

Englisch Klasse 10

Thema: Übung zur Abschlussprüfung Realschule – Reading,
Use of English, Mediation, Writing

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Punkte: _____ / 43 Note: _____

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Good luck!

Part A: Reading 16 points

Text: No cars, more life? A market town tries something new

from the Eastbridge Weekly, a local newspaper

Every first Saturday of the month, something unusual happens in the centre of Eastbridge, a market town of about 40,000 people. At eight o'clock in the morning, council workers close six streets around the old market square to all motor traffic. Until six in the evening, only pedestrians, cyclists and the town's two electric shuttle buses are allowed in.

The idea came from a group of students at Eastbridge Community College. "Our town centre was noisy and full of exhaust fumes," says Maya Okafor, 17, one of the founders of the group Streets for People. The group collected more than 3,000 signatures and presented them to the town council. Six months later, the first car-free Saturday took place.

Today the streets are full of life. Families have picnics on the road outside the town hall, a local band plays on a stage made of old wooden pallets, and children paint pictures on the asphalt with chalk.

Not everybody was happy at first. Some shop owners were afraid of losing customers who usually come by car. "I was against it," admits Graham Hollis, who has run a bakery in Bridge Street for 22 years. "But on car-free Saturdays I sell about a third more than on normal Saturdays. People stay longer, and they walk past my window instead of driving past it." Other businesses, however, still have problems. A furniture shop at the edge of the zone says that its customers cannot carry large items to their cars. The council is now testing a delivery service with cargo bikes to solve the problem.

Some older residents were worried, too. People who find walking difficult can now leave their cars at the car parks outside the centre and take a shuttle bus, which stops there every ten minutes.

The first results look promising. On car-free days, air pollution in the centre drops by almost half, and the number of visitors has risen by 20 per cent. Next year the council wants to hold a car-free Saturday every week from May to September. Maya is pleased, but she has bigger plans: "One day I hope the whole centre will be car-free – not just on Saturdays."

1 Find words or phrases in the text that match these explanations.

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gases that come out of a car (para. 2)

people who live in a place (para. 5)

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- 2 Read the text. Are the statements true, false or not given in the text? Tick the correct box.

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c) Maya Okafor wants to become a politician.	☐	☐	☐
d) Graham Hollis liked the idea from the beginning.	☐	☐	☐
e) People have to pay for the shuttle buses.	☐	☐	☐
f) On car-free days the air in the centre is much cleaner.	☐	☐	☐

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- 3 Tick the correct ending. Only one answer is correct.

- a) Streets for People got the town council's attention with ...
☐ a protest march. ☐ over 3,000 signatures. ☐ an article in the paper.
- b) On car-free Saturdays, Graham Hollis's bakery ...
☐ closes early. ☐ sells less than usual. ☐ sells a third more.
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☐ can't carry big items. ☐ can't find the shop. ☐ don't like cyclists.
- d) Next year, the council plans to ...
☐ close the whole centre. ☐ go car-free weekly in summer. ☐ build a new car park.

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- 4 Answer the questions. Short answers are fine.

a) What do children do on the street on car-free Saturdays?

b) How does the council want to help the furniture shop?

c) How can people who find walking difficult get to the centre?

d) Why does Graham Hollis sell more now? Give one reason.

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Part B: Use of English 11 points

- 5 Ellie writes about her way to school. Complete her text with words from the box.

Use each word only once. Two words are extra.

commute crowded environment helmet
lane puncture reliable traffic jam

Since September I've cycled to school every day. My (1) _____ takes about twenty minutes. Before, my dad drove me, but we were often stuck in a (2) _____ on the main road. Now there is a new cycle (3) _____ next to the road, so I feel much safer. Of course I always wear a (4) _____. Last week I had a (5) _____ in my back tyre and had to push my bike for the last kilometre. The bus would be another option, but it's always so (6) _____ in the morning.

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- 6 Maya talks about Streets for People. Put the verbs into the correct form.

Two sentences need the passive. (8) is a question.

When we (1) _____ (start) our group two years ago, most people (2) _____ (not believe) us. Since then we (3) _____ (collect) thousands of signatures. Last spring, the first car-free Saturday (4) _____ (hold – passive). At the moment my friends and I (5) _____ (plan) a big street party for June. On that day, the streets (6) _____ (close – passive) at 8 am. If more people came by bike, our town (7) _____ (be) much quieter every day. (8) _____ (you / ever / take part) in a car-free day?

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- 7 Rewrite the sentences. Start with the words given.

- a) **Passive:** Volunteers check the bikes.

The bikes _____

- b) **Reported speech:** Maya said, "I am proud of our group."

Maya said that _____

- c) **Relative clause:** Graham Hollis is a baker. He has run a shop in Bridge Street for 22 years.

Graham Hollis is a baker _____

- d) **If-clause (type 2):** There aren't enough buses, so many people use their cars.

