

Practice Papers for GCSE AQA German

Writing: Higher

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Teacher's Introduction

Purpose and structure:

These AQA GCSE German Practice Papers (Paper 4, Higher) are designed to help students prepare for the writing section of the examination. This resource contains three fully original complete practice papers for AQA Paper 4: Writing.

The papers mirror the AQA exam style, including the 2024 grammar and vocabulary requirements, and cover all three AQA themes:

- 1. People and lifestyle
- 2. Popular culture
- 3. Communication and the world around us

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample

assessment material.

Remember!

Every question type on the AQA writing exam, including the translation question, appears in this set of three practice papers. These question types have been taken from the sample assessment materials prior to the first set of exams in order to fully prepare your students with unseen questions.

Sample answers are provided, alongside marking notes for teachers. Full marking grids can be found on the AQA website.

How to use this resource:

We recommend setting each paper under exam conditions to give students an idea of what level they are working at. Go over the answers in class to identify strengths and weaknesses and to practise strategies, such as:

- reading the questions carefully to ensure students answer every aspect they ask for;
- applying a mixture of grammatical knowledge of the target language to convey key information through writing exercises.

Students should be encouraged to note down any unfamiliar vocabulary or topics from the questions to prepare for the new exams. The same paper could be used again after a couple of months, when students should aim to get 100%.

The papers can also be used in mock exams or for independent preparation.

Although not in exam layout, non-write-on versions of the practice papers have been included in the resource in order to minimise photocopying and reduce costs. Additionally, questions 2.1 and 2.2, and questions 3.1 and 3.2, have been combined onto one page, again to avoid wasteful photocopying.

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Structure of the Paper and Mark Scheme

The AQA Higher writing paper comprises three tasks:

1. The translation task (10 marks)

Students translate five sentences into German, of approximately 50 words. I difficulty, and later sentences may contain more complex clathemes and tenses on the AQA specific in n. The task is marked for AO3 only and accurate application of the containing of the original meaning, and gramman or the containing of the original meaning, and gramman or the containing of the original meaning, and gramman or the containing of the original meaning or the original meaning of the original meaning or the original me

2. The 90-word task (15 marks)

Students choose between two questions, which will be on two different them (question 5 on the Foundation paper). Students must cover three bullet point three different time frames. It is marked based on two criteria: AO2 (understand written language in speaking and in writing) and AO3 (demonstrating understand the grammar and vocabulary prescribed in the specification). To score in the need to address all three bullet points, communicate clearly, and regularly decommunicating a lot of relevant information. To score in the top band for AO3 variety of vocabulary. They must also regularly try to use complex language a use present, past and future time frames. There may be informed and a festructures only.

3. The 150-word task (25 mg/s)

Students choose by the organizations on two different themes. There are is narry the casent tense, the other in a different time frame. The task criteria understanding and responding to written language in speaking (demonstrating understanding and accurate application of the grammar and specification). To score in the top band for AO2, students need to convey a low regularly develop their ideas and communicate clearly. For AO3, students are sub-criteria: their range and use of language, and their accuracy. To score in thanguage, students must use a very good variety of vocabulary and grammative gularly and successfully use complex language. To score in the top band for accurately. There may be some minor errors and occasional major errors in contract their verbs and tenses must be secure.



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Self- and peer-assessment gr

Use the grids below to self- or peer-assess your written responses. Please note that BP sta

Translation task:

For the 'rendering of the original meaning' criterion, check the mark scheme and give ECTION COP correctly translated.

Then convert those ticks as follows:

13-15 ticks = 5 marks

10-12 ticks = 4 marks

7-9 ticks = 3 marks

4-6 tic'

1-3 tick

0 ticks = Cmarks

For the 'knowledge of vocabulary and grammar' criterion, you can check your work

Have you	What the mark scheme says	What it means
	shown very good knowledge of vocabulary?	translate all or nearly all the words in
	translated the message appropriately?	do not leave any gapsif you translate the message back into
	used highly accurate grammar?	check your verbs (present and perfect)
	checked if you have made errors, they are only minor?	 When you have finished, proofread your was spelling at tal letters for nouns ar Clear, die, das / ein, eine, etc.) djective endings

90-word task:

