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**Schriftliche Eignungsprüfung zur Feststellung der Eignung  
ausländischer Studienbewerber und Studienbewerberinnen für ein Hochschulstudium  
Englisch – extern**

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Hinweise: Die Arbeitszeit beträgt 180 Minuten.  
Die Benutzung eines einsprachigen (Englisch/Englisch) und/oder  
zweisprachiges Wörterbuches (Englisch/Deutsch) ist gestattet.

Die Prüfung setzt sich wie folgt zusammen:

- A reading comprehension (tasks and questions on the text)
- B vocabulary (English-German/English-English/ synonyms)
- C language (lexis, grammar)
- D writing comprehension

## A Reading Comprehension

### The Facts of Life, Seduction

Sunday, 14 September 2008

- 1 There are five main ways to tell if someone is flirting with you: their eyes will flit around your face and body; they begin to mirror your actions; they raise their eyebrows when they first meet you (ever so slightly); their feet and hands will point towards you subconsciously; and their pupil size and blink rate increases.
- 40 Flirting often goes unobserved by men, who are useless at spotting come-on signals. Scientists from Indiana University found that when men were shown images of women making an advance, they tended to see sexual cues as being merely friendly, and saw friendly gestures as showing sexual interest. Women performed far better at picking up on body language.
- 20 The summer months are the best time for seduction, according to a survey of 3,000 singles. Twice as many people get lucky during the summer as during the winter. Relationships that start between June and August also last an average of four dates, longer than the average for the other periods. Women who read romance novels are more easily seduced than those women who don't, and have sex twice as often, a study found.
- 30 Casanova used to prepare a cup of hot chocolate for his prospective ladies in order to seduce them.
- 35 Good news for marathon runners: the most effective chat-up line of all is: "It's hot today, isn't it? It's the best weather when you are training for a marathon." That's according to 200 female students who were asked to rate 40 lines culled from the internet, films and television. It might be best to avoid "If you were a burger you'd be a McGorgeous", which ranked bottom. [...]
- 45 Source:

The British are the best at getting their fellow Europeans into bed, according to a survey conducted across the continent and it's all down to our sense of humor. However, respondents to the survey which also covered Germany, Spain, Italy and France said we are also the easiest to seduce. The

Europeans least likely to pull successfully are the Germans, who were also voted the least attractive, yet most cultured. The best-looking are the Italians, while the French came out on top in terms of leading the most adventurous lives in the bedroom.

59 per cent of singles agree that bad body odour is the biggest turn-off on a first date, and the biggest turn-on is a sense of humor, according to a survey by the dating site *itsjustlunch.com*.

Male chimpanzees act much like humans when trying to seduce a mate. Stirling University research revealed that the chimps would often present the females with gifts, much like men use flowers in their efforts to woo their chosen one. The chimps stole fruit from nearby orchards and presented it to the females in exchange for sex and grooming.

According to Neil Strauss, author of *The Game: Penetrating the Secret Society of Pick-up Artists*, the best way for a man to seduce a woman is to insult her subtly when you first meet her. The technique is to "neg" her; that is, to deliberately "lower her self-esteem" by an apparently unintended insult that will leave her craving your approval.

(c) <http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/love-sex/seduction/the-facts-of-life-seduction-928192.html>



Aktuelle Unterrichtsmaterialien: Englisch betrifft uns. Gender Roles. Hrsg. Von Dieter Hermann Düwel und Jennifer von der Grün. Aachen: Bergmoser und Höller, 2/2009.

**A) Questions on the text**

**1. Answer the questions in your own words!**

*a) What are typical signals expressing flirting efforts? Name three.*

*b) What is the text's information about men's ability to understand body language?*

*c) What does the text say about flirting success? Give three supporting factors making flirting more successful?*

*d) Why are the British the best at getting fellow Europeans into bed?*

*e) What does the survey say about the Germans?*

*f) Do you agree? Why? Why not?*

**2. Decide whether the following statements are right (r) or wrong (w).**

- a) Making an advance is more successful in summer than in winter.
- b) More than half of singles don't mind if the partner does not smell nicely.
- c) Many singles are turned on if the partner makes fun of them.
- d) To make a woman feel inferior is the most successful method to seduce her.