If there _____

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Part C: Mediation 6 points

- 8 Your English friend Ellie writes: "Our council wants to try cargo bikes. I heard your town lends them out for free." Read the article and answer Ellie's questions in English.

You do not have to translate word for word.

Lastenräder für alle *Lindenhofer Stadtanzeiger*

Seit März können Bürgerinnen und Bürger in Lindenhof kostenlos ein Lastenrad ausleihen. Die Stadt hat acht Räder angeschafft, zwei davon mit Elektromotor. Abholen kann man sie an drei Stationen: am Bahnhof, an der Stadtbücherei und am Rathaus. Gebucht wird online, und zwar mindestens einen Tag vorher. Ein Rad darf man höchstens drei Tage behalten. Wer ausleihen möchte, muss mindestens 18 Jahre alt sein und einen Ausweis mitbringen; Jugendliche ab 14 Jahren dürfen ein Rad zusammen mit einem Erwachsenen nutzen. Am beliebtesten sind die Räder bei Familien und für den Einkauf auf dem Wochenmarkt. „Viele merken, dass sie für kurze Wege gar kein Auto brauchen“, sagt Projektleiterin Sandra Wiegand.

a) Where can people pick up the bikes?

b) How do you book a bike, and how long can you keep it?

c) Who is allowed to borrow a bike?

d) Who uses the bikes most, or what for?

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Part D: Writing 10 points

- 9 Choose A or B. Write about 150 words on a separate sheet of paper.

Write about all four points.

A Comment

Your school's English website asks: "Car-free town centres – a good idea?" Write a comment.

- your opinion
- two arguments with examples
- your own town
- a clear conclusion

B Email

You are spending two weeks in Eastbridge in July. Write an email to Maya Okafor and offer to help at a car-free Saturday.

- introduce yourself
- why you want to help
- two things you could do
- two questions about the day

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Insgesamt sind 43 Punkte erreichbar, halbe Punkte sind möglich.

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43–39 P.	38,5–34,5 P.	34–28 P.	27,5–21,5 P.	21–13 P.	12,5–0 P.

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4 Answer the questions. Short answers are fine.

a) What do children do on the street on car-free Saturdays?

They paint pictures on the asphalt with chalk.

b) How does the council want to help the furniture shop?

It is testing a delivery service with cargo bikes.

c) How can people who find walking difficult get to the centre?

They park outside the centre and take the shuttle bus.

d) Why does Graham Hollis sell more now? Give one reason.

People stay longer. / People walk past his window.

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The bikes are checked by volunteers.

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Graham Hollis is a baker who has run a shop in Bridge Street for 22 years.

- d) **If-clause (type 2):** There aren't enough buses, so many people use their cars.

If there were enough buses, many people wouldn't use their cars.

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Part C: Mediation 6 points

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- a) Where can people pick up the bikes?

At the railway station, the town library and the town hall.

- b) How do you book a bike, and how long can you keep it?

Online, at least one day before. You can keep it for three days at most.

- c) Who is allowed to borrow a bike?

People who are 18 or older and bring an ID card.

Teenagers from 14 can use one together with an adult.

- d) Who uses the bikes most, or what for?

Families, and people use them for shopping at the weekly market.

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9 Choose A or B. Write about 150 words on a separate sheet of paper.

Write about all four points.

Content (5 points), A – Comment:

- clear opinion at the beginning (In my opinion ... / I am sure that ...)
- two or more arguments with reasons or examples (cleaner air, less noise, safer streets; counter-arguments: shops, deliveries, older people)
- reference to the pupil's own town (e.g. a busy main street)
- conclusion that sums up the opinion (To sum up ... / All in all ...)
- text type comment: title, paragraphs, addresses the readers

Content (5 points), B – Email:

- email form: greeting and suitable ending (Dear Ms Okafor ... Best wishes + name)
- short introduction (age, home town, hobbies)
- reason for wanting to help (e.g. environment, cycling, meeting people)
- two offers of help (e.g. at the bike point, children's games, selling drinks)
- two correct questions (e.g. What time should I be there?)

Language (5 points), A and B:

- clear structure with paragraphs and linking words (first of all, however, so)
- mostly correct grammar and tenses, correct questions and if-clauses
- suitable vocabulary on the topic (traffic, pollution, pedestrians ...)
- about 150 words; mistakes that do not stop understanding cost little

Example answer A (about 150 words):

Car-free town centres – a good idea?

In my opinion, car-free town centres are a great idea, and I think our town should try it.

First of all, the air would be much cleaner. In Eastbridge, air pollution dropped by almost half on car-free days. Secondly, a street without cars is safer and quieter. Children could play, and cyclists would not have to be afraid of lorries.

Of course, there are some problems. Shops need deliveries, and older people cannot always walk far. However, cargo bikes and shuttle buses can solve these problems.

In our town, the main street is always full of cars, and there is hardly any space for people. If it were car-free on Saturdays, it could become a place where people meet, have a coffee and listen to music.

All in all, I believe that the advantages are much bigger than the disadvantages. Let's give it a try!