Leaving Cert German
Das Projekt
Mündliche Prüfung

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In the second part of the Leaving Cert German oral exam, candidates must either present a project on a syllabus topic that is of interest to them or choose one of the five assigned picture sequences at random.

Ideas for projects can be obtained in Section III ‘Cultural Awareness’ of the Leaving Certificate German Syllabus.

Marking:
This part is worth 30 out of the 100 available marks for the Oral Exam.

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<td>Uninterrupted verbal presentation of the project (This shouldn’t exceed two minutes)</td>
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<td>Clarification of aspects of content and explanation of the process of doing a project (i.e. further questioning)</td>
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<td>Candidate’s opinion on a related wider issue or theme (Bare this in mind when choosing your project)</td>
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SEC Guidelines*:
“Candidates who take the project option will be required to show to the oral examiner appropriate evidence of their project (poster/wall chart, picture, scrap-book, videotape, audio cassette, etc.). They will also bring it with them to the examination and hand it to the examiner, but may point or refer to parts of it during the examination”.

“Ideally, projects should be written/labelled/spoken in simple German on a syllabus topic of interest to the candidate. The candidate should speak about it in simple German”.

“The project should be worked on in the course of the current two-year Leaving Certificate cycle”.

• The Project can be typed or neatly handwritten
• Otherwise it can be recorded (using video or cassette with transcript)
• Use clear and easy to follow headings
• Be sure to pay attention to grammar
• You must write your project in your own words and not plagiarise!
SEC Tips for Doing the Project*:

Choosing the theme:
Ask yourself the following questions:
•  What do I know about the theme?
•  Does the theme interest me?
•  Who is the project for? (Classmates, parents, teachers, the public e.g. project days, parallel classes etc.)
•  What aspect(s) of the theme do I want to portray?
•  How I can inform myself of the theme?

Goal of the project:
•  What do I want to achieve with this project?
•  What question(s) do I want to answer through the project

Gathering information:
•  What sources of information can I use? (Library, visit an organisation or company, interview, survey, phone calls, writing letters, magazines, the internet, teachers, people in Germany etc.)

Content
•  What are the main points of information in the project?
•  How can I summarise the sources?
•  How will the project be laid out? (Portrayal of information using subheadings)
•  How can I integrate surveys, pictures, photos, tables, letters etc. in my project, in order to illustrate it?

Conclusion
•  What did I learn?
•  Did I achieve my goal? Did I answer the question(s)?
•  Did something interesting, useful or new come out of this that I didn’t expect?
•  What is my opinion on the theme now?

Layout
How do I want to show my project? As a poster, wall newspaper, with pictures, as a scrapbook, video, cassette or portfolio etc.?

2. Fragen zum Projekt

Below are a list of general questions commonly asked on the project option.

(1) Erzählen Sie mir über Ihr Projekt!
(Tell me about your project)

(2) Erzählen Sie mit eigenen Worten und in einfachen Sätzen, wovon Ihr Projekt handelt und was die Hauptantworten sind, die Sie auf Ihre Frage bei der Durchführung des Projekts bekommen haben
(Tell me in your own words and in simple sentences, what your project is about and the main answers to your questions brought about by doing the project)

(3) Warum haben Sie dieses Thema gewählt?
(Why did you choose this theme?)

(4) Wie lange haben Sie gebraucht, um das Projekt durchzuführen?
(How long did it take you to carry out the project?)

(5) Wo haben Sie die Informationen für das Projekt gesammelt?
(Where did you gather the information for your project?)

(6) Wer hat Ihnen dabei geholfen?
(Who helped you with it?)

(7) Was ist in Irland anders?
(What is different in Ireland?)

(8) Hatten Sie bei der Durchführung des Projekts Schwierigkeiten?
(Did you have any difficulties in carrying out the project?)

Be prepared for further questioning on the content of your project and its associated themes. Be sure that you understand everything you write or say and identify possible questions to what you have included. For example, if you choose the theme of German companies, be sure to prepare responses to questions associated with this, such as which one you would like to work for, why you might work there, if they are popular in Ireland, if you do Leaving Cert Business etc.
Below are a list of useful phrases for the project.

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<td>I did my project on ...</td>
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<td>Mein Projekt heißt ...</td>
<td>My project is called ...</td>
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<td>Ich habe dieses Thema gewählt, weil ich für ... schwärme!</td>
<td>I chose this theme, because I adore ...</td>
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<td>Ich habe großes Interesse an ...</td>
<td>I have a big interest in ...</td>
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<td>Ich finde ... sehr interessant.</td>
<td>I find ... very interesting.</td>
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<td>Meiner Meinung nach ist ... ein sehr wichtiges Thema.</td>
<td>In my opinion, ... is an important theme.</td>
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<td>Ich habe einige Informationen in Büchern gefunden.</td>
<td>I found some information in books.</td>
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<td>Ich habe viele Informationen im Internet gefunden.</td>
<td>I found lots of information on the internet.</td>
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<td>Ich kenne jemanden, der aus Deutschland kommt.</td>
<td>I know somebody who comes from Germany.</td>
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<td>Mein Deutschlehrer hat mir geholfen.</td>
<td>My German teacher helped me.</td>
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<td>Es gab einige Informationen in unserem Lehrbuch.</td>
<td>There was some information in our textbook.</td>
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<td>Ich bin in die Staatsbibliothek gegangen.</td>
<td>I went to the national library.</td>
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<td>Ich habe mein Projekt letztes Jahr begonnen und dieses Jahr fertiggemacht.</td>
<td>I started my project last year and finished it this year.</td>
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<td>Ich habe insgesamt viel daran gearbeitet.</td>
<td>I worked a lot on it altogether.</td>
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