English Contest 2022 - BHS

DATE: Monday, 7th March 2022 08:00 – approx. 13:00
PLACE: WiFi Dornbirn, Bahnhofstraße 24, Hörsaal WiFi Campus

Contestants

Each BHS may nominate two candidates as well as a substitute.

Requirements

Candidates are expected to be able to react to visual stimuli and to express their own opinion interactively in a discussion as well as to give a short presentation.

Topics will relate to the candidates’ personal environment, culture and society in general, politics, economy and ecology, the importance of technology, tourism and travel, the world of work and global current issues.

Course of events

08:30 Introduction

08:40: Round 1

2 – 3 minutes per candidate

- Self-presentation of the candidate
- Reaction to given stimuli (pictures, cartoons, graphs, etc.)
- Answer a question by the moderator
- No preparation time

9 candidates get on to the next round

Approx. 09:45: Round 2

Group discussions in 3 groups – 15 minutes each

Introduction of topic by the moderator
- Giving one’s opinion, reacting and interacting, respecting discussion rules
- Above topics
- No preparation time
Approx. 10:45: Break

Approx. 11:15: Round 3

5 candidates
4 minutes each

- Above topics → creative ideas desirable
- Convincing and persuasive arguments required
- Preparation time: 15 minutes

Winner and ranks nominated by jury!

Members of the jury

To be announced

Moderator

- Bronwyn Konrad

Award ceremony

Friday, 11th March 2022 15:00 – WIFI, Saal der Wirtschaft

Assessment criteria

Language: intonation, pronunciation, fluency, accuracy, range of vocabulary
Content: coherence, relevance, accuracy
Interaction: politeness, self-confidence, body language

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Examples from the last four years

The pictures show the powerpoint slides that were used in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 one after the other. If you'd like to have the actual powerpoint files to practice with, write an email to barbara.sonner@hak-bregenz.at

Contest 2016:
The Globalised World
You’re taking part in a panel discussion about GLOBALISATION and your task is to state your point of view on the following:

- Outsourcing
- Free Trade and Free Trade Agreements like TTIP
- Global players (multinational companies)
- Global institutions like the World Trade Organisation (WTO), International Monetary Fund (IMF) or UN (United Nations), etc.
- Developed and developing nations
- Regional living conditions and economic growth
- UNCTAD solutions for existing problems

Third Round
Applying for a loan to start a business

- Give brief information about your personal and professional background.
- Describe the product/service you want to sell/offer and why you think it would be a successful enterprise.
- Mention your professional training and acquired skills that would qualify you for that type of business.
- Convince the board that you are a perfect fit for the loan by telling them which specific plans you have already made for your business to work.

12:00 Announcement of winners

END

→ Award ceremony
Friday, 5 March, 15:00
WIFI Dornbirn, Saal der Wirtschaft
Contest 2017

BHS-Englischwettbewerb 2017

Contest 2017

Timetable
08:30 Introduction
08:40 First Round
09:30 Break
09:40 Second Round
10:40 Break
11:15 Third Round
12:00 Announcement of Winners

Moderator
Bronwyn Konrad

Members of the Jury
Bronwen Rolls
Emma Genoy
Jing Lu

Criteria
- Language
  Pronunciation, intonation
  Vocab, register, structure, coherence
- Content
- Relevance
- Social competence/personality
  Initiative, interaction, identification

First Round

Candidates
- present themselves
- answer questions
- describe pictures

Candidate 1
Second Round

09:50 Discussion group 1 → 3 candidates
10:10 Discussion group 2 → 3 candidates
10:30 Discussion group 3 → 3 candidates

Vorarlberg – Business Opportunities

At an international business fair, you are invited to talk about business opportunities in Vorarlberg. With four other candidates, you discuss your home state’s advantages. Try to include thoughts:

- Different business sectors: tourism, technology, food, packaging, manufacturing, textile, etc.
- Vorarlberg as a market
- Vorarlberg as location for business headquarters or subsidiaries
- Quality of life in Vorarlberg
- Geographical position

Third Round

Presentations of 5 finalists

11:00 Preparation - candidate 1
11:05 Preparation - candidate 2
11:10 Preparation - candidate 3
11:15 Preparation - candidate 4
11:20 Preparation - candidate 5
11:20 Presentation - candidate 1
11:25 Presentation - candidate 2
11:30 Presentation - candidate 3
11:35 Presentation - candidate 4
11:40 Presentation - candidate 5

Third Round

For your new company (sector of your choice), you have to come up with an idea for an advertisement of a new product/service (your choice):

- Give brief information on the product/service
- Mention which medium would be your first choice for advertising
- Describe the specific details of your advert (text, picture, plot of the TV spot, etc.)
- What would make your advert unmistakable? (design, jingle, logo, etc.)

12:00 Announcement of winners

END

Award ceremony
Friday, 10 March, 15:00
WIFI Dornbirn, Saal der Wirtschaft
Contest 2018

Timetable
- 08:30 Introduction
- 08:40 First Round
- 09:30 Break
- 09:50 Second Round
- 10:35 Break
- 11:15 Third Round
- 12:00 Announcement of Winners

Moderator
Bronwyn Konrad

Members of the Jury
Bronwen Rolls
Megan Hopgood
Elin Limburg

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Second Round

Job offer – Tour guide

The American company Roadguides is offering guided tours all over the world. They also want to expand their offers in Switzerland and are looking for new tour guides in your area. You’ve applied for the position and made it to the final round of the hiring process, which is an interview together with two other candidates.

- Present yourself and explain why you would be the best for the job.
- Describe Vevey and what you would like to show the participants of your tour (landmarks, cities and villages, gastronomy, museums, etc.).
- Be prepared to answer questions of this interview.

Third Round

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Third Round

Congratulations! You’ve made it to the last round of the hiring process.

Imagine you’re on a bike tour in the Bregenzer Wald with the participants of your tour (i.e. the three judges) and it has started raining. The three are not amused and don’t want to keep going. Come up with an idea to...

- either keep them going or
- keep them happy with a different activity.
Contest 2019

BHS-Engischwettbewerb 2019

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Members of the Jury
Ona Obiorah
Olivia Shy
Trevor Kelly

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- Present yourself and explain why you would be the best for the job.
- Describe Vienna and what you would like to show the participants of your tour (landmarks, cities and villages, gastronomy, museums, etc.).
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