**Sample test exercises: reading**

**A: Read this text and answer the questions below.**

Come to Scotland

Scotland is great in summer: on the Shetland Islands the days are much longer than in southern Europe. It is not very hot in Scotland, but the temperature in Edinburgh can go up to 20 degrees Celcius. So the capital of Scotland is warmer than most other cities in the north of Europe.

Edinburgh is quite a small city, but with 430’000 inhabitants it is bigger than Zurich. It is older than Chicago. The castle dates back to the 12th century.

Furthermore, Edinburgh has special busses. Take a red double-decker bus, sit on the upper deck and see the city from the top of the bus.

Lots of tourists love the lakes, green hills and sandy beaches and find them more beautiful than the big holiday resorts in southern Europe with their glass and concrete hotels. If you don’t like mass tourism, Scotland is better than the Spanisch or Italian Riviera. Remember: Scotland has more sheep than people.

The Scottisch countryside is great for people who like outdoor sports. But for fans of live music and for people who like castles and museums Edinburgh is more interesting than the quiet countryside. Do you like traditional costumes? The kilt a skirt for men and it’s the traditional clothing in Scotland. Come to Scotland and see for yourself!

1. How hot is it in Scotland in summer?

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2. What is an ‘inhabitant’? Explain in German

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3. What is older than Chicago?

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4. What kind of holiday resort can you find in sourthern Europe?

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5. Where can people go, when they like outdoor sports? ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

6. What is the traditional clothing for Scottish men? ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………