



German: Background Language ATAR course Practical (oral) marking key 2016

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Personal investigation: Practical (oral) marking key

(20 marks)

Description	Marks
Personal investigation – introduction (approximately one minute)	
Presents a well-articulated, succinct and effective introduction that identifies and explains the focus of the topic, summarising content, ideas, resources and findings of the personal investigation.	3
Presents an organised introduction that identifies the topic, making some reference to content, ideas, resources and findings of the personal investigation.	2
Presents a superficial introduction, making some references to content in a disorganised structure.	1
Insufficient evidence of this criterion.	0
Total	3
Response (relevance and depth of information)	
Engages effectively with the marker, discussing reflectively on their learning, ideas, personal identity and/or cultural heritage, while applying research findings to support and substantiate a point of view.	7
Engages effectively with the marker, discussing their learning, ideas, personal identity and cultural heritage, while applying research findings to support a point of view.	6
Engages with the marker, making some reference in discussion to their learning, ideas, personal identity and cultural heritage and their research findings to support a point of view.	5
Participates in discussion, making some reference to their learning, ideas, personal identity and cultural heritage and their research findings in an attempt to present a point of view.	4
Responds to questions, providing some relevant ideas, while making some reference to source texts in an attempt to present a point of view.	3
Responds appropriately to some questions, providing some ideas, while making limited reference to source texts.	2
Responds inappropriately to some questions, providing few ideas and little evidence of research.	1
Insufficient evidence of this criterion.	0
Total	7
Linguistic resources – range	
Uses a widely varied range of contextually relevant vocabulary, expressions, grammar and sentence structures.	4
Uses some variety of contextually relevant vocabulary, expressions, grammar and sentence structures.	3
Uses mostly relevant vocabulary, expressions, grammar and sentence structures.	2
Uses limited and repetitive vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure.	1
Insufficient evidence of this criterion.	0
Total	4
Linguistic resources – accuracy	
Applies rules of grammar accurately and consistently with few minor errors.	3
Applies rules of grammar mostly accurately.	2
Applies rules of grammar mostly accurately, though some errors impede meaning.	1
Insufficient evidence of this criterion.	0
Total	3
Speech – pronunciation and intonation	
Speaks fluently with correct pronunciation and effective intonation.	3
Speaks with some hesitation, mostly correct pronunciation and appropriate intonation.	2
Speaks hesitantly, with poor pronunciation and intonation.	1
Insufficient evidence of this criterion.	0
Total	3