

## THEMENPOOLS – ENGLISCH (8AB)

The oral English matura consists of a 5-minute monologue and a 10-minute paired activity, each on one of the topics listed below.

The student should be able to<sup>1</sup>:

- present clear, detailed descriptions and presentations on a wide range of subjects related to his/her field of interest expanding and supporting ideas with subsidiary points and relevant examples.
- have a sufficient range of language to be able to give clear descriptions, express viewpoints on most general topics, without much conspicuous searching for words, using some complex sentence forms to do so.
- show a relatively high degree of grammatical control.
- avoid errors which cause misunderstanding, and can correct most of his/her mistakes.
- produce stretches of language with a fairly even tempo; although he/she can be hesitant as he or she searches for patterns and expressions, there are few noticeably long pauses.
- initiate discourse, take his/her turn when appropriate and end conversation when he / she needs to, though he /she may not always do this elegantly.
- help the discussion along on familiar ground confirming comprehension, inviting others in, etc.
- use a limited number of cohesive devices to link his/her utterances into clear, coherent discourse, though there may be some "jumpiness" in a long contribution.
- develop a clear argument, expanding and supporting his/her points of view at some length with subsidiary points and relevant examples.
- construct a chain of reasoned arguments and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.
- communicate spontaneously, often showing remarkable fluency and ease of expression in even longer complex stretches of speech.

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<sup>1</sup> See CEFR

## **TOPICS**

1	World of Work	Arbeitswelt
2	Relationships and Social Networks	Beziehungen und soziale Netzwerke
3	Growing Up	Erwachsenwerden
4	Leisure Time	Freizeitverhalten
5	Social Groups	Gesellschaftliche Gruppierungen
6	Health	Gesundheit, Ernährung und soziale Absicherung
7	Globalization	Globalisierung
8	Intercultural Aspects	Interkulturelle Aspekte
9	Communication	Kommunikation
10	Consumer Society	Konsumgesellschaft
11	Arts	Kunst und Kultur
12	English-Speaking Countries	Landeskundliche Aspekte
13	Media	Medien
14	Fashion and Trends	Mode und Trends
15	Modern Technologies	Moderne Technologien
16	Nature and Environment	Natur (und Umwelt)
17	Personal Future	Persönliche Zukunft
18	Politics and Public Institutions	Politik und Institutionen des öffentlichen Lebens
19	Rules and Regulations	Regeln, Gesetze, Vorschriften
20	Travel and Tourism	Reisen (Tourismus)
21	Education	Schule und Bildung
22	Sports	Sport
23	Tradition and Change	Tradition und Wandel
24	Living Environment	Wohnen und Umgebung