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The following changes in the German MATSEC Oral paper will come into effect as of May 2019. Candidates are to enter the examination room individually for this component and the examination section *Sprechen* will consist of three parts.

In the first part of the oral exam, candidates are expected to show they are in a position to introduce themselves, whereby they answer questions about themselves.

In the second part, candidates are expected to show that they are in a position to hold a role-play with the examiner by asking questions and answering accordingly following a number of points.

In the third part, candidates are presented with a picture and then have to discuss answers to questions posed by the examiner related to the picture.

More details can be found below.

Subtest 1 – Kontaktaufnahme – Self-presentation (2 minutes – 5 marks)

(i) Aim

The aim of this part of the section *Sprechen* is to test the candidates' ability to give details about themselves.

(ii) Format

Candidates enter the examination room individually and the examiner selects three questions from a number of questions provided for this task. The three questions help the candidates to speak about themselves. The examiner may ask further

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question/s if the candidate cannot relate to the question/s chosen by the examiner. This subtest should take 2 minutes for each candidate. If the examiner asks a question the candidate cannot relate to, the examiner chooses another one.

Subtest 2 – Dialog – Role Play (4 minutes – 10 marks)

(i) Aim

The aim of this part of the section *Sprechen* is to test the candidates' ability to hold a conversation, which would correspond to an actual situation in everyday life.

(i) Format

In this subtest, a situation will be presented to the candidate described in two to four lines. Furthermore, the examiner presents the candidate with a number of points that clearly indicate what the conversation/dialogue should be based on. The examiner will be the conversation partner and will start the conversation while the candidate will continue the conversation with the help of the written prompts.

This should take 4 minutes all.

Subtest 3 – Visual Prompt (4 minutes – 15 marks)

(i) Aim

The aim of this part of the section *Sprechen* is to test the candidates' ability to react to a theme related to the picture presented.

(ii) Format

The candidate is presented with a picture based on a theme and this will serve as a visual stimulus for the conversation. The candidate is expected to talk about the picture based on a theme, which will be introduced to him/her by the examiner. The examiner steps in with questions when required to prompt the candidate. The questions asked should support the flow of conversation.

This subtest will carry 15 marks and should be 4 minutes long.

**The allocation of marks and the scheme of assessment remains the same.**