

TEXAS STATE GERMAN CONTEST

Extemporaneous Speaking, Levels 3, 4, & Advantaged Critique Sheet

Contestant: _____ Circle level: 3 4 Adv

School: _____

Judges' Names: _____

Beginning time (speech): _____ Ending time (speech): _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

Please make sure you have read the "Instructions to Judges" sheet in your packet. Each judge should fill out his/her own critique sheet for each entry. Make at least a few comments on each sheet. Determine the winners by adding all the points given by the judges. **Double-check your addition.** Fill out the results sheet after ALL entries have been judged.

RULES

Two entries per school per level: Level 3, Level 4. The contestant will draw a topic at the beginning of his/her time slot. The topics will not be technical and will pertain to daily life. Different contestants will receive different topics, but the topics will be of approximately equal difficulty. After drawing a topic, the contestant will have a maximum of 10 minutes to prepare. He/she may write during this time, but no books or dictionaries may be used in preparation, and NO notes, even those made during the preparation period, may be used in the speech. Speech time: Level 3, 1-3 minutes; Level 4, 2-4 minutes.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

- Content, Depth, and Organization:** Answers the question accurately with topic-appropriate tense and mood. Student uses an organized introduction and conclusion as he/she answers the question thoroughly with a variety of points and justifications, rather than a simple listing of items or events. (0-20 points)
- Language style:** Uses German intonation and sentence patterns, uses transitions so that speech flows in concise sentences, with logical connections. Avoids non-German structures. (0-20 points).
- Complexity and Difficulty:** Student attempts advanced structures, appropriate to learner level. More credit is given for correct, complex structures. Student uses a variety of level-appropriate and specific vocabulary. Use of circumlocution for a rare word is also given consideration. (0-20 points)
- Voice, diction, and pronunciation:** German is correct and understandable. Voice is audible and easily understood, speaks with different rates, pitches, and volumes to give vocal variety (0-20 points).
- Communication:** Communicates well, is poised and avoids distracting movements, but uses voice and body to emphasize his/her points. Student presents self in a presentational (rather than conversational) manner. (0-20 points).

TOTAL POINTS: (100 possible) _____

MORE COMMENTS TO HELP THE CONTESTANT (Write on back if necessary)