



Kanton Zürich  
Bildungsdirektion



# Aufnahmeprüfung 2016 für die Berufsmaturitätsschulen des Kantons Zürich

Englisch

Serie: A<sub>1</sub>

Dauer: 30 Minuten

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Hilfsmittel: keine

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Vorname: \_\_\_\_\_

Adresse: \_\_\_\_\_

Nummer: \_\_\_\_\_

Maximal erreichbare Punktzahl:	50	Punkte		
- Textverständnis	15	Punkte	.....	Punkte
- Textproduktion	15	Punkte	.....	Punkte
- Sprachbetrachtung	20	Punkte	.....	Punkte

Erreichte Punktzahl ..... Punkte

Prüfungsnote (auf halbe Noten gerundet) .....

Die Expertin / der Experte:

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## TASK 1 Reading

### Hundreds of Prairie Dogs relocated to New Homes

#### **Part 1**

Most mornings, wildlife biologist Jessica Van Woeart and her team go to work armed with peanut butter. In the fields in southern Utah they use it to help trap prairie dogs and move them away from those people who have been suffering from these animals for years.

Van Woeart's team is doing something that was relatively rare and complicated until 2013, when a court judge removed the status "endangered species" for the Utah prairie dog.

#### **Part 2**

The Utah prairie dog is the smallest of five species and lives in underground colonies in the southern part of the state. Believed to play a key-role in the ecosystem, the numbers of this species dropped dramatically as land was cleared for farmland and housing and they were listed as "endangered" in 1973. Although the population has increased again to about 28,000, its status was upgraded to "threatened".

But the animals felt anything but rare to locals. "They are cute little things, but they cause so much damage," said Sharon Peterson, a resident whose backyard used to look like a sea of the little squirrel-like creatures. After the 2013 court decision, the number of prairie dogs near Peterson's house dropped.

#### **Part 3**

Jessica Van Woeart's technicians put out rectangular traps filled with peanut butter in and around *Cedar City*, about 250 miles south of *Salt Lake City*. They check them every hour or so, and they are usually not disappointed. Some days, they catch more than 100. After they are caught, the technicians weigh the prairie dogs, tag them with a number and then load them into the back of a pickup truck for an hour-long drive.

Their new homes are prepared in advance, a system of artificial underground tunnels. The workers hold the traps over the new home, open the door and let the dogs disappear into the tunnels.

#### **Part 4**

About 2,500 animals were caught this summer. They were taken to a series of similar locations. The workers leave food and water and try to keep the highly social animals together to reduce their level of stress, but many of them will not survive in the new environment. After a year, just 10 to 15 percent of the creatures typically remain at the new sites.

"When you take an animal out of its natural setting and move it to a new location you can expect a fairly high mortality rate," said Keith Day who works for the prairie dog program. Still, he said that trapping an animal and moving it is better than the deadly methods that angry people use to get rid of them. "If we can put a prairie dog out on federal land and raise a new colony, that's better than letting somebody shoot it."

*adapted from an article on <http://tweentribune.com/article/> published on 1 October 2015*

### TASK 1a

- Read the text and then decide if the following statements are **True (T)** or **False (F)**.
- If there is not enough information to answer *True* or *False*, choose **Doesn't say (DS)**.

**Example:**

Text: Sarah is in her twenties.                    T      F     DS

Statement: Sarah is 18 years old.

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| 1. Jessica Van Woeart and her team cover their arms with peanut butter when they go to work.                              | T | F | DS |
| 2. Until 2013, the Utah prairie dog was protected as an “endangered species”.   | T | F | DS |
| 3. The prairie dogs are an important part of the local ecosystem.   | T | F | DS |
| 4. The number of Utah prairie dogs dropped to a few hundred in 1973.  | T | F | DS |
| 5. After the court-decision in 2013, the prairie dogs disappeared completely from Sharon Peterson's backyard.             | T | F | DS |
| 6. The traps are checked hourly and most of the time the technicians find a prairie dog inside.                           | T | F | DS |
| 7. The new homes for the prairie dogs are prepared for them after they arrive.  | T | F | DS |
| 8. More animals were caught this summer than any before.  | T | F | DS |
| 9. The prairie dog is an animal which prefers to be on its own.   | T | F | DS |
| 10. Even though a lot of prairie dogs don't survive their relocation, Keith Day believes that it is a preferred solution. | T | F | DS |

Points: \_\_\_\_/10

### TASK 1b

- Read the text and find the word matching the definition.
- The words you need to find follow the order of the text, you are told the relevant part of the text. If the word you need is a verb write the infinitive of the verb.

**Example:**

Text: The king was very popular.

Definition: liked or enjoyed by a large number of people                    popular

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| 1. to catch something in a place and prevent it from escaping<br>(Part 1)                     | to _____ |
| 2. describing groups of animals, plants, etc. that are at risk of no longer existing (Part 1) | _____    |
| 3. a group of animals that live together in the same place (Part 2)                           | _____    |
| 4. to fasten a mark on something (or an animal) in order to identify it (Part 3)              | to _____ |
| 5. place (Part 4)   | _____    |

Points: \_\_\_\_/5

**TASK 2**

**Writing**

**Which object that you own would you never give away? Why?  
Write a short text of about 60 words.**

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**Content: \_\_\_\_/3**

**Vocabulary: \_\_\_\_/6**

**Grammar: \_\_\_\_/6**

**Points: \_\_\_\_/15**

### TASK 3

Complete the text with the correct form of the word in brackets or with a suitable word/phrase if no word is given.

**Example:** *Julia would like to meet (meet) you tonight.*

1. He is a very bad singer. He sings \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) than me.
2. The merger of the two companies doesn't have an influence on the \_\_\_\_\_ (employ) situation.
3. Yesterday, Yannis saw it clearly before his mind's eye while he \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) dinner.
4. Missy Elliot \_\_\_\_\_ (write) and produced several hit singles for other artists.
5. My best friend Mike, \_\_\_\_\_ lives in London, works in the same company.
6. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ (woman) working for low salaries.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ (develop) of this product is important.
8. I haven't talked to my parents for a long time I think I haven't talked to them \_\_\_\_\_ last year.
9. If Guy \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) his homework tomorrow, he'll go to the party.
10. She was very happy and waved to everybody \_\_\_\_\_ (cheerful).

**Points:** \_\_\_\_\_/10

## TASK 4

**Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. The words need not be the same.**

**Example:**

0. *John is a better swimmer than Peter.*

*Peter is not as good a swimmer as John.*

1. Basel now has the tallest building in Switzerland  
Basel is the city \_\_\_\_\_ the tallest building.
2. He's a very good singer.  
He sings \_\_\_\_\_.
3. John's shoes cost £10, Brian's £8 and Peter's £6.  
Peter's shoes were \_\_\_\_\_ expensive.
4. Derek moved to England in 2000.  
Derek \_\_\_\_\_ in England for 16 years.
5. The travel agency booked a flight for me to New York.  
A flight to New York \_\_\_\_\_ for me by the travel agency.
6. We are really happy to go on holiday.  
We are looking \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday.
7. Edison invented the light bulb.  
Edison is the man \_\_\_\_\_ the light bulb.
8. What is the price of a new iPhone?  
\_\_\_\_\_ new iPhone cost?
9. Don Johnson is a hard worker.  
Don Johnson works \_\_\_\_\_.
10. He won't help me unless I pay him.  
\_\_\_\_\_, he'll help me.

**Points: \_\_\_\_\_/10**