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Have 79	haat the mark scheme says	What it mean
	addressed all three bullet points with relevant information?	 write at least one sentence per BP what you write must be relevant to t use the correct time frame for BP2 a
	communicated clearly?	write in a way that is easy to understif you translate it back into English, d
	regularly developed your ideas?	give at least three or four ideas per E
	used a good variety of vocabulary?	avoid repetitions (use each word one include different subject pronouns at
	regularly tried to use complex language and structures?	 use a range of time phrases ('letztes W use connectives ('und', 'aber', 'also', et 'ziemlich', 'wirkl' h', etc.) and sequence you co' z r lative clauses using 'you co' use a subordinate clause 'or tructures using 'zu'
719	used present staces future of the same states are states as the same states are states as the same states are	 are your present, past and future ver are they in the right paragraph, with 'letzt' = last, 'nächst' = next)
Education	checked if you have made errors, they are mainly minor (though some major ones may have occurred in complex structures)?	 When you have finished, proofread your v spelling and capital letters for nouns articles (der, die, das / ein, eine) adjective endings

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3. 150-word task:

Have you	What the mark scheme says	What it means
	conveyed a lot of relevant information?	 break down the BP (it might be useful to what you write must be relevant to the luse the correct time frame for BP2 always give at local six to eight ideas per
	developed your ideas?	this car's ac vec by giving other people is a vs what it used to be, giving are
7.9	community	 write in a way that is easy to understand narrate a story as you would in English, f if you translate it back into English, does
Education	used a very good variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures?	 avoid repetitions (use each word or expr use different opinion phrases ('meiner N glaube', 'ich denke', etc.) include different subject pronouns
	used complex language regularly and successfully?	 use more interesting vocabulary and struare confident you could use modal verbs ('ich kann', 'e you could use relative clauses using 'der, use subordinate clauses ('weil', 'obwohl')
	used present, past and future time frames successfully?	 are your present, perfect and future ver have you referred to your childhood / so using the imperfect? did you say what would happen using 'win the conditional nse?
79	checked if you have made errors occasionally if ey are in the process.	When you 2 (nis) d, proofread your work (Ilin no capital letters for nouns a ticles (der, die, das / ein, eine) adjective endings umlauts verb word order

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Higher Tier Practice Paper 3

Name

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

The maximum mark for this paper is 50.

Information:

- Answer all questions in the spaces provided
- In **Section A**, you should answer q' 1.
- In Section B you should an weil & \... if question 2.1 or question 2.2. Do not answer bot a fond.
- In Se 79 y 12 odld answer either question 3.1 or question 3.2. o er both questions.
- Answer all questions in German.
- You must not use a dictionary.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets.
- You can write your first draft in the answer book. Clearly cross out everything that should not be marked as part of your answer.

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Translation into German

1.	Translate the following sentences into German
	Every year there are fireworks are mar's Eve.
	7/9 7/03 Education
	The flight to Greece takes less than three hours.
	Last weekend I saw my favourite singer in concert.
	I should not smoke if I want to be healthy.
	I am Toward to the summer, when I will have more freedom.





Section B

Answer **either** Question 2.1 **or** Question 2.2. Only answer **one** of these questions.

Your Swiss friend has asked you about your healthy lifestyle. Write a response. Write your answer in the should be approvingely. Your so. You replace the least one detail for each bullet. Describe: how you keep fit something you did in the past that was unhealthy your plans for being healthy in the future [15 marks]	Your Austrian frien holidays. Write a reward write your answer approximately 90 You must write at bullet point. Describe: how you norn a past winter your ideal hol
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EITHER

Section C

Answer **either** Question 3.1 **or** Question 3.2. Only answer **one** of these questions.

3.1	You are writing a post about relationships or Swiss Internet forum.	You are writing a magazine aimed about free-time
	You must write you : German, and it should be put to by 150 words. Your must have information to cover both before points.	You must write y should be appro Your answer mu both bullet poir
	Describe: • the positive and negative aspects of marriage • your ideal future relationship [25 marks]	Describe: • what young • how you will the exams
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Higher Tier Practice Paper 3

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

The maximum mark for this paper is 50.

Information:

- Answer all questions in your exercise book.
- In **Section A**, you should answer question 1.
- In Section B you should answer either question 2.1 uestion 2.2. Do not answer both questions.
- In Section C you should answer eit es. 3.1 or question 3.2. Do not answer both questions.
- Answer all questing Assuran.
- You r op ot sectionary.
- or each question are shown in brackets.
- Clearly cross out everything that should not be marked as part of vour answer.





Section A

Translation into German

1. Translate the following sentences into **German**.

Every year there are fireworks on New Year & Every Heart to Greece takes less that the hours.

Last weekend I saw my four urit linger in concert. I should not small wont to be healthy.

I am 1997 for Jara to the summer, when I will have more freedom.

Section B

Answer either Question 2.1 or Question 2.2. Only answer one of

EITHER

2.1 Your Swiss friend has asked you about your healthy lifestyle. Write a response.

Write your answer in **German**. It should be approximately **90 words**.

You must write at least **one detail** for each bullet point.

