

English I Época Normal

2016-2017

5 June 2017

Time allowed: 2 hours

NOTE: During the exam students may consult a dictionary, which must not contain any handwritten notes. Students are NOT allowed to consult any electronic device or extra notes or materials.

The answers to question B, numbers 1-8 are to be written on the exam question paper. All other answers are to be written on a separate sheet.

A. Writing (13.5 points)

Consider the information in figure 1. Write an analytical exposition (250-300 words) in response to the following question:

To what extent is Jihadi terrorism a serious threat for Europe?

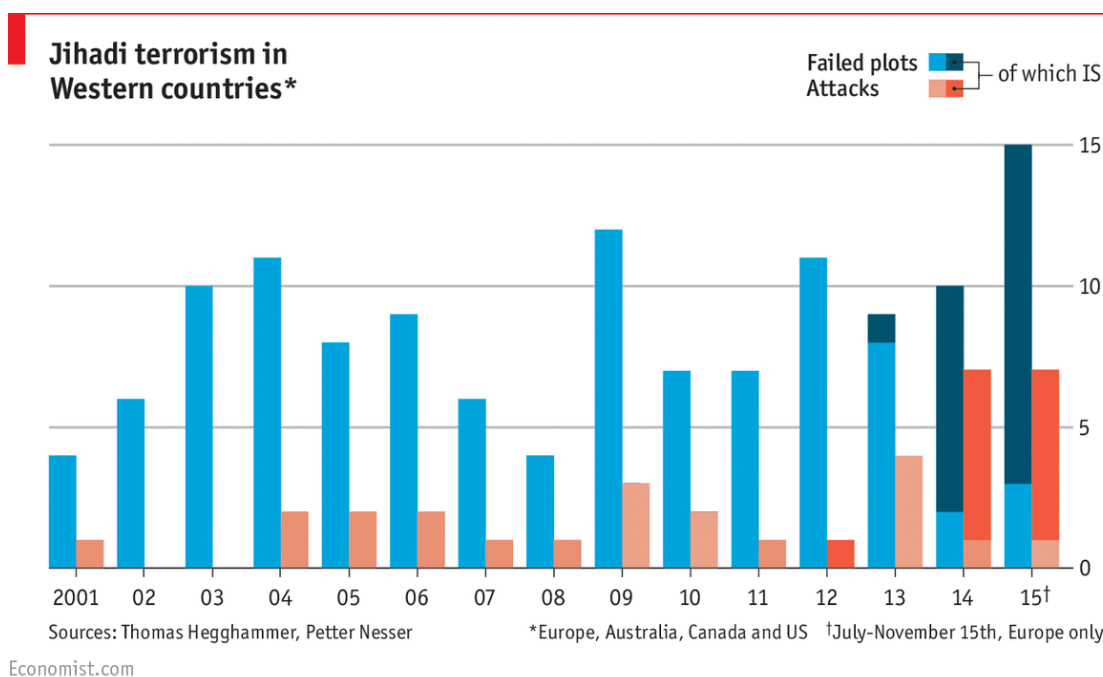


Figure 1: Jihadi terrorism in western countries

Your text will be marked on content, discourse management and genre, range and appropriacy of vocabulary and structures, and grammatical accuracy.

B. Reading Comprehension (4.55 points)

Read the text on page 2, then answer the questions that follow on pages 3 and 4.

The enigmatic loner suspected of Dortmund bus bombing

Guy Chazan in Freudenstadt

1. In July 2015, star students at the Heinrich Schickhardt vocational college in Freudenstadt were treated to a little homespun wisdom from the deputy head. Everyone, said Ursula Wolf, must find their own way in life: “It doesn’t matter if you take a straight road to your goal, or a winding path — as long as you move in the right direction”. If German
5. prosecutors are to be believed, one of **her** students took a path so winding he ended up in prison. Sergej W, who was awarded a prize that day for one of the best exam results of the year, was arrested last month on suspicion of bombing the Borussia Dortmund football team just minutes before a crucial European fixture.

- It is a case without precedent in Germany, and one that has shocked the country to
10. its core. Prosecutors claim the attack was motivated by greed. They say that on the day of the explosion, Sergej W — German authorities do not reveal a suspect’s full name — bought thousands of put-options on Borussia Dortmund shares, betting they would slump. They didn’t, and a few days later, as he arrived at work in the southern city of
 15. Tübingen, the 28-year-old Russian-German was apprehended by police. Held in a high-security prison in Stuttgart, he is being investigated for attempted murder, causing an explosion and grievous bodily harm.

- Prosecutors claim the young Russian-German set his plan in motion on April 9, when he checked in to the L’Arrivée hotel in Dortmund, the same **one** used by the eponymous Bundesliga team. Using the hotel’s WiFi he bought thousands of put options
20. in Borussia Dortmund shares from online bank Comdirect. **These** would have yielded a profit of several hundred thousand euros if the shares had crashed — which they might have done if several players had been killed. Prosecutors believe he installed three bombs stuffed with metal pins in a hedge near the hotel and detonated them, possibly using a mobile phone, as the Dortmund team bus drove past. The blast was so powerful
 25. that one metal shard was found 250m away from the bus. A player, Marc Batra, and a policeman, were hurt. Hotel staff noted that while other guests in the L’Arrivée’s restaurant ran in panic, Sergej W calmly ordered a steak. But **his bet** failed: the Borussia share price didn’t fall. It even ended up on the day after the attack, closing 1.8 per cent higher at €5.71 after a brief dip. Meanwhile, Comdirect had noticed his unusual trades
 30. and tipped off the Financial Intelligence Unit of the Bundeskriminalamt, the federal police agency. ...

