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CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN GERMAN

Course code: 703

Paper : Elements of German Languages

Basic impersonal structures: es gibt – **Irregular Verbs**: Irregular verbs: ich habe, du hast

On the Autobahn

Understanding key driving language and reading signs: Saying ‘I need’: Necessity: brauchen
– Using Sie: Personal pronouns: Sie, sie

Holiday Destinations

Understanding instructions and information about key facilities: Saying ‘must’ and ‘can’:
Obligation, permission: müssen, dürfen – **Agreeing**: Agreement: ich verstehe, in Ordnung,
kein Problem

Town Names

Understanding and discussing what the weather is and will be like: Talking about the future:
Present tense as future – Time and Place: Word order: inversion

Prescribed Text Book Unit – I Meeting People

Greetings and Politeness

Basics of the Language: Greetings and Introductions
The Sounds of German: Introduction to Pronunciation
Simple Introductions: Sein: Ich, bin, Sie sind

Family and Marriage

Group introductions: Members of the Family
Words Similar to English: Recognising Cognates
Saying ‘my’ introduction to Gender Possessives: mein, meine

Jobs and Work

Asking and Saying What You Do: Masculine and Feminine: Nouns and Gender: Professions
Saying ‘you’: Personal pronouns: du, Sie

Regional Identity

Exchanging Information about Country of Origin and Place of Residence: Regular verbs:

Regular verbs - endings for ich, du, Sie

Saying where you are from: Prepositions: aus, in

Making Phone Calls

Asking about and booking hotel room over the phone

Time Keeping

Arranging time and date for a meeting by E-mail

Unit – II Getting around Berlin

East German Cultural History

Identifying and recognising sights: Saying ‘the’: The definite articles: der, die, das

Asking Questions: Interrogatives

The Clubbing Scene in Germany

Basic conversation with taxi driver: Stating destination and paying. Basic formalities

Asking and talking about location: Location – wo, in, an

Asking and talking about destination: Destination – wohin, zu, nach

Sightseeing

Attracting someone’s attention. Asking for and understanding directions: Using ‘bitte’ Basic formalities: bitte. Letters ä ö ü Umlauts

Local Transport

Asking about public transport: lines, fares, tickets. Buying a ticket.

Numbers 1-10 – Changing Vowels: Vowel shift – fahren, fährt.

Unit – III Food and Drink

Coffee and Cake

Basic food orders: typical cakes and hot drinks

Quantities and portions: Partitive expressions: ein Stück, eine Tasse

Compound Nouns: Introduction to compound nouns

Beer and other drinks

Ordering a snack: typical dishes and cold drinks

Saying ‘I’d like . . .’: Making a choice: ich möchte

Saying ‘a’: The indefinite articles: ein, eine, einen

Eating Out

Asking for and: Saying what you like: Preference: gern

Meal

Understanding the menu: Saying 'no': Negatives: nein, nicht, kein, keine, keinen

Traditional Meals

Basic conversation to buy foodstuffs: Numbers 11-99 – Plurals: die, -e, -n, -en

The Railway System

Asking about and buying a train ticket: arrival and departure times, seat reservation and station changes: Saying 'leaves' and 'arrives': Introduction to separable verbs – Saying 'it':

Personal pronouns: er, sie, es

Doing Business

Basic business introductions and meeting openings: Saying 'your': Possessives: Ihr, dein, ihr:

Saying 'from': Prepositions: von, aus

Unit – IV Taking a Holiday

Leisure Time

Understanding, discussing and agreeing on leisure events: Saying 'there' and 'there is