

Kaufmännische Berufsfachschulen

Bern – Biel – Langenthal – Thun

Aufnahmeprüfungen Berufsmaturität 2021

BM 2 WD-W

Englisch Serie 1

Name _____ Vorname _____
Kand.-Nr. _____ Prüfungsort _____

Datum Freitag, 12. März 2021

Zeit 60 Minuten

Hilfsmittel keine

Bemerkungen keine

| Püfungsteile | Maximum | Erreicht |
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Text adapted from: Dyer/Harwood: FCE Practice Tests.

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- **Advantages of music (1 points)**
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- **Recommendation (1 point)**
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Organisation/linking:

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