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# Aufnahmeprüfung 2017 für die Berufsmaturitätsschulen des Kantons Zürich

Englisch

Serie: B<sub>1</sub>

Dauer: 30 Minuten

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Hilfsmittel: keine

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

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| 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

### Closing ceremony: Rio passes Olympic flag to Tokyo (and Super Mario)

It was a wet, windy and wild farewell to the 2016 Olympic Games as Rio de Janeiro said goodbye in a storm of samba and rain inside the Maracanã Stadium. The night began with a power cut and ended with an explosion of color and carnival, featuring a supermodel, a giant parrot and hundreds of dancers dressed as plants -- plus Japan's prime minister in an unexpected outfit. "I am the happiest man alive," Carlos Nuzman, president of the Rio 2016 organizing committee, declared during Sunday's closing ceremony. "We are unique," he added. "Rio has delivered history ... good luck to Tokyo 2020."

Christ the Redeemer, Sugarloaf Mountain and the Olympic rings were all honored during a lively farewell ceremony, with Brazil's cultural and artistic history also being celebrated. There was also a focus on *saudade* -- a Portuguese word which can be translated as nostalgia. "These Olympic Games are leaving a truly great inheritance for generations to come," International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach said. "History will talk about the 'Rio de Janeiro before' and the 'much better Rio de Janeiro after the Games'."

"I declare the Games of 2016 closed," he added. "I call on the youth of the world to assemble in Tokyo, Japan for the 32nd Olympiad." The period of the evening dedicated to Tokyo's hosting of the next Games threatened to steal the show. This was because Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe arrived on stage disguised as the well-known video game character Super Mario. But above all, it was a night for Rio to celebrate. Although there were concerns about security and the Zika virus, the Games had taken place largely without problems. The great atmosphere during the closing ceremony was only reduced by the presence of yet more empty seats inside the stadium.

Overall, the reactions in the media were mixed. The *New York Times* focused on the positive, describing the rain during the closing ceremony in terms of "the heavens crying because of the end of the 17-day sports extravaganza". "Rio responded," said French daily *Liberation*, adding that the Games "ended on a good note on the whole... despite the predictions of some problems". The German paper *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* criticized organizers for quickly filling empty seats behind IOC President Thomas Bach just before he gave his televised speech, and added that his opening promise of a "new world" at the games did not match with the fact that most locals could not afford tickets. They also pointed out that there was a sense that athletes "did not trust each other in the slightest" following doping accusations.

*Adapted from:* <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/08/21/sport/>

### 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 weather during most of the Olympic Games in Rio was wet and windy.                                   | T | F | DS |
| 2. A lot of people had to dress up for the closing ceremony.  | T | F | DS |
| 3. The next Olympic Games in 2020 will be held in the capital of China.                                     | T | F | DS |
| 4. The closing ceremony was also a celebration of Brazil's past.  | T | F | DS |
| 5. Thomas Bach believes that future generations in Rio will remember the Olympic Games as a negative event. | T | F | DS |
| 6. Shinzo Abe enjoyed his performance dressed up as Super Mario.  | T | F | DS |
| 7. A lot of problems, like security issues, took place during the Rio games.                                | T | F | DS |
| 8. Both the American and French newspaper reported positively about the closing ceremony.                   | T | F | DS |
| 9. There were many empty seats behind Thomas Bach during his talk.  | T | F | DS |
| 10. The tickets were too expensive for a lot of people from Rio.  | T | F | DS |

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

### TASK 1b

- Read the text and match each synonym listed below with one of the 7 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

- | <u>Synonym:</u>    | <u>Word in text:</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. a worry         | _____                |
| 2. to get together | to _____             |
| 3. a spectacle     | _____                |
| 4. surprising      | _____                |
| 5. a goodbye       | _____                |

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

1. In his acting role in the film *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Johnny Depp saved many \_\_\_\_\_ (life).
2. I can't come to your party, and \_\_\_\_\_ can Justin.
3. A car is usually \_\_\_\_\_ (expensive) than a bicycle.
4. My best friend \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the USA a year ago.
5. We had to look up the \_\_\_\_\_ (define) of the word.
6. My mother waved \_\_\_\_\_ (happy) when she saw me.
7. You are not going to the party on Friday, \_\_\_\_\_ you?
8. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) this test, her parents will be very proud.
9. While we were watching a movie on TV, my dad \_\_\_\_\_ (read) a book.
10. How \_\_\_\_\_ tests do I have to take today?

**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. Usain Bolt was the fastest runner in Rio.  
No one \_\_\_\_\_ as Usain Bolt.
2. I can't wait to hear from my friends.  
I am looking \_\_\_\_\_ from my friends.
3. It isn't necessary for you to carry all the bags.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ carry all the bags.
4. Smoking is bad for you.  
It is bad for you \_\_\_\_\_.
5. As children we often flew to Hong Kong.  
As children we \_\_\_\_\_ fly to Hong Kong.
6. This lolly belongs to Joanna.  
This is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. His mother wakes him up every morning.  
Every morning he \_\_\_\_\_ his mother.
8. I won't go out unless it's cooler.  
I'll go out \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The last time we met was two weeks ago.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ two weeks.
10. We all really admired the athletes' performance.  
We were full of \_\_\_\_\_ for the athletes' performance.

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