

**You are not permitted access to dictionaries, cell phones or computers for this placement exercise.**

Develop as many of these topics as you can, writing exclusively in German.

Please avoid using complex sentence structure.

It's critical that you keep it simple, and use vocabulary and structures you are familiar with.

*If an important word is needed for comprehension, but the German equivalent is not known, an occasional word in English could be inserted.*

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### **Essay #1** *(Develop this using several paragraphs)*

Tell us about yourself, your family and your circle of friends. What is your name, how old are you, where do you live? Describe yourself and your family members. What does everyone look like? If you have a small family make sure to describe other close people such as relatives and friends. Do you have pets?

Share details about your house, yard and neighborhood. What do you like to do after school, and on the weekends?

### **Essay # 2**

Tell us about a trip to the supermarket. What must you buy for your family, and which ones will you absolutely never buy? What foods do you and your family like to eat? What foods do you not prefer? At what time do you eat your meals, and with whom? Are there special times for special meals? Develop the topic as much as you can.

### **Essay # 3** Past Tense. *(If you are not comfortable writing in the past tense, include this information in Essay #1.)*

Tell us about your last school year. What classes did you take? Did you like your classes? Did you have favorites? How were the teachers, your classmates etc.. What did you do on Saturdays or what did you do for fun in general?

### **Essay # 4** Future Tense

Think about the future. Tell us about you when you will be 19 years of age. What will you be doing? Going to college? Working? Working part-time? Where will you live? What will do in your spare time?

*If you are not comfortable using the future tense, write in the présent.*

*Vary your vocabulary. Develop the topic, demonstrating your proficiency in German.*