

Abschlussprüfung 1999

an den Realschulen in Bayern

ENGLISCH

Zu- und Vorname:.....

Klasse:.....

	Listening Compr. Test		Reading Compr. Test		total:	mark:
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	(max. 30 points)		(max. 125 points)		(max. 155 points)	

ON THE WAY TO A NEW MILLENNIUM

READ THE TEXT AND DECIDE WHETHER THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE...

- 1 The Dome is almost as tall as Nelson's Column.
- 2 The Millennium Dome will be opened on 31st December 1999.
- 3 The tickets for the zones will be very expensive.
- 4 The Millennium Dome is not far away from Canary Wharf.
- 5 Officially, the new millennium will start in Antarctica.
- 6 The millennium bug will ruin your computer.

true	false	not in the text

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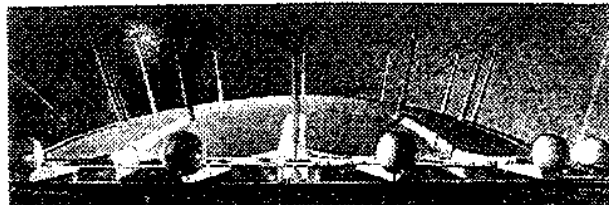
ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON THE TEXT. Write complete sentences.

- 7 What do the Dome and the UFO have in common?

1/1

- 8 In what ways will education and travelling be different in the future?

2/2



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9 Why did they decide to build the Millennium Dome in Greenwich?

1/1

10 What will many computer chips not manage to do?

1/1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Write full sentences. You may get one extra point for each answer.

11 What are your personal hopes or fears for the future?

+1

12 In the environmental zone of the Dome they teach people about the consequences of pollution. What can you do to protect the environment? Name two different aspects and explain.

2/2

13 Give a brief description of what you think life might be like in the year 3000? (two aspects)

+1

2/2

+1

2/2

VOCABULARY

The following words have various meanings. Which of the meanings given in the dictionary is the one used in the text? Underline the **best** German translation.

14 fit (line 2)

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| fit [...], 1. für eine Aufgabe usw.: geeignet, tauglich; | 2. passen, sitzen (Kleid, Hose usw.) | 3. (Beschreibung usw.) zutreffen auf, entsprechen | 4. einbauen (Schloss usw.) | 1 |
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15 right (line 6)

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|---|--|--|--|---|
| right [...] ⇔ wrong
1. richtig, recht; the right thing das Richtige | 2. korrekt, richtig; is your watch right? geht deine Uhr richtig?
3. be right Recht haben | 4. geeignet, richtig; he's right for the job er ist der Richtige für die Stelle | 5. in Ordnung, richtig; put oder set right in Ordnung bringen | 1 |
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16 point (line 16)

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| point [...] 1. (mit dem Finger) zeigen (at, to auf); you shouldn't point at people du solltest nicht mit dem Finger auf Leute zeigen! | 2. richten (Waffe usw.) (at auf) 3. point something out to someone jemanden auf etwas hinweisen | 4. point to oder towards übertragen hinweisen auf | 1 |
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17 even (line 31)

even [...] 1. verstärkend:
sogar, selbst **she works**
a lot, even at
weekends

2. **even if**
einschränkend: sogar
wenn, selbst wenn;
even if he were rich,...

3. **even though he's**
on holiday, he's still
working obwohl (oder
stärker: trotzdem)

4. mit Steigerungsformen:
sogar, noch; **that's even**
better

1

WHICH WORDS FROM THE TEXT FIT BEST?

18 A _____ is a period of one thousand years. 1

19 An _____ is a public show where people can have a look at different things. 1

20 A _____ is a description of what may happen in the future. 1

PARAPHRASE THE UNDERLINED WORDS OR EXPRESSIONS FROM THE TEXT.
Do not change the meaning of the sentences.

21 If _____ tickets, don't be disappointed. 2
you don't get (line 12)

22 ...: the classroom of the future _____ with computers. 1
crammed (line 17)

23 Similar prophecies in the past have _____ 2
proved inaccurate (line 32)

USE WORDS OF THE SAME FAMILIES AS THE ONES IN BRACKETS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

24 Thousands of _____ are expected to be there that night. 1
(visit, line 13)

25 The Millennium Dome is within walking _____ of the pier. 1
(distant, line 18)

26 You can give up any _____ of getting a ticket for the millennium party. 1
(think, line 31)

27 You need expert _____ to design such a building. 1
(know, line 36)

EXPLAIN THE FOLLOWING EXPRESSIONS AS USED IN THE TEXT.
Write complete sentences.

