Operatoren: Definitions and Examples

Anforderungsbereich I

describe give a detailed account of sth. Describe the soldier's appearance. AFB II: Describe the way the playwright creates an atmosphere of suspense.

outline give the main features, structure or general principles of a topic omitting minor details *Outline the author's views on love, marriage and divorce.*

state specify clearly State briefly the main developments in the family described in the text.

present (re-)structure and write down Present the situation of the characters.

point out find and explain certain aspects Point out the author's main ideas on

summarise, write a summary give a concise account of the main points *Summarise the information given in the text about the hazards of cloning.*

Anforderungsbereich II

analyse, examine describe and explain in detail certain aspects and / or features of the text Analyse the opposing views on class held by the two protagonists. Examine the author's use of language

characterise describe and examine the way in which the character(s) is / are presented *Write a characterisation of the principal figures in the play.*

explain describe and define in detail Explain the protagonist's obsession with money.

illustrate use examples to explain or make clear *Illustrate the author's use of metaphorical language*.

interpret make clear the meaning of sth. Interpret the message the author wishes to convey.

compare point out similarities and differences *Compare the attitude of the two characters towards war.*

AFB III: Compare X's and Y's views on education.

Anforderungsbereich III

comment state clearly your opinions on the topic in question and support your views with evidence *Comment on the suggestion made in the text that a 'lack of women in the armed forces demonstrates a weakness in the role of women in society.'*

discuss investigate or examine by argument; give reasons for and against *Discuss the implications of globalisation as presented in this text.*

justify show adequate grounds for decisions or conclusions You are the principal of a school. Justify your decision to forbid smoking on the school premises.

evaluate Form an opinion after carefully considering and presenting advantages and disadvantages *Evaluate the author's view of the present impact of the American Dream...*

contrast emphasize the differences between two or more things *Contrast the author's idea* of human aggression with the theories of aggression you have read about. [assess consider in a balanced way the points for and against sth Assess the importance of standards in education.]