



Kanton Zürich  
Bildungsdirektion



# Aufnahmeprüfung 2019 für die Berufsmaturitätsschulen des Kantons Zürich

Englisch

Serie: B<sub>1</sub>

Dauer: 30 Minuten

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Hilfsmittel: keine

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Vorname: \_\_\_\_\_

Strasse und Nummer: \_\_\_\_\_

Postleitzahl und Wohnort: \_\_\_\_\_

Nummer (ohne KV-Schulen): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Prüfungsnote (auf halbe Noten gerundet) .....

Die Expertin / der Experte:

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## TASK 1 READING

### Why failure can be the first step towards success

Usually, the connection between rejection<sup>1</sup> and success is kept private. But a successful public outpouring recently on social media – using the #ShareYourRejections hashtag – questions why this is so. What is there to fear from rejection? And why do some people seem to cope with it better than others?

Jia Jiang spent 100 days seeking out rejection and then wrote a book about his experiences, *Rejection Proof: How to Beat Fear and Become Invincible*. “I realised my fear of being rejected was worse than the rejection itself. I started losing my fear and having fun instead,” he said. He thinks everyone should practise getting rejected for unimportant things that don’t hurt too much. “It’s a skill to be able to handle rejection in a way that helps turn a ‘no’ into a ‘yes’. If you want to be successful and make an impact while you are on earth, you’re going to have to face rejection.”

Clinical psychologist Dr Jessamy Hibberd says that the way you interpret rejection is important. “Most things worth doing take time and patience. Instead of telling yourself a rejection means ‘I’m not good at this’, you could interpret it as: ‘I’m not there yet’ or ‘this is just one person’s view’. Times when you’ve been rejected and felt disappointed but coped with it fine can be helpful to hold on to, because it makes you fear rejection less in the future and go for things more. You feel like you’ve got less to risk.”

The young adult author Shannon Hale, who breaks all the gender stereotypes about princesses with her latest illustrated series *The Princess in Black*, received a letter every week for two years rejecting her multiple award-winning first novel, *The Goose Girl*. When visiting schools, she talks to children about coping with rejection. “I had people in my life who believed in me – their support was important – and I felt writing was the only career that would make me happy.” Rejection was good for her, she thinks. “It can be motivating. It’s such a good feeling when you prove them wrong.”

Nadia Latif, 34, associate director of the Young Vic, is equally positive about the fact that she was rejected from hundreds of directing jobs in her 20s. “Being rejected has made me incredibly clear and stubborn about who I am and my creative work. It’s given me a sense of rebelliousness.” Every time she received a rejection, she would fire off three emails following a new connection or opportunity. “I didn’t take it too personally. I’ve wanted to be a director since I was at school. I’m the eldest of six so I was the family leader – and I have robust self-belief.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2018/aug/26/turn-rejection-into-success-share-hashtag>

1. rejection n. = Ablehnung

### 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. The hashtag about rejection became very popular.  | T | F | DS |
| 2. Jia Jiang's book is based on research he did on himself.  | T | F | DS |
| 3. According to Jiang, being rejected is worse than being scared of rejection.   | T | F | DS |
| 4. Jiang believes that everyone who made it to the top experienced rejection at one point.                             | T | F | DS |
| 5. Dr Hibbert argues that when we get a rejection, we should just accept that we are not good and give up.             | T | F | DS |
| 6. Dr Hibbert claims that rejection during our childhood is an important part of our education.                        | T | F | DS |
| 7. <i>The Princess in Black</i> by Shannon Hale was rejected many times before being an instant hit with young adults. | T | F | DS |
| 8. Rejection makes Hale want to succeed even more.   | T | F | DS |
| 9. Nadja Latif is no longer rejected from jobs because she is now a famous director.                                   | T | F | DS |
| 10. Despite all the rejections Latif had known from an early age which job she wanted to do.                           | T | F | DS |

Points: \_\_\_\_/10

### TASK 1b

- Read the text and match each synonym listed below with one of the underlined words from the text.
- If the word you need is a verb write the **infinitive** of the verb, if it is a plural noun, write the **singular** of the noun.

**Example:**

The king was very popular.  
 Synonym: widely liked      Word in text: popular

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| <u>Synonym:</u> | <u>Word in text:</u> |
| 1. to deal with | to_____              |
| 2. strong       | _____                |
| 3. extremely    | _____                |
| 4. to look for  | to_____              |
| 5. an effect    | _____                |

Points: \_\_\_\_/5

## TASK 2 WRITING

**Tell us about technology in the classroom. What do you like / dislike about it?  
Write a short text of about 60 words.**

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**Content: \_\_\_\_/3**

**Vocabulary: \_\_\_\_/6**

**Grammar: \_\_\_\_/6**

**Points: \_\_\_\_/15**

### 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:** *I haven't met any (some) of my friends yet.*

1. How \_\_\_\_\_ money do you earn in your job?
2. Your dress is as nice \_\_\_\_\_ my dress.
3. You haven't been to London, \_\_\_\_\_ you?
4. She will marry Justin Bieber next year, if he \_\_\_\_\_ (have) time.
5. She started her job last week and I have to admit that she works extremely \_\_\_\_\_ (good).
6. My mother has been working in Berlin since last spring so I haven't seen her \_\_\_\_\_ a long time.
7. Two weeks ago while I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) my grandmother she told me about her first love.
8. My friend has a very big family. He has a wife and 12 \_\_\_\_\_ (child).
9. I go to England every year. Last time I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) there three months ago.
10. I'm going to turn 16 in a month so I will give a big party and all my friends will get an \_\_\_\_\_ (invite).

**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. *She is vegetarian*

*She doesn't eat any meat.*

1. Ireland has a large number of lakes.  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ lakes in Ireland.
2. We have the smallest number of trees in our garden.  
Everybody else has \_\_\_\_\_ trees in their garden than we do.
3. This is our new car.  
This new car is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Without building permission, you are not allowed to add rooms to your house.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ not add rooms to your house without a building permission.
5. They built many skyscrapers in Dubai in a very short time.  
In Dubai many skyscrapers \_\_\_\_\_ in a very short time.
6. The future of Ireland after Brexit is not clear yet.  
In Ireland, they do not know what \_\_\_\_\_ happen in future after Brexit.
7. Our dog slept so the cat stole his bone.  
The cat stole our dog's bone while he \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Jolina and Janosch both have blue eyes.  
Jolina has blue eyes and \_\_\_\_\_ does Janosch.
9. My dad asked me about dinner.  
My dad asked: " \_\_\_\_\_ had dinner yet?"
10. I cannot wait to get my first car.  
I am really looking forward \_\_\_\_\_ my first car.

**Points: \_\_\_\_/10**