28 dinosaur (line 5): _____ 1/2

29 skyscraper (line 23): _____ 1/1

30 burglar (line 38): _____ 1/2



COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TEXT. Use the correct form of the words in brackets and find words of your own to replace the question marks.

Five minutes to midnight...

It is five minutes to midnight on 31st December 1999. A young programmer, his fingers _____ over the keyboard, is trying to get _____ 2
31 (race) 32 (???)
information. At the stroke of midnight, all the lights in the house go off and the
computer screen _____ 2
33 (go, dark)
The scene is fictional. Yet it represents one of the _____ nightmares 1
34 (bad)
of the next millennium. If you haven't heard _____ the year 2000 problem, 1
35 (???)
also _____ as Y2K or the millennium bug, you soon will. To save 1
36 (know)
space, many computer programs and chips use only two digits, for example 00, 49
or 61, to show the year. On 1st January 2000, the year date _____ 1
37 (be)
"00", causing some computers to set dates back to the year 1900.
That's why many people believe that the _____ of the millennium 1
38 (begin)
will result in computer chaos. Others feel that the year 2000 problem _____
_____ by computer specialists who want to _____ 3
39 (great, exaggerate) 40 (???)
a lot of money fixing it.
Certainly, there is no shortage of _____ for computer specialists. 1
41 (???)
Especially those _____ are skilled in older programming languages 1
42 (???)
_____ are most likely to create problems in the new millennium have 1
43 (???)
an advantage. Of course, not everyone is awaiting the new millennium with a
pessimistic feeling. Most people are looking forward to _____ 1
44 (celebrate)
the turn of the century with lots of parties.
One of the _____ exciting parties will take place on 31st December 1999, 1
45 (???)
when the Millennium Dome _____ . The Prime 2
46 (official, open)
Minister, Tony Blair, has described it as "a display of confidence _____ the 1
47 (???)
creativity of our people" and a chance to begin the _____ century 1
48 (???)
with a sense of hope.



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WRITING A DIALOGUE.

You decide to visit the Millennium Dome next year. Your friend John from Edinburgh would like to come along and you have a chat on the internet about what there is to see.

49 John: "I'm sure it'll be fascinating to see all the different exhibition zones."

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" 4

You: (Stimmt – schon viel darüber gelesen – was würdest du gerne sehen?)

50 John: "I really want to go on the escalator which will take us through all sorts of scenes around the world."

"

" 3

You: (Ich auch – man kann auf diese Weise überall hinreisen, sogar nach Australien)

51 John: "And when we come back from there we should climb into that huge body where you can see all the organs working."

"

" 4

You: (Daran nicht interessiert, aber an Zone über die Entwicklung des menschlichen Lebens – deine Meinung?)

52 John: "Sounds very exciting."

"

" 2

You: (Hoffentlich Karten nicht zu teuer) ...





TRANSLATE INTO GERMAN.

54 Greenwich – the centre of space and time

1

55 Two of the great puzzles throughout the centuries were how to find your way across the seas and how to tell the exact time.

3

56 The problem of orientation became especially serious when ships started to explore the world in large numbers.

3

57 Up to that time, the only help they had had were the stars.

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58 Cloudy nights or sudden storms at sea often led to shipwreck.

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59 After working in his observatory for forty-three years the royal astronomer John Flamsteed established the Greenwich Meridian in 1676.

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60 This enabled each captain to know the exact position of his ship.

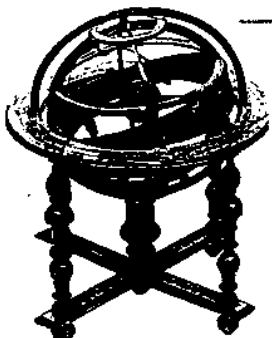
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61 But still every town in the world kept its own local time.

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62 It was not until 1884 that it was decided to set all clocks according to Greenwich time.

