

Aufnahmeprüfung Gymnasium Englisch, März 2016 **KEY**

Reading comprehension

**1. Are the following statements true, false or not given in the text?
Indicate your answers by using (+) / (-) / (?) [10 points]**

- a) A new Sherlock Holmes series can be seen on BBC this year. +
- b) Holmes lived in Edinburgh. -
He lived in London.
- c) Holmes died in Switzerland. +
- d) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle died in 1924. -
He died in 1930.
- e) Most Sherlock Holmes stories are short stories. +
- f) Holmes died aged 68. ?
- g) Conan Doyle was a doctor. +
- h) Sherlock Holmes drank lots of whisky. ?

**2. Answer the questions about the text in complete English sentences.
[14 points]**

- a) What is Sherlock Holmes' biggest strength? [1]
He makes clever deductions.
- b) What are Holmes and Watson a role-model for? [1]
They're a role model for many later detective story characters. (Holmes is the brilliant detective, Watson is his loyal partner.)
- c) Mention four differences between Holmes and Watson? [4]
Watson is the narrator [1], he is less intelligent [2], he can't make any deductions from the clues [3] but he is warmer [4], more human [5] and more emotional [6]. > mention 4 of the given 6 elements, one point each!
- d) Why did Conan Doyle let Sherlock Holmes die? [1]
Conan Doyle was/got bored of writing Holmes' stories.
- e) How did the readers react after Sherlock's death? [2]
Some fans were shocked, some wore black armbands, others wrote letters asking Conan Doyle to let Holmes come back.

f) How long did it take Conan Doyle to revive Holmes? [1]

Conan Doyle waited for eight years to revive Holmes.

g) What is new in the modern BBC series? Mention four aspects. [4]

Holmes is younger, uses taxis to get around London, Watson writes blogs and Moriarty is scarier and crazier.

Use of English

3. Ask for the underlined words in the text, forming complete English questions. [6 points]

(1) **In how many works/How many times did the original Holmes appear?**

(2) **When was Conan Doyle born?**

(3) **Who trained as a doctor...?**

(4) **What did he like?**

(5) **Who did the novel introduce?**

(6) **What is Sherlock like?**

4. Simple Present, Present Progressive, Present Perfect or Past Simple? Underline the correct verb forms. [12 points]

a) Arthur Conan Doyle *writes/is writing/has written/wrote* four novels.

b) *Do you see/Are you seeing/Have you seen/Did you see* Sherlock yesterday?

c) Where are your parents? – They *watch/are watching/have watched/watched* TV in the living room. Can't you hear them?

d) Listen! Somebody *plays/is playing/has played/played* the piano.

e) 'Have you got my key?' – 'No, I *give/am giving/have given/gave* it back to you.'

f) Bob isn't at home very often. He *goes/is going/has gone/went* out a lot.

g) I *try/am trying/have tried/tried* to find a job at the moment. It's very difficult.

h) She's very tired this morning. She *doesn't sleep/isn't sleeping/hasn't slept/didn't sleep* very well last night.

i) 'What time *does Ann phone/is Ann phoning/has Ann phoned/did Ann phone?*' – 'About an hour ago.'

j) 'Can you drive?' – 'No, I *never drive/am never driving/have never driven/never drove* a car but I want to learn.'

k) I saw Dr Watson at the station when I was going to work this morning but he *doesn't see/isn't seeing/hasn't seen/didn't see* me.

l) Where *are you/are you being/have you been/were you* born?

5. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use either present, past, present perfect or future. [14 points]

A Talking Frog

A long time ago an older gentleman **was playing** (play) a round of golf when suddenly his ball **landed** (land) in a shallow pond. As he **was trying** (try) to get the ball back, he **discovered** (discover) a frog who, to his great surprise, **started** (start) to speak! "Kiss me, and I **will change** (change) into a beautiful princess, and I **will be** (be) yours for a week." He **picked** (pick) up the frog and **put** (put) it in his pocket. As he **continued** (continue) to play golf, the frog **repeated** (repeat) its message. "Kiss me, and I **will be** (be) yours for a whole month!" Finally, the old man **turned** (turn) to the frog and **said** (say), "At my age, I'd rather have a talking frog!"

6. Complete the text about Antarctica. Put in much / many / a lot (of) / few / little. Each of them must be used at least once. [5 points]

Antarctica is a snow-covered continent. The average temperature at the South Pole is -51°C. **Few** plants or animals can live on the land – it is too cold for them. The animal life is found on and in the sea. There are **a lot of/many** scientists from different countries who live and work on special bases in Antarctica. On midsummer's day there is daylight for 24 hours and so during this period **many/a lot of** tourist ships and planes come to see this strange land. But in the winter is **little** daylight for months which means that the sun cannot be seen **much** . It must be a terrible place during the winter.

7. Prepositions: Look at the journey of the neighbour's cat Felix and complete the story with some of the following prepositions (above / across / after / along / around / at / back / below / between / into / off / on / opposite / out of/ over / past / through / under / until / up). [7 points]

Felix jumped (1) **over** the wall and walked (2) **across** the grass. Then he went (3) **past/(a)round** the pond and (4) **along** the path. He walked (5) **(a)round** Sue's chair and (6) **under** the table. Suddenly he jumped (7) **on/onto** the table and

took the fish which was (8) **on** Sue’s plate. He jumped (9) **off** the table with the fish. Then the dog, Rosie, came (10) **out of** the house and chased the cat. They both ran (11) **through** the bushes and (12) **across** the patio. Felix stopped suddenly but Rosie fell (13) **into** the pond. Felix looked at her and then jumped (14) **over** the wall again, still holding the fish.

8. Mixed sentences. Underline and correct any mistakes in the following sentences or make a tick (✓) if the sentence is correct. [7 points]

- a) I have got **an** American passport.
- b) She hasn’t **got** any brothers or sisters.
- c) **These** are my books.
- d) Tony has got much more money **than** I have. I have only little.
- e) We needn’t **to** go now, we can wait.
- f) She mustn’t **forgets** the vocabulary for tomorrow.
- g) Watson is warmer, younger and **more** intelligenter **er** than Holmes.

_____ **points**

Total points: _____/75

Notenskala:

75-70	6
63-69	5-6
56-62	5
49-55	4-5
42-48	4
35-41	3-4
28-34	3
21-27	2-3
14-20	2
7-13	1-2
0-6	1