

Test of INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE IN ENGLISH ICE Level 1

MOCK TEST Version 1

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ICE - TEST FORMAT

Time	Part	Item Type	No. of items
10 min.	1	Critical Incidents	10
10 min.	2	Listening Comprehension	10
10 min	3	Structured Responses	10
10 min	4	Proof Reading	10
10 min	5	Country Specifics	30
10 min	6	Writing	1
60 min			

FORMAT ICE - MOCK TEST

Time	Part	Item Type	No. of items
3 min.	1	Critical Incidents	3
5 min.	2	Listening Comprehension	5
5 min	3	Structured Responses	5
5 min	4	Proof Reading	5
7 min	5	Country Specifics	30
10 min	6	Writing	1
35 min			

MARK ALL ANSWERS ON THE ANSWER SHEET!

Choose **one** of the answers — a, b or c — for each question. Only one answer is correct.

Unless stated otherwise, in all the situations below, you do not know the person you are speaking to very well.

Example:

You offer to drive a visitor to your company to the airport. The visitor says:
["I hope it's not too much trouble. I could always get a taxi."]



The speaker means

- a. I would prefer a taxi.
- b. I accept your offer.
- c. I think getting a taxi is too difficult.

a	b	c
	X	

11. You meet an American business associate you know quite well at a trade fair. He says:



The speaker means

- a. I can't remember your name.
- b. I am greeting you.
- c. I want to know more about your work.

12. At a trade fair a colleague from another stand comes up to you and says:



The speaker means

- a. I want you to invite me for lunch.
- b. Do you want to have lunch with us?
- c. Let me take you out to lunch.

13. At the end of a day of discussions a business colleague says:



The speaker means

- a. I found the discussions boring.
- b. I want to end the discussions now.
- c. The discussions were interesting.

14. You are talking to a colleague and he says:



The speaker means

- a. I didn't understand what you said.
- b. I don't agree with you.
- c. I don't think that's a good idea.

15. You are showing an English visitor around your town and ask where the visitor would like to go for lunch. The answer is:



The speaker means

- a. I will pay for the lunch in the restaurant.
- b. You should decide where to go for lunch.
- c. I need more information about restaurants.

Choose **one** of the answers — a, b or c — for each question. Only one answer is correct.

Unless stated otherwise, in all the situations below, you do not know the person you are speaking to very well.

Example:

You want to suggest someone does something. What do you say?

- a. *Why don't you ...?*
- b. *You might as well ...*
- c. *You'd better ...*

a	b	c
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21.

You get a phone call but the line is very bad and you can't understand the caller very well. What do you say?

- a. I'm afraid I can't understand you.
- b. Please speak louder!
- c. What are you saying, please?

22.

You are having dinner at a colleague's home. The food is very nice but you can't eat any more. What do you say?

- a. I am full and I can't eat any more now.
- b. I'm afraid I can't eat any more. It was very good.
- c. The food is good but it is too much for me.

23.

You want to ask a colleague if he can take you to the airport. What do you say?

- a. You can take me to the airport tomorrow, can't you?
- b. Will you take me to the airport tomorrow please?
- c. Do you think you could take me to the airport?

24.

You are in a hurry to catch a train and want to get a taxi. There is a queue of people in front of you. What do you say?

- a. I must catch a train. Can I go first?
- b. Let me go first, if you don't mind.
- c. I must go first. Excuse me.

25.

You are in a restaurant and see a man leaving with a coat. You think it is your coat but are not sure. What do you say?

- a. Are you taking my coat, sir?
- b. Excuse me, I think that might be my coat.
- c. Excuse me, sir, that must be my coat.

In each text there is one part which may seem impolite.
Choose **one** part — a, b or c — for each text. Only one answer is correct.

You want to visit an English company. You write to say when you will arrive.

31.

a I am writing about my visit to your company. **b** I arrive next Monday at 11.30 p.m. **c** If you like, you can pick me up at the airport.

32.

a I would like to give you some information about my visit. **b** Tell me how to get to your company, please. **c** I am coming by car.

A partner from England is visiting your company next week. You want to find out when he will arrive.

33.

a I'm writing to give you more details about our meeting next week: **b** We regret that nobody can meet you at the airport. **c** So you must take the underground to our office, unfortunately.

34.

a You are coming to our office next week, aren't you? **b** Someone will meet you at the airport and bring you here. **c** Could you let me know what time you arrive?

35.

a When you visit us next week, **b** I can meet you at the airport. **c** I don't really care what time you arrive.

Answer as many questions as possible from the following. Choose one of the answers — a, b or c — for each question. **Only one answer is correct.**

GERMANY

41.

Germany is a federal republic with

- a. 10 regional states.
- b. 13 regional states.
- c. 16 regional states.



42.

Germany's national poet is

- a. Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche.
- b. Georg Friedrich Händel.
- c. Johann Wolfgang Goethe.

43.

Germany's population is about

- a. fifty million.
- b. eighty million.
- c. one hundred million.

44.

Today Germany is largely dependent on the

- a. export sector.
- b. financial sector.
- c. IT sector.

45.

To indicate you have finished eating

- a. you lay your knife and fork parallel across the right side of your plate.
- b. you lay your knife and fork across your plate, with the fork crossed over the knife.
- c. you lay your knife to the right and your fork to the left of your plate.

46.

East and West Germany were re-united in

- a. 1945.
- b. 1968.
- c. 1990.

47.

Interrupting someone in conversation

- a. is appreciated as a sign of interest.
- b. is considered acceptable in some cases.
- c. is usually considered impolite.

48.

Neuschwanstein Castle is situated in

- a. Bavaria.
- b. Hesse.
- c. the Palatinate.

49.

German business partners

- a. avoid hard selling or confrontation.
- b. prefer indirect communication styles.
- c. respect confrontational communication.

50.

Germany's currency is called

- a. Deutsche Mark.
- b. Gulden.
- c. Euro.

PART 5

51.

Speed limits on German motorways

- a. do not exist.
- b. are in effect on some routes.
- c. exist on all motorways today.

52.

If invited to a German home, it is a good idea to bring

- a. chocolates, liquor or wine.
- b. lilies or chrysanthemums.
- c. unusual books or CDs.



53.

If you are invited to an informal party,

- a. you must be punctual.
- b. it's fine to be about 15 minutes late.
- c. you can arrive when you want.

54.

When talking to one another, most Germans

- a. keep a short distance from each other.
- b. prefer an arm's length of space or more.
- c. touch each other frequently.

55.

The present German chancellor's name is

- a. Helmut Kohl,
- b. Gerhard Schröder.
- c. Angela Merkel.

56.

In restaurants it is common to give tips of

- a. 10 %.
- b. 15 %.
- c. 20 %.

57.

Three countries bordering on Germany are

- a. Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic.
- b. Italy, Hungary, Slovak Republic.
- c. Denmark, Sweden, Norway.

58.

The German national football team won the FIFA World Cup

- a. once (1954).
- b. twice (1954 and 1990).
- c. three times (1954, 1974, 1990).

9.

Among Germany's population people with a non-German background make up

- a. 5 %.
- b. 10 %.
- c. 20 %.

60.

Three world famous Germans are

- a. Günter Jauch, Howard Carpendale, Yvonne Catterfield
- b. Friedrich von Schiller, Albert Schweitzer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.
- c. Claudia Schiffer, Steffi Graf, Michael Schumacher.

ANSWER SHEET MOCK TEST — LEVEL 1

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Level 1

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