Describe:

- how you keep fit
- some him in the past that was
- y Education
 y rans for being healthy in the future

[15 marks]

OR

2.2 Your Austrian frien holidays. Write a

Write your answer approximately **90** You must write at bullet point.

Describe:

- how you nor
- a past winte
- your ideal ho

Section C

Answer either Question 3.1 or Question 3.2. Only answer one of

EITHER

3.1 You are writing a post about relationships on a Swiss Internet forum.

You must write your answer in **Germa**. no. should be approximately **1.5** Your answer must be a suion to cover both be a point of the po

Descri

- the positive and negative aspects of marriage
- your ideal future relationship

[25 marks]

OR 3.2

You are writing a magazine aimed about free-time

You must write you should be approx Your answer must both bullet point

Describe:

- what young
- how you w
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Indicative content

Practice Paper 1

Section A

A tick is awarded for each element that is communicated, despite minor inaccuracies.

	Original language	Credited language (word order marked 'Knowledge of vocab and grammar')
1	There are five million inhabitants	es gibt fünf Milli Einwohner
2	in the capital city	in der H 2 sta)
3	In order to be successful,	u fc r ich zu sein,
4	one must own a car	ि हो muss ein Auto besitzen
5	In my opinion,	meiner Meinung nach
6	climate change	der Klimawandel
7	is the state change is the state of the stat	ist das größte Problem
8	for t of onment	für die Umwelt
9	When	wenn ich esse
10	too much cake,	zu viel Kuchen
11	I get stomach ache	ich bekomme Bauchschmerzen
12	Yesterday	gestern
13	I was sad,	ich war traurig
14	so I listened to	also habe ich gehört.
15	loud music	laute Musik

Es gibt fünf Millionen Einwohner in der Hauptstadt.

Um erfolgreich zu sein, muss man ein Auto besitzen.

Meiner Meinung nach ist der Klimawandel das größte Problem für die Umwelt.

Wenn ich zu viel Kuchen esse, bekomme ich Bauchschmerzen.

Gestern war ich traurig, also habe ich laute Musik gehört.

Section B

- 2.1 Example answer: Diese Stelle ist perfekt für mich. Ich bin set. eißig, also arbeite ich wirklich verdienen, also bin nie faul. Ich bin auch nett mit eu dlich. Meiner Meinur sein. Obwohl ich jung bin, habe ich schon Ber fst fah, g. Letztes Jahr habe ich zwe Supermarkt gearbeitet. Die Arbeit was int und die Kunden waren meistens n verdient. In der Zukunft möcht von ihr sehr von einer erfolgreichen Firma sein. Das i
- 2.2 Example answer: To the giventeressiert mich wirklich. Ich benutze mein Handy zu meine bei in benutze soziale Medien als Quelle für Nachrichten. Die Vide versteh tern habe ich mit Freunden Videospiele online gespielt. Es hat viel Spa Comput für meine Mathehausaufgaben benutzt. Das Internet ist sehr nützlicheinen neuen Laptop kaufen, wenn ich auf die Uni gehe. Es ist wichtig, dass mein Lapt weiterlernen, wenn mein Laptop langsam läuft. (93 words)

Section C

3.1 Example answer:

Der Klimawandel ist ein echtes Problem für unsere Welt und es ist notwendig, dass a nehmen. Meiner Meinung nach gibt es ein Problem, das leicht zu lösen ist. Das ist die Land verursacht, und die die Landschaft offensichtlich verschmutzt. Im Moment gibt sagen, nicht genug. Ich denke, dass wir zu viele Papierprodukte benutzen, die gar nie Weihnachtskarten. Wir schicken sie an viele Leute und werfen sie dann einfach weg das tun können. Das macht für mich keinen Sinn.

Um noch mehr für die Umwelt zu tun, habe ich vor, ein Elektroauto zu fahren. Hoffer billiger sein, damit sich mehr Leute sie leisten können. Ich hoffer auf bessere Radwege Radfahren hat viele Vorteile, nicht nur für die eigene Control it, sondern auch für de

3.2 Example answer:

Mein Lieblingsstar ist ein Schau ist immehreren erfolgreichen Filmen mitgestaber sein Vater kam aus ist in Latte viele kleine Rollen in Theaterstücken. Er be Filmrolle mit dreift in Aussia meiner Meinung nach wählt er Rollen, die gut zu seine ist es s

Zum Glükarbeitet er immer noch, und ich versuche, alles zu sehen. Obwohl er jetzt noch vor, ihm in den soziale Medien zu folgen. Ich habe viele Apps auf meinem Hand werde mir alle seine Filme noch einmal ansehen, hoffentlich mit meinem künftigen Plch denke, dass er den Preis als bester Schauspieler gewinnen sollte. Wenn ja, dann sehen. (154 words)

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