

LANGUAGE LEAGUE – GERMAN LANGUAGE COMPETITION

NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

PROPOSED EXAMINATION SYLLABUS

Language: German (Deutsch)

Proposed proficiency level: B1–B2

Examination type: Written and Oral Examination

Total examination duration: 50 minutes (Written) + 5 minutes per participant (Oral)

1. Examination Objectives

The German Language Competition aims to assess participants' proficiency in German through four essential language skills: Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking.

The examination evaluates participants' ability to understand written and spoken German, communicate effectively in writing, and express their ideas, opinions and experiences confidently in spoken German.

2. Examination Structure and Duration

Written Examination

Combined duration: 50 minutes

Section	Suggested time
Lesen (Reading)	10 minutes
Hören (Listening)	10 minutes
Schreiben (Writing)	30 minutes
Total	50 minutes

Oral Examination

Section	Duration
Mündliche Prüfung (Speaking)	5 minutes

The written examination will have a combined time limit of 50 minutes. The individual time allocations above are suggested for scheduling purposes. The oral examination will be conducted separately.

3. Detailed Examination Syllabus

Part I: Lesen (Reading Comprehension)

5 Multiple-Choice Questions

Syllabus topics: Health and nutrition, everyday life, society, lifestyle, the environment, food consumption and contemporary social issues.

Examination format: Participants will read a German-language passage and answer five multiple-choice questions. Each question will have three possible answers (A, B and C), with only one correct answer.

Skills assessed:

- * Understanding the main idea and specific information in a text.
- * Interpreting facts, figures and arguments.
- * Identifying opinions and drawing conclusions from context.

Part II: Hören (Listening Comprehension)

5 True/False Questions

Syllabus topics: Sports and fitness, health, daily routines, personal experiences, leisure activities and lifestyle.

Examination format: Participants will listen to five short German audio texts, played once only. They will receive 30 seconds to read the questions before listening and must determine whether each statement is true or false (Richtig oder Falsch).

Skills assessed:

- * Understanding the main ideas of spoken German.
- * Identifying specific information and important details.
- * Recognising speakers' opinions, experiences and intentions.

Part III: Schreiben (Written Expression)

Syllabus topics: Formal letters and emails, requesting information, travel, accommodation, rental services, bookings and everyday situations.

Examination format: Participants will write a formal German letter or email based on a given situation. They must address either at least three specified points or two specified points and one additional relevant aspect of their choice.

The response should include an appropriate introduction, logically organised main content and a suitable conclusion. Participants should follow formal German correspondence conventions, including the subject line, salutation and closing formula.

Skills assessed:

- * Task fulfilment and relevance.
- * Appropriate formal language and vocabulary.
- * Grammatical accuracy and sentence structure.
- * Coherence, organisation and correct letter-writing conventions.

Part IV: Mündliche Prüfung (Speaking)

5-Minute Individual Presentation

Syllabus topics: Education, learning foreign languages, technology, social media, health, sports, environmental protection, travel, cultural differences and contemporary social issues.

Examination format: Each participant will be assigned a topic and will deliver an individual five-minute presentation in German.

The presentation should include an introduction to the topic, relevant arguments and examples, the participant's personal opinion and an appropriate conclusion.

Skills assessed:

- * Content and relevance to the assigned topic.
- * Fluency and coherence.
- * Vocabulary and grammatical accuracy.
- * Pronunciation and clarity of expression.
- * Ability to organise and present ideas confidently.

4. Assessment Criteria

Component Assessment criteria	
Lesen	Accuracy of reading comprehension
Hören	Accuracy of listening comprehension
Schreiben	Task fulfilment, structure, vocabulary, grammar and coherence
Sprechen	Content, fluency, vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation and presentation

The final marks for each section and the overall marking distribution will be determined by the organising committee.

5. General Instructions

- * All examination questions and responses will be in German, except for administrative instructions where necessary.
- * The written examination will consist of Reading, Listening and Writing, with a combined duration of 50 minutes.
- * The Listening section will include five short audio texts played once only.
- * The Writing section will require a formal letter or email of 130-150 words.
- * The Speaking examination will be conducted individually, with five minutes allocated to each participant.
- * Participants will be assessed on language proficiency, accuracy, clarity and effective communication.

Note: This proposed syllabus is based on the supplied examination paper and the specified examination duration. The suggested proficiency level, section-wise time allocation, oral presentation topics and final marking distribution are subject to approval by the organising committee.