- Though the attack was well-planned, Sergej W had, according to investigators, made a number of key mistakes. The second of the three bombs was placed too high off
35. the ground to have much effect. The three letters he left at the scene claiming responsibility, each containing the words “In the name of Allah”, were amateurish and unconvincing. And he used the IP-address of the L’Arrivée to do his deal, leading police straight to him. Yet prosecutors still have much work to do to prove his guilt. Investigators believe he had his own amateur bomb-making laboratory — but have yet to find it. And there appears to be no hard evidence connecting him to the explosives used
 40. in the attack. Despite **that**, authorities felt they had enough proof to detain him, which they did on April 21.

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B. Reading comprehension (cont.)

Choose **one** answer to each question and write the letter clearly in the box. [e.g. *b*]
(0.35 points each)

1. The main purpose of the article is
a. to argue a point of view.
b. to explain a phenomenon.
c. to report a recent event.
d. to discuss a recent issue.
2. What is the point of including Ursula Wolf's quote at the beginning?
a. It shows that Sergej W was directly encouraged to do what he did.
b. It shows that Sergej W was a good student and listened to his deputy head.
c. It criticises the deputy head's approach to mentoring the students.
d. None of the alternatives is correct.
3. Which statement is true?
a. In the period 9 - 10 April the Borussia Dortmund share price rose continually.
b. In the period 9-10 April the Borussia Dortmund share price dropped then rose.
c. On 9 April the Borussia Dortmund share price closed higher than it started.
d. In the period 9-10 April the Borussia Dortmund share price slumped.
4. What led the police to suspect Sergej W?
a. He ate steak instead of running.
b. He was staying at the L'Arrivée on the day of the attack.
c. An online bank connected his financial activity with the date.
d. They were notified by an online bank of his unusual trading of Borussia Dortmund shares on 9 April.
5. Which statement is false?
a. Sergej W made a profit on his put options on Borussia Dortmund shares.
b. Sergej W's letters did not sound like a terrorist vindication.
c. Nobody died as a result of the bomb explosion.
d. The police have not found where the bomb was made.
6. Why did Sergej W plant the bombs?
a. He wanted to show he was a jihadist.
b. He wanted to make money.
c. He was angry with several Borussia Dortmund football players.
d. None of the alternatives is true.
7. According to German prosecutors, Sergej W
a. committed a terrorist attack.
b. attempted murder.
c. is guilty of manslaughter.
d. None of the alternatives is correct.

8. What is the best 1-sentence summary of the article?
- a. According to police Sergej W imitated a Jihadist terrorist act on a football team in order to earn some money.
 - b. The German police suspect Sergej W of having planned and carried out a bomb attack on a football team.
 - c. Germany has been shocked by Sergej W's terrorist act of bombing a football team.
 - d. Terrorism has led to copy-cat acts by non-Jihadists.



B. Reading comprehension (cont.)

Reference, substitution and ellipsis

What do the following items (highlighted in the text) refer to? I.e. what is their specific meaning in this particular text? (0.35 points each)

- 9. her (line 5)
- 10. one (line 18)
- 11. These (line 20)
- 12. his bet (line 27)
- 13. that (line 40)

C. Vocabulary (1.95 points)

Complete each sentence with an expression similar in meaning to the explanation in brackets. The first letter of the keyword is given to help you. All letters are in lower case. You might need to add a preposition and you will need to conjugate verbs. (0.39 points each)

- 1. Islamic state leaders have begun to **f.....** Mosul, leaving foreign fighters behind to face the Iraqi army and Kurdish forces that are advancing on the city, a US general has said. (run away from)
- 2. Scottish farmers face losing hundreds of millions of pounds in **s.....** after Brexit unless the UK government increases funding for Holyrood. (a sum of money granted by the state or a public body to help an industry or business keep the price of a commodity or service low)
- 3. London agency Foxtons says the **p..... m.....** on lettings is about 30%. (the amount by which revenue from sales exceeds costs in a business)
- 4. The **y.....** on Spain's 10-year bonds hit 6.166% yesterday. (the amount of profit a tax or investment makes)
- 5. Energy costs account for as much as a fifth of business expenditure so investing in efficiency can lead to gains in **c..... a.....** (a condition or circumstance that puts a company in a favourable or superior business position)

Answers

A. Writing (13.5 points)

A good answer will follow the generic structure of an analytical exposition, presenting a clear thesis statement in the introduction, arguments supporting it in the development, and reiteration in the conclusion. The register should be relatively formal, with few overtly subjective or personal lexico-grammatical selections. Information flow should be clearly maintained through use of conjunctions and appropriate thematic development.

B. Reading comprehension 4.55

(0.35 points each) (0.35 points each)

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| 1. c | 9. her (line 5) | Ursula Wolf, the deputy head (reference) |
| 2. d | 10. one (line 18) | hotel (substitution) |
| 3. b | 11. These (line 20) | The put options on Borussia Dortmund shares that Sergej W bought (reference) |
| 4. d | | |
| 5. a | | |
| 6. b | 12. his bet (line 27) | Sergej W's bet that the Borussia Dortmund shares would fall in price (reference) |
| 7. b | 13. that (line 40) | the fact that the police have found neither Sergej W's amateur bomb-making laboratory nor evidence that connects him to the explosive used in the attack (reference) |
| 8. a | | |

C. Vocabulary (0.39 points each)

1. flee;
2. subsidy;
3. profit margin;
4. yield;
5. competitive advantage.

