-
- cause a personal gift is common in India.

2.

At a meeting where you are the chairman, a Scandinavian member of your team always takes a long time to finish each sentence. What should you say and do?

- a. You should ask him to be a bit quicker ("Can you please say what you want a bit more quickly?") to make the meeting more efficient.
- b. You should finish his sentences for him so you can get on with business. He will be grateful for this.
- c. You should let him finish even if it takes longer as he will otherwise think you are rude.

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	PART 2	LISTENING COMPREHENSION	

Choose **one** of the answers — a, b, c or d — for each question. Only one answer is correct.

Unless stated otherwise, in all the situations below, you do not know the person you are speaking to very well.

Example

You are showing an English visitor around your town and ask where the visitor would like to go for lunch. He says:



[Oh, you're the one in charge today.]

He

- a. doesn't want to go to a restaurant.
- b. is offering to pay for lunch.
- c. wants to know more about the restaurants .
- d. wants you to decide where to go.

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During a presentation you give some information to the audience. Someone interrupts you and says:

The speaker means:

- a. I don't know enough about what you are saying.
- b. I don't quite understand you.
- c. You are making a mistake about that.
- d. You are probably right.

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	PART 3	STRUCTURED RESPONSES	

Choose all the appropriate answers for each question. *More than one answer may be correct.*

Mark PLUS (+) for YES and MINUS (-) for NO.

Unless stated otherwise, in all the situations below, you do not know the person you are speaking to very well.

Example:

You want to suggest someone does something. What do you say?

- a. Why don't you ...?
- b. You might as well ...
- c. You might want to ...
- d. You'd better ...
- e. You' d rather ...

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At a business dinner, you are not sure what some of the food is. What can you ask?

- a. Can you tell me what is in this food? It looks strange to me.
- b. I wonder if you can tell me something about the local food.
- c. I wonder what this food is. I don't recognise it all.
- d. Please tell me what is in the food so I can eat it.
- e. What is this food, please? I don't know all of it.

22.

A Hungarian business woman introduces herself as Szabo Cotalin. You are not sure what to call her. What can you say?

- a. Can you tell me which of your names is which?
- b. My name is Jim Smith. Do call me Jim.
- c. So, your name is Szabo, isn't it?
- d. What are you called?
- e. What would you like me to call you?

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	PART 4	PROOF READING

In each text there are one ore more parts which may seem **impolite**. Choose **one or more parts** — a, b, c or d — for each text.

One of your company's products is not available at the moment. Your boss has asked you to write to the customers who have ordered this product and tell them this.

31.

a I am writing to inform you that we do not have this product in stock at the moment. **b** Please wait for three months and then you will get it. **c** If you have any questions you can contact me any time. **d** I will do my best to help you.

32.

a This product is not available at present. **b** I am sorry about this but you must know it is not our fault. **c** I will tell you when it is available again and send it as soon as possible to you. **d** I must apologise about this delay.

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	PART 5	COUNTRY SPECIFICS

Answer as many questions as possible from the following. Choose one of the answers — a, b or c — for each question. **Only one answer is correct.**

GERMANY

41.

Germany is a federal republic with

- a. 10 regional states.
- b. 13 regional states.
- c. 16 regional states.

42.

- Germany's national poet is
- a. Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche.
- b. Georg Friedrich Händel.
- c. Johann Wolfgang Goethe.

43.

Germany's population is about

- a. fifty million.
- b. eighty million.
- c. one hundred million.

44.

Today Germany is largely dependent on the

- a. export sector.
- b. financial sector.
- c. IT sector.

45.

To indicate you have finished eating

- a. you lay your knife and fork parallel across the right side of your plate.
- b. you lay your knife and fork across your plate, with the fork crossed over the knife.
- c. you lay your knife to the right and your fork to the left of your plate.

46.

East and West Germany were re-united in

- a. 1945.
- b. 1968.
- c. 1990.

47.

Interrupting someone in conversation

- a. is appreciated as a sign of interest.
- b. is considered acceptable in some cases.
- c. is usually considered impolite.

48.

Neuschwanstein Castle is situated in

- a. Bavaria.
- b. Hesse.
- c. the Palatinate.

49.

German business partners

- a. avoid hard selling or confrontation.
- b. prefer indirect communication styles.
- c. respect confrontational communication.

50.

Germany's currency is called

- a. Deutsche Mark.
- b. Gulden.
- c. Euro.



PART 5

51.

Speed limits on German motorways

- a. do not exist.
- b. are in effect on some routes.
- c. exist on all motorways today.

52.

If invited to a German home, it is a good idea to bring

- a. chocolates, liquor or wine.
- b. lilies or chrysanthemums.
- c. unusual books or CDs.

53.

If you are invited to an informal party,

- a. you must be punctual.
- b. it's fine to be about 15 minutes late.
- c. you can arrive when you want.

54.

When talking to one another, most Germans

- a. keep a short distance from each other.
- b. prefer an arm's length of space or more.
- c. touch each other frequently.

55.

The present German chancellor's name is

- a. Helmut Kohl,
- b. Gerhard Schröder.
- c. Angela Merkel.

56.

In restaurants it is common to give tips of

- a. 10 %.
- b. 15 %.
- c. 20 %.

57.

Three countries bordering on Germany are

- a. Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic.
- b. Italy, Hungary, Slovak Republic.
- c. Denmark, Sweden, Norway.

58.

The German national football team won the FIFA World Cup

- a. once (1954).
- b. twice (1954 and 1990).
- c. three times (1954, 1974, 1990).

59.

Among Germany's population people with a non-German background make up

- a. 5%.
- b. 10 %.
- c. 20 %.

60.

Three world famous Germans are

- a. Günter Jauch, Howard Carpendale, Yvonne Catterfield
- b. Friedrich von Schiller, Albert Schweitzer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.
- c. Claudia Schiffer, Steffi Graf, Michael Schumacher.



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	PART 6	WRITING

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You have been asked to give feedback on a colleague's presentation. There are some things you want to criticise and some things which were good. Write an email to her about this.

Do not write more than 60 words.



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