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**Auswahlverfahren für den Mittleren Auswärtigen Dienst**

**Sprachtest Englisch**  
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Der Test umfaßt **4 Aufgaben**.*

**Zeit : 30 Minuten**

## 1. READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text and answer the questions on the next page.

### **Welcome, number seven billion**

On October 31, 2011, earth's seven billionth inhabitant was born, according to official UN population estimates. Of course, the data are not really accurate enough to calculate the exact day or even year of the arrival of human number 7bn. But the symbolic moment has restarted the debate on "overpopulation".

Not since the "population bomb" alarm of the 1960s and early 1970s – when there were half as many people on the planet as there are today – has the issue been so prominent. The tone of the discussion is generally less pessimistic than it was 40 years ago, but the central concerns still remain: How many people can live sustainably on this planet? Can we feed a global population that is growing by 76m per year and will exceed 9bn by 2050? And will the growing number of people on the earth eventually cause catastrophic environmental damage, from climate change to mass extinction of wildlife?

Unfortunately, scientists cannot agree on an answer. "Estimates of how many humans the earth can support range from a billion to a trillion people," says Joel Cohen, head of the Laboratory of Populations at Rockefeller University, New York. "Those numbers are really 'political' numbers, designed to support a particular viewpoint."

However, Sir John Sulston of the University of Manchester, who is leading a study of global population for Britain's Royal Society, says the goal should not be to pack as many people as possible on to the planet. "We want to aim for a high quality of life and not just to scrape along."

Assuming there is no global disaster, the number of people on earth will pass 8bn within the next 15 years or so. And people will still disagree over whether the planet is overpopulated.

## Questions

Write "T" for true or "F" for false on the lines provided.

1. The birth date of the 7th billion human is based on a precise mathematical calculation. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The passing of the 7 billion mark has symbolic significance. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Forty years ago the tone of the discussion was optimistic. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Today's debate focuses on the same issues as the debate in 1960s and early 1970s. \_\_\_\_\_
5. One major concern is that people will not have enough food to eat. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The population is growing by more than 70m each year. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Scientists have reached a consensus on the issue. \_\_\_\_\_
8. People use population figures to support their own point of view. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Sir John Sulston argues that we should focus on quality of life rather than on numbers. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The earth's population is expected to double in the next 15 years. \_\_\_\_\_

**10 points**

## 2. VOCABULARY

Fill each gap with one correct word from the list. Do not use the same word twice.

child	enthusiasm	income	majority	pressure
combination	fashions	industry	network	streets
culture	flea	jobs	officials	village

### Second-hand clothes are big business

As a **1**..... growing up in Sierra Leone, Kemoh Bah loved his Michael Jackson T-shirt. "I was the only one with this kind of T-shirt in my **2**....., and I felt like I was part of American **3**.....," said Bah, outside his second-hand clothes shop in Freetown.

Second-hand clothes, which are sold on the **4**..... or in small boutiques, account for the **5**..... of outfits in Sierra Leone, where seven out of ten people have an **6**..... of less than \$2 a day. This booming **7**..... has grown to one billion dollars in Africa since 1990. But the **8**..... of western charity clothes and African **9**..... for top brands is not always good. Twelve countries in Africa have now banned their import.

The arrival of cheap clothes has put **10**..... on the local textiles industry, which is struggling to adapt to changing **11**..... But, on the other hand, the trade provides many desperately needed **12**.....

For example, each month a **13**..... of traffickers uses shipping containers to smuggle around 1.5 tonnes of clothes to Nigeria's Katangua market, the largest **14**..... market in the country. The clothes mostly come from Europe. These clothes are so popular that thousands of small-time traders also bribe border **15**..... to bring in their own supplies.

**15 points**

### 3. VERB EXERCISE

Fill in the correct form and tense of the verbs in the text below, e.g.

**Janine ...*didn't know*... (not / know) the way to the station so she asked for directions.**

#### Siemens abandoning nuclear power business

Last Sunday, Siemens **1**..... (announce) that it had stopped **2**..... (build) nuclear power stations anywhere in the world. Siemens is the first big company to change its strategy. But other German companies involved in the nuclear energy industry **3**..... (think) about different options too. Nuclear power **4**..... (account) for 23 percent of electricity production in Germany. Currently, the government **5**..... (put) into place a plan to increase the share of electricity made from renewable sources to 35 percent by 2020. Although the government's plan **6**..... (meet) with some skepticism since it was announced last year, Siemens Chief Executive Peter Löschner told *Der Spiegel* that this goal **7**..... (be) realistic.

But Siemens **8**..... (not / plan) to boycott the whole nuclear industry: the company intends to continue making systems that can **9**..... (use) in nuclear power stations. "In future, we **10**..... (provide) turbines for nuclear power plants, but we **11**..... (not / build) any plants ourselves."

Siemens **12**..... (have) more than 400,000 employees worldwide and **13**..... (make) products as diverse as high-speed trains and medical equipment. For some time now, it **14**..... (to be) one of the world's largest providers of environmental technologies and last year alone, this sector **15**..... (sell) goods worth €28 billion.

**15 points**

#### 4. GRAMMAR

Form the correct noun from the verbs given below.

e.g. to immigrate	..... <b>Immigration</b> ..... formalities for the United States are very strict.
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1. to begin            The students will return at the ..... of October.
2. to reserve        I've made a ..... for 8 o'clock.
3. to agree          Peru and Brazil signed the ..... on Monday.
4. to pronounce    The ..... of some Russian words is difficult.
5. to permit        My father has given me ..... to buy a car.
6. to fight          Mohammed Ali won the ..... in the tenth round.
7. to assist        Please call me if you require any .....
8. to defend        During the ..... of the city many civilians died.
9. to perform      I saw a fantastic ..... of Mamma Mia in Paris.
10. to produce     My company makes four ..... for the electronics market .

**10 points**