

Aufnahmeprüfung 201X für die Berufsmaturitätsschulen
des Kantons Zürich

English

Serie: 0

Dauer: 30 Minuten

Hilfsmittel: **Keine**

Name: _____

Vorname: _____

Prüfungsnummer: _____

Maximal erreichbare Punktzahl: 50 Punkte

Erreichte PunktzahlPunkte

Prüfungsnote (auf halbe Noten gerundet)

Die Expertin / der Experte:

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TASK 1

a

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

b

- Read the text below and find the vocabulary words matching the definition.
- The words you need to find follow the order of the text. If the word you need is a verb write the infinitive of the verb.

Fliers charged for window and aisle seats

The airline industry's latest tactic to increase revenue - charging money for window and aisle seats - is making it harder for groups to fly together, say passenger advocates.

George Hobic, founder of travel site AirfareWatchdog, said his organization had received a lot of complaints from passengers who had problems being seated together on flights.

Complainants included a woman who had been unable to sit next to her husband, who had a medical condition.

He said there were problems because airlines set aside more desirable window and aisle seats for passengers who pay a fee, increasing the chance, for those who do not pay the surcharge, of being separated from other members of their group. The fees for window or aisle seats in the front half of the plane, costing as much as \$29 each way on U.S. domestic flights, are the latest of a number of passenger fees introduced in recent years. The issue has arisen in the United States, where Delta, American Airlines, and low-cost carriers US Airways, Frontier, Spirit and Allegiant have introduced charges for "preferred seating."

The seat fees are part of an airline trend to charge for amenities previously included in the standard ticket fare, such as movies, water, pillows and blankets. In response to rising fuel prices four years ago, airlines also began introducing charges for checked baggage, generating large sums of money. But last year the revenue from checked bags for U.S. airlines fell for the first time, suggesting passengers were trying not to pay fees by packing less when they traveled.

Kate Hanni, of passenger rights organization FlyersRights said the aisle and window surcharges made air travel even more problematic for families. "Families have already been having a hard time, so this is the icing on the cake," she said. "Can you imagine getting on a plane and not being seated next to your three-year-old?" "While gate staff would try to seat families together, removing aisle and window seats as options was making this nearly impossible," said Hanni. "And trust me, this is just a way of making more money," she continued.

Hobic said while the new price structure was causing problems, he could understand the logic behind it. "When you buy a ticket to a Broadway show, you pay more for better seats," he said. Katie Hulme, a Delta spokeswoman, said that the number of rows in which window and aisle seats were set aside as "preferred seating" varied from aircraft to aircraft, but did not extend through the entire plane. Many of those who traveled in groups were leisure travelers and should not have difficulties being seated together, she said.

adapted from an article on <http://edition.cnn.com/TRAVEL/index.html>

TASK 1a

Example:

Text: Sarah is in her twenties. T F DS

Statement: Sarah is 18 years old.

'True' (=T), 'False' (=F) or 'Doesn't say' (=DS):

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| 1. George Hobbica got a lot of complaints from airline passengers. | T | F | DS |
| 2. A woman who complained had to give medicine to her husband. | T | F | DS |
| 3. It is now impossible for passengers who do not pay the fee to sit together. | T | F | DS |
| 4. Fees for window or aisle seats are the only fees that have been introduced in the last years. | T | F | DS |
| 5. Delta and American Airlines ask more money for "preferred seating" than US Airways. | T | F | DS |
| 6. Standard ticket fares used to include the charge for checked baggage until 4 years ago. | T | F | DS |
| 7. People travelling by plane probably pack less now than they used to. | T | F | DS |
| 8. Families now get free ice cream and cake on their flight. | T | F | DS |
| 9. Ms Hanni believes that airlines want to profit from the charge. | T | F | DS |
| 10. At the airline Delta not all the seats can be blocked with the "preferred seating" option. | T | F | DS |

Points: ____/10

TASK 1b

Example:

Text: The king was very popular.

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

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| 1. a group of people who form a business, club,... because they want to do something together | _____ |
| 2. a problem or worry | _____ |
| 3. to produce or create something | to_____ |
| 4. an extra amount of money that you must pay in addition to the usual price | _____ |
| 5. to change or be different according to the situation | to_____ |

Points: ____/5

TASK 3

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

Example:

0. Julia would like to meet (meet) you tonight.

1. I disagree with many of my father's _____ (politics) ideas.
2. We liked the first wine. But the second was even _____ (good) than the first one.
3. I am not sure what the problem is with this computer. It _____ (never / happen) before.
4. Dorothy is a really talented student. She speaks five languages _____ (fluent).
5. When the parents came home, their children _____ (watch) a Walt Disney film.
6. 'Oh no, I've forgotten my wallet, I can't pay for my coffee.' – 'Don't worry, I've got money. I _____ (pay) for your coffee.'
7. They don't know their new teacher, _____ they?
8. Sam has become a _____ (success) businesswoman. She has fifteen employees and makes a lot of money.
9. This photo _____ (take) by a very famous photographer.
10. My neighbours gave a party last night and it was _____ (possible) for me to sleep because of the noise.

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. We'll stay here until the rain stops.
When the rain _____ leave.
2. Grace has never been to a more interesting city before.
This is _____ Grace has ever been to.
3. We are very keen on going to the cinema.
We enjoy _____ very much.
4. I lost my purse in this theatre.
This is the theatre _____ my purse.
5. I forgot to get some money, so I couldn't buy the pen.
I couldn't buy the pen _____ any money.
6. Hitchcock produced the film *Birds*.
The film *Birds* _____ Hitchcock.
7. I don't know the number of people working here.
I don't know how _____ are working here.
8. Can you see three girls over there?
Are _____ over there?
9. Derek is a brilliant writer.
Derek writes _____.
10. This Rolls Royce belongs to my cousins.
This is my _____.

Points: ____/10