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Englisch

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Dauer: 30 Minuten

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Maximal erreichbare Punktzahl:	50	Punkte		
- Textverständnis	15	Punkte	Punkte
- Textproduktion	15	Punkte	Punkte
- Sprachbetrachtung	20	Punkte	Punkte

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Prüfungsnote (auf halbe Noten gerundet)

Die Expertin / der Experte:

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TASK 1

The surprising disadvantages of being clever

Part 1

If ignorance is bliss, does a high IQ equal misery? As Ernest Hemingway wrote: “Happiness in intelligent people is the rarest thing I know.” The question may seem like an irrelevant matter worrying only a few people – but the understandings it offers could have consequences for many.

Part 2

The first steps to answering these questions were taken almost a century ago. Around that time, the new IQ test was becoming more popular, after being successful in World War One recruitment centres. In 1926, psychologist Lewis Terman decided to use it to identify and study a group of very intelligent children. He selected 1,500 pupils with an IQ of 140 or more – 80 of whom had IQs above 170. Together, they became known as the “Termites”, and the highs and lows of their lives are still being studied today.

Part 3

As you might expect, many of the Termites achieved wealth and fame – especially Jess Oppenheimer, the writer of the classic 1950s sitcom *I Love Lucy*. Indeed, by the time his series was on TV, the Termites’ average salary was twice that of the average employee. But not all the group met Terman’s expectations. There were many who chose more “modest” professions such as police officers, fishermen, and secretaries. For this reason, Terman concluded that “intelligence and achievement do not always go hand in hand”. Their intelligence did not create more personal happiness. Over the course of their lives, levels of divorce, alcoholism and suicide were about the same as the national average.

Part 4

As the Termites enter their old age, the moral of their story – that intelligence does not lead to a better life – has been told again and again. At best, a great intellect makes no differences to your life satisfaction; at worst, it can actually mean you are less fulfilled. So why doesn’t a sharper intelligence pay off in the long term?

One possibility is that knowledge of your talents becomes something of a difficulty. Indeed, during the 1990s, the surviving Termites were asked to look back at the events in their 80-year life. Rather than being proud of their successes, many reported that they had been troubled by the sense that they had somehow failed to fulfill their youthful expectations.

adapted from an article on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/future/> published on 14 April 2015

TASK 1a

- Read the text and then decide if the following statements are **True (T)** or **False (F)**.
- If there is not enough information to answer *True* or *False*, choose **Doesn't say (DS)**.

Example:

Text: Sarah is in her twenties. T **F** DS

Statement: Sarah is 18 years old.

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| 1. Hemingway believed that intelligent people were usually not happy people. | T | F | DS |
| 2. People have been trying to find a link between happiness and intelligence for nearly 100 years. | T | F | DS |
| 3. Only men with a high IQ were allowed to go to war. | T | F | DS |
| 4. The Termites are a group of 1,500 boys with a very low IQ. | T | F | DS |
| 5. A lot of the Termites became rich and famous over the years. | T | F | DS |
| 6. Jess Oppenheimer became famous for writing the book <i>I Love Lucy</i> in 1951. | T | F | DS |
| 7. Terman found that on average Termites divorced more often than other people. | T | F | DS |
| 8. The author believes people should simply get paid for their intelligence. | T | F | DS |
| 9. In 1990 the study about the Termites ended because none of them survived. | T | F | DS |
| 10. Many Termites felt that they had done less with their lives than they thought they would. | T | F | DS |

Points: ____/10

TASK 1b

- Read the text and find the word matching the definition.
- The words you need to find follow the order of the text, you are told the relevant part of the text. If the word you need is a verb write the infinitive of the verb.

Example:

Text: The king was very popular.

Definition: liked or enjoyed by a large number of people popular

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| 1. not important (<i>Part 1</i>) | _____ |
| 2. liked or enjoyed by many people (<i>Part 2</i>) | _____ |
| 3. wage, earnings (<i>Part 3</i>) | _____ |
| 4. a strong belief about the way sth will happen (<i>Part 3</i>) | _____ |
| 5. feeling happy and satisfied that you are doing sth useful with your life (<i>Part 4</i>) | _____ |

Points: ____/5

TASK 3

Complete the text with the correct form of the word in brackets or with a suitable word/phrase if no word is given.

Example: *Julia would like to meet (meet) you tonight.*

1. In his acting role in the TV series Baywatch David Hasselhoff saved many _____ (life).
2. I can't come to football practice today, and _____ can Ruth.
3. Look at my ten new shirts. They were _____ (product) in India.
4. How _____ animals live in this zoo?
5. We had to look up the _____ (define) of the word.
6. I feel a bit lonely and bored as I don't know _____ at this party.
7. Our new house is very nice, _____ it?
8. The immediate _____ (dangerous) of the situation was not obvious.
9. Lionel Messi is the best football player in the world. He is the most _____ (success) man in this sport.
10. You don't _____ wear a tie because it's an informal dinner.

Points: _____/10

TASK 4

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. The words need not be the same.

Example:

0. *John is a better swimmer than Peter.*

Peter is not as good a swimmer as John.

1. The band composes a new song every month.
A new song _____ every month.
2. When I lived in England I shared a dormitory with 11 other girls.
I _____ share a dormitory with 11 other girls.
3. I can't wait to start my apprenticeship in August.
I am looking _____ my apprenticeship in August.
4. You must not take water through security control.
You _____ to take water through security control.
5. Next weekend I have arranged to play tennis with John.
I _____ tennis with John next weekend.
6. Many people were very interested in visiting the Züspa.
The Züspa attracted a _____.
7. He cooked dinner and she watched television.
While he _____ she was watching television.
8. She is a vegetarian.
She doesn't eat _____ meat.
9. We didn't leave our hotel, only the room.
We _____ the room and not the hotel.
10. I studied at Oxford University.
Oxford University is the _____ I studied.

Points: _____/10