**B Vocabulary**

*1. Find English equivalents for the following words.*

- a) making an advance (l. 14):
- b) picking up on (l. 18/19):
- c) twice: (l. 30) :
- d) a chimpanzee: (l. 66):

*2. Find synonyms for the following words.*

- a) to mirror (l.5):
- b) cues (l. 15):
- c) a mate (l. 67):
- d) an odour (l.62):



3. Find opposites of the following words.

- a) to increase (l.9):
- b) useless (l.11):
- c) to start (l. 24):
- d) to agree (l. 61):

**C Language (lexis and grammar)**

1. In some sentences below a preposition is needed. Fill in the gaps the appropriate preposition.

- a) The British are very good \_\_\_\_\_ making an advance.
- b) There is no point \_\_\_\_\_ discussing men's ability to understand flirting signals.
- c) Women are mostly fond \_\_\_\_\_ having a date with an Italian.
- d) It is worth \_\_\_\_\_ comparing men's flirting with that of male chimpanzees.

2. Choose either an adjective or an adverb to complete the sentences below.

- a) Male chimpanzees act (similar) like humans when trying to get a female.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b) In the summer month people get lucky (fast).  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c) Women are (considerable) better at picking up body language than men.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d) Human beings acquire body language very (early).  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Transform the verbs in brackets into the correct past tense form and note them down below the text.

**CONFERENCE REPORT**

The conference was very successful. The seminars and talks were extremely interesting and it was obvious that all the speakers had prepared their material very thoroughly. Everyone agreed that this should become an annual event.

There were however a number of administration problems. When we (1. arrive) we discovered that the hotel manager (2. reserve) the wrong room for us and therefore (4. do not have) enough space. Unfortunately, he could not let us have the larger room because he had

given it to another group, even bigger than ours. He also (6. misunderstand) the letter explaining what food we required. In fact, we suspected that he had lost the letter. We do not recommend using that hotel again.

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4. Using the information given, complete each sentence with a suitable verb. Use the past perfect simple or continuous.

a) Patrick went to the disco. He came home very late. His mother was worried and she told him off when he got in.

Patrick's mother told him off when he came home late

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b) I lost my watch. We had looked for it for hours. I was very pleased when my friend found it.

I was very pleased when my friend found my watch we

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c) Isabel attended a language course. She made some new friends. She sent postcards to them. Isabel sent postcards to her new friends \_\_\_\_\_ while she was attending the language course.

5. Rewrite the following newspaper report using passive forms of the verbs underlined.

#### **DARING RAID AT LOCAL HOTEL**

Thieves (1) held the manager of the Ridgeway Hotel at gunpoint last night during a daring raid in which they (2) took nearly \$50,000 from the hotel safe. They also (3) broke into several of the bedrooms and removed articles of value.....

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6. Transfer the following sentences in relative sentences. Omit the relative pronoun if it is not needed

a) Male chimpanzees act much like humans when trying to seduce a female. The chimps often present the female with a gift.

b) Casanova was a famous womanizer. He used to prepare a cup of hot chocolate for his prospective ladies.

c) This is a survey. It reveals humans' flirting behaviour.

6. Complete the following if-sentences using the verb in brackets in the correct form.

a) The least successful Europeans in dating somebody are the Germans. But if they (manage) \_\_\_\_\_ to make themselves more attractive, they (be) \_\_\_\_\_ more successful in making an advance.

b) If I (want) \_\_\_\_\_ to be more successful in making an advance, I (seek) \_\_\_\_\_ help in a specially designed workshop.

c) Some men complain: If I (choose) \_\_\_\_\_ a more intelligent chat-up,  
I probably (win) \_\_\_\_\_ her heart.

**D Writing Comprehension**

Write about 100 words about your country's rules and traditions concerning young people starting a relationship!

Include in your text the following information:

- d) What are young men's common ways to propose?
- e) What roles in choosing a partner play the parents?
- f) Are couples allowed to live and to have children together without being married?
- g) Explain some unique traditions of your country which are important when getting married?