German 101 Final Oral Test (K 06) - Fall 2004 – Protocol and Prompts

See Scoring Guide for expected utterance type, length, content, and accuracy. REMEMBER not to teach while you are testing.

Be ready with the prompts, but EXPECT THE STUDENT TO LEAD. Use body language, hesitations, etc. to elicit whatever the student can initiate. At least until you are sure you will have to do the leading, pose questions and prompts that put the responsibility for communication back on the student. Example: Student states a restaurant preference that is not complex enough to fit the situation; you raise an eyebrow and question the judgment ("Sie essen nur Bratwurst!?!?")

Part 1 Small talk (notice items the student has [coffee cup, etc.] and push for information)

Basic topics: studying; work; nearby objects we've covered (coffee cup); money; maybe weather; maybe other students

Viele Klassenstunden / Tests heute / diese Woche?
Arbeiten Sie viel? (if arbeiten is already in your section's vocabulary)
Trinken Sie diese Woche / heute viel Kaffee?
Studieren Sie allein oder mit Freunden (zusammen)?

Part 2 Background and routine

Where each of you comes from. Compare families. Maybe where you live.

Which days you're here. How long you stay. When you eat. What you drink when during the day (coffee, tea, cola, maybe juice).

Part 3 Accommodations for a group

Explain in simple German: Examinee and friends / family are in city X. Describe a hotel, using easy numbers for prices (EZ 60/80; DZ 80/100). Then offer a prompt with either Was möchten Sie? or Was brauchen Sie?

If necessary, inquire about basic family / friend information. Wieviele Personen etc.

Push for length of stay, differences in accommodations (does X really need a shower in the room?), location of rooms (zusammen).

Key question: "Wer zahlt? und wann?" OR even a double question: "Wer zahlt, und wann?" (Note easy confusion of "Wer" / "Who" with "Wo" / "Where" and difficulty of using "zahlen" – student who can answer fast with "Mein Vater zahlt am Samstag" or similar is undoubtedly 5 or 6.