TestAS
Sample questions
Dear TestAS candidate,

You have decided to study in Germany. You are considering which path of study would be the right one for you and how you can make the best of your academic training by studying at a German university.

This process involves important decisions about your future: which subject would you like to study and which university should you choose?

With our brochure, we would like to provide you with advice to help you optimise this process. TestAS can help you and the German universities to make the right choice.

Aptitude tests like the Test for Academic Studies – TestAS – in combination with the marks attained in your university entrance examination allow a particularly precise prediction about your chances of success as a student. This is the reason why many German universities are already implementing TestAS as an objective, reliable and standardised aptitude test in their selection and admission of foreign students.

In those countries where Academic Evaluation Centres (APS) have already been installed – such as in The People’s Republic of China or in Vietnam – TestAS is part of the APS procedure. Specially gifted students having a good command of German who can apply for the PASCH programme in many countries via the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), also take TestAS.

In this brochure you will find sample questions from the so-called Core Test, which every applicant has to complete, and further tasks from all Subject-Specific Modules of which one module has to be selected according to your chosen field of study.

You will find a lot of helpful tips on how to proceed when solving the tasks. With good results you will increase your chances of getting an attractive offer from a university that suits your personal goals and interests.
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Both partners are highly experienced in testing and determining aptitude and language competence. Many of you will already be familiar with g.a.s.t. from the Test of German as a Foreign Language (TestDaF) and the TestDaF-Institut. Among others, the portfolio of ITB comprises the Test for Medical Studies (TMS), the TM WISO and the Self-Application Test of the German National Academic Foundation. You may be assured that TestAS will determine your aptitude and competence in an objective, reliable and fair manner.

We do ask you to take the preparation for the test very seriously in order to give yourself the optimum chance of proving your real capabilities. On behalf of the TestAS team we hope you will obtain the university place you are aiming for and furthermore, we wish you success in your studies and hope you will be able to enjoy and profit greatly from studying in Germany.

We wish you great success!

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Why should I take TestAS?

TestAS is the most important aptitude test for foreign applicants wishing to study in Germany. TestAS analyses skills necessary for successful studies, e.g. logical thought processes, recognising structures or solving problems.

German universities use the TestAS certificate in order to select and admit suitable students for their courses. TestAS increases your chances of obtaining a university place in Germany.

How is TestAS structured?

TestAS is offered both in English and German. When registering you select either the language you are better at or the one the university requires.

Before starting TestAS your language competence will be tested with the language test onScreen. There is a sample test available at www.testas.de.

The Core Test follows. It assesses skills necessary for successful studies in all subjects.

Finally you work through the Subject-Specific Module which analyses skills you will need in typical situations in your particular field of study.
Which Subject-Specific Module should I choose?

The university you have decided to study at will determine which Subject-Specific Module you will be required to take according to your chosen course of studies.

Below you will find some examples of which courses may well suit which Subject-Specific Module.

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Which tasks will I have to solve?

In the Core Test, as well as in the Subject-Specific Module, you will be required to solve two to four different subtests. You will find these subtests in the table below.

You will find more detailed information for each subtest (What is it about? How many tasks are there?) at the beginning of each subtest in this brochure.

In both the Core Test and the Subject-Specific Module you will be answering multiple-choice questions only.

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**Core Test**

- Solving Quantitative Problems
- Inferring Relationships
- Completing Patterns
- Continuing Numerical Series

**Subject-Specific Modules**

**Humanities, Cultural Studies and Social Sciences Module**

- Understanding and Interpreting Texts
- Using Representation Systems Flexibly
- Recognising Linguistic Structures

**Engineering Module**

- Formalising Technical Interrelationships
- Visualising Solids
- Analysing Technical Interrelationships

**Mathematics, Computer Science and Natural Sciences Module**

- Analysing Scientific Interrelationships
- Understanding Formal Depictions

**Economics Module**

- Analysing Economic Interrelationships
- Analysing Processes
Tips on how to proceed

Organise your working time well:

- **Work quickly but take care.**
  It is very important to read the tasks through carefully. If you read too quickly and hence not thoroughly enough, then you will miss important information.

- **Work through the questions in the given order.**
  The first tasks in any group tend to be easier than later ones. That is why we would suggest that you work through the booklet in the given order. But:

- **If a particular question is too difficult for you, then come back to it later.**
  It is better to use your time on tasks you find easier. On average, test takers solve about half of the tasks.

- **If you are solving mathematical problems, try to find your own solution first.**
  Then check if your answer is among those in the multiple-choice. If you look at the choices first, it may lead to confusion. If you are not able to find a solution, then try to exclude the answers which are most likely going to be false.

- **If you have very little time left...**
  You do not get minus points if the answer is wrong. Enter all solutions onto your answer sheet.
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