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Maximum Score: 125 points

Good Luck



ON THE WAY TO A NEW MILLENNIUM

Two Wembley stadiums could fit inside, or 12.5 football pitches. It will also be tall enough to house Nelson's Column and 40,000 people at a time. It will glow at night. Its Teflon-coated skin will hang over 12 steel masts, each 100 metres high. You wonder whether this might be an artificial dinosaur or a gigantic UFO. Well, I am afraid you are not right there. I am talking about the Millennium Dome in Greenwich near London, which is now the biggest hall in the world.

On the evening of the last day in this century this dome will be opened and will house the greatest show on earth to celebrate the start of the millennium with live performers and breathtaking visual effects. The show, the most expensive theatrical event ever planned for Britain, will be written by the pop star Peter Gabriel. Even the Queen will be there! If you don't get tickets for this party, don't be disappointed. You can visit the dome throughout the year and experience some of the 14 thrilling exhibition zones.

With the help of computers you can dive into virtual reality, or you can climb into a huge human machine and see how all the organs work. Everything will point to the future: the classroom of the future crammed with computers, future means of transport or journeys to distant galaxies are just some examples. Living Island, the environmental zone, even contains a real beach with waves and a seaside pier. Virtual reality games teach people the consequences of action: for instance, if a person throws away a can, and everyone in Britain did the same at the same place, there would be a mountain of rusting cans as high as Canary Wharf, the skyscraper just across the Thames from the dome.

The 181-acre site of the Millennium Dome stands on the Greenwich Prime Meridian, which divides the western part of the world from the eastern and which is the starting point for map-making, navigation, and time-keeping all over the world. According to an international agreement, this is the official place where the new millennium will start. Some people, however, want to begin the new millennium with the first sunrise, which will be rather difficult for most of us to witness as it will be in Antarctica. There is a lot of talk about the significance of 31st December 1999. Some people even think that this will be the end of our world. Anyway, similar prophecies in the past have proved inaccurate and it is very unlikely that these forecasts will come true this time.

I think one shouldn't be bothered too much about these stories, but have you heard about the so-called millennium time bomb or the millennium bug? In a nutshell, this is a micro-chip which doesn't know what year it is. You see, as far as people are concerned the new century begins in the year 2000. But a computer chip in your video or your burglar alarm or your fax machine might get confused and read the year 2000 as the year 1900.

By the way, do you have any special plans for celebrating the last day in 1999? Well, if you want you can find out more about the millennium experience by visiting the web site <http://www.mx2000.co.uk>.

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Lösungsvorschlag

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- 1 false 2 true 3 not in the text 4 true 5 false 6 not in the text
- 7 They both glow at night. / The shape is similar.
- 8 The classrooms will be crammed with computers and there will be new means of transport.
- 9 They wanted to build it on the prime meridian.
- 10 They will not manage to read the year 2000.
- 11 I hope I will get a good job which I really enjoy. I also hope that I will find a partner who understands my problems (+1 and that I get on well with my family).
- 12 I can switch off the lights when I leave the room to save electricity. I can take empty bottles to a bottle bank (+1 instead of throwing them away).
- 13 In the year 3000 everyone will have his own rocket in the garage (+1 which we use for travelling to new galaxies). There will be pills for all kinds of illnesses even against death.
- 14 passen 15 Recht haben 16 hinweisen auf 17 sogar
- 18 millennium 19 exhibition 20 forecast
- 21 there are no more 22 filled 23 been wrong
- 24 visitors 25 distance 26 thought 27 knowledge
- 28 A dinosaur is a huge animal (with a long neck) which lived thousands of years ago.
- 29 A skyscraper is a very tall building with a lot of storeys.
- 30 A burglar is a person who breaks into houses to steal something.
(Unterschied zu *thief* muss in der Lösung deutlich werden)
- 31 racing 32 some 33 goes dark 34 worst 35 of/about 36 known 37 will be
- 38 beginning 39 is/has been/is being greatly exaggerated 40 make/earn/get
- 41 work/jobs 42 who/that 43 which/that 44 celebrating 45 most 46
- 46 is/will be officially opened 47 in 48 21st/new/next
- 49 That's right! I've read a lot about it. What would you like to see?
- 50 So do I. That way you can travel everywhere, even to Australia.
- 51 I'm not interested in that but I'd like to see the zone which shows the development of human life. What do you think?
- 52 I hope the tickets aren't too expensive.
- 53 individuelle Schüleräußerungen