

# HOUSTONFEST

## Directed Dialogue Critique Sheet

Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle level: 1 2

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's initials: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

Please read the "Instructions to Judges" sheet in your packet.

You will ask each contestant a total of 5 questions from the provided deck of question cards. (If you want to break the ice by asking the contestants simple things such as *Wie heißt du?* and *Wie geht's?*, that's fine; those don't count towards the total of 5 questions.) Before judging the first contestant, select 2 questions from the deck that you will ask EACH contestant, all day. Remove those from the deck, and spread the remaining cards out, face down, on a table. As each contestant enters, have them draw 3 cards at random and, without looking at them, hand them to you. Then proceed with asking the contestant the 5 questions (the 2 standard questions that you chose at the beginning of the day and the 3 questions that the student drew). When the contestant is finished, return the 3 cards they drew to the tabletop.

### RULES

Entry Limit: 2 contestants per level, per school (Levels 1 & 2 only)

The judges will ask the contestant questions on the contestant's level of understanding (things generally covered in first-year and second-year textbooks). Questions will be selected by a combination of students drawing 3 questions and judges asking the same 2 standard questions to all contestants. Judges will grade on pronunciation, degree of complexity and fluency, knowledge of topic, and grammatical correctness.

### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

1. **Pronunciation:** The contestant's pronunciation of the German language is correct and understandable; i.e., hard to understand vs. easy to understand. (0-20 points)
2. **Complexity and Structure:** The contestant answers with complete sentences vs. one-word answers. The contestant provides grammatically correct responses. (0-20 points)
3. **Vocabulary:** The contestant uses a variety of level-appropriate and specific vocabulary. (0-20 points)
4. **Fluency:** The contestant answers appropriately and uses transitions so that speech flows in concise sentences, with logical connections; i.e., hard to follow vs. easy to follow. (0-20 points)
5. **Comprehension:** The contestant does vs. does not understand questions posed by the judges. (0-20 points)

**TOTAL POINTS:** (100 possible) \_\_\_\_\_

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