

Tasks:

A. Listening Comprehension (see appendix)

20 BE 18 → 19

B. Reading Comprehension (see appendix)

20 BE 17

C. Writing:

40 BE 32,5

Choose one of the following tasks.

1. **Discuss** whether cultural traditions can justify liberal gun laws.

2. **Comment on** the extent to which gender inequality is still a **structural problem** in modern societies.

3. "Empowering women isn't just the right thing to do – it's the smart thing to do."
– Barack Obama

Write a blog post and **comment on** the statement.

Use your best handwriting and leave space on the right margin!



ALL THE BEST!

68,5 / 80 BE

1)

win blo. intro. by

2) back to

1) old structure from stereotypes

2) society evolved → old structure still exists

3)

1) women not still present

2) women still working → progress

old structure → not for the future

1) often used as diversity

2) both sides should fight

3) feminism → gender equality

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SCHRIFTLICHE PRÜFUNGSAUFGABE

auf erhöhtem Anforderungsniveau

zur Erlangung der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife an Deutschen Schulen im Ausland
(Regionalabitur - DIA)

- Aufgabentyp:** Leseverstehen
- Material:** Generation Z: "We have more to do than drink and take drugs." by
Nosheen Iqbal (2021)
- Quelle:** Guardian <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/jul/21/generation-z-has-different-attitudes-says-a-new-report>, 21 July 2018
(letzter Zugriff 05.12.2023)
- Hilfsmittel:** Ein- und zweisprachige Wörterbücher
- Bearbeitungszeit:** 30 Minuten

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Generation Z: “We have more to do than drink and take drugs” by Nosheen Iqbal

They drink less, take far fewer drugs, and have made teenage pregnancy a near anomaly. Generation Z – one of several terms used to describe post-millennial youth born after 1996 – prefer juice bars to pub crawls, rank quality family time ahead of sex and prioritise good grades before friendship. [...]

- 5 An onslaught of sneering headlines followed, characterising today's youth as boring, sensible and hopelessly screen-addicted.

So, are the kids all right?

- “We have so much more to do than [just] drink and take drugs,” says Demi Babalola, a 19-year-old philosophy and sociology student. “I’m not surprised those [statistics] show that’s the case: it makes sense. We have a lot more to distract us now.”

- What’s her biggest time stealer? “Social media.” Babalola toggles between Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram, although she rolls her eyes at the mention of Facebook, full as it is of “older people”.

- But it’s not just the breadth of entertainment and culture that is so instantly available – and disposable – to Babalola and her peers. There is also a growing feeling that the preoccupations of her parents’ generation seem, well, a bit lame.

“Going out takes a lot of effort: it’s boring, repetitive and expensive,” she says. “Obviously, I used to go out a lot in my first year [at university], but now we do more kickbacks.” [...]

- The cliché that many young people spend far too much time online,⁷ instead of indulging in a romanticised form of rebellion, may have some truth, but as futurologist Rhiannon McGregor points out, Gen Z-ers are more cautious and risk-averse than their parents, partly because that technology exists.³

“They’re aware from an early age of how they’re portrayed online and offline, so they curate¹ themselves in a more conservative way,” she says. (In other words, no one wants to be publicly shamed getting messy or being recklessly daft.)

- 25 “But they’re also more socially aware and see themselves as part of a global community.² It’s easier to get and feel connected to someone in Africa or Asia and share concerns about climate change, for instance.”

Clara Finnigan, 22, who grew up in Devon and is in her final year at the University of Arts London, points out that one size doesn’t fit all. She still goes out, “often to gay clubs”.

- 30 She believes her generation is unfairly judged and that it reports levels of stress and depression that are higher than ever because of the economic and political state of the world it has inherited.

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"The whole anxiety of **not having stability in your future** is something that is definitely very present. I won't probably ever own my own house, unless I get really lucky."

35 She slumps in her seat at the pretentiously swanky bar we meet in. "I just want what previous generations have had: you work hard, you reap the rewards of that. **Sometimes I feel a bit hopeless because** [my degree and hard work] won't make a difference.

"I don't expect to have one full-time gig; my career won't be defined by one job. I know I'll have to do stuff I don't enjoy to be able to do passion projects that I do."

40 Amelia Colthart, a 22-year-old graduate from Leicester, and Myesha Owen Munro, a 17-year-old A-level student from north London, both agree.

"At my age, my parents and my grandparents owned their own home," says Colthart. "I don't go out clubbing – I know my limits. I go to friends' houses [for kickbacks], but **I have to prioritise my career goals because it's a lot harder to achieve what I want.**"

45 Owen Munro adds: "**My generation feels bitter about all the things we won't be able to do because of what the older generation chose.**"

The subjects of Brexit and of dropping out of university to **pursue less mind-bogglingly expensive apprenticeships** come up a lot. As does a consistent refusal to accept that anyone should be defined by traditional markers of identity.

50 "We're more inclusive," says Babalola. "You can do what you want as long as you don't harm anyone and stay safe. **It's about freedom.** Previous generations always made distinct separations between being gay or straight. [...]"

While statistics show that smoking, drinking and clubbing may be in decline for today's young people, the **health and wellness industry is booming with the same demographic** – in part, because these young people have had so much information at their disposal. [...]

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Assignments:

1. True or false

3 BE

Read the text, then decide whether the following statements are true or false. Tick the appropriate boxes. If the statement is wrong, correct it in the space provided.

Statement	True	False
1. Generation Z youth love to go out with friends.	☐	☒
Correction: "going out takes a lot of effort: it's boring, repetitive and expensive" (l. 16)		
2. They are looking forward to owning a home.	☐	☒
Correction: "I won't probably ever own my own house, unless I get really lucky" (l. 32-33)		
3. A report about Alcohol Studies says that they drink less than other generations.	☒	☐
Correction:		

2. Finish the sentence by **ticking** the correct box. Give a suitable quotation from the text to support the correct sentence. (2 BE)

What consumes most of their time is....

- ☐ going out with friends.
- ☒ Social Media.
- ☐ pursuing their career goals.

Line(s) 11 : "What's her biggest time stealer? 'Social Media'."

3. Name three characteristics with which today's youth are often described. (3 BE)

- a. boring
- b. senile

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c. hopelessly screen-addicted

4. Explain why Generation Z-ers will be growing older than previous generations. (3 BE)
Give suitable line numbers from the text and write them in brackets.

Because they avoid harmful substances and focus on
their own career ~~and~~, while being aware of more risks
(ll. 7-9, 20-21).
// more precise

5. Explain why Clara Finnigan believes her generation is unfairly judged. (3 BE)
Give suitable line numbers from the text and write them in the brackets.

Because not all of the people from that generation act the
same, ~~the~~ and she, for instance, still goes out clubbing.
They are also very stressed and anxious (ll. 28-37).
// more imprecise

6. Outline Generation Z's handling of social media in three aspects. (3 BE)

^Z
They - more cautious and avoid risks because of information
- They are concerned with their public image
- They feel more connected to others and share experiences globally

7. Point out the main differences between previous generations and the Generation Z.
Name three aspects.

Give suitable line numbers from the text and write them in the brackets. (3 BE)
- Generation Z drinks and (smokes) less ~~and~~, so healthier (ll. 7-9)
- " is more stressed and depressed (ll. 30-37, 52-54)
- " focuses more on future because of instabilities (ll. 30-37,
2-4, 32-
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