

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS



English for Electronics Examination:

General Description

PART 1

Listening (approx. 10 minutes)

Task type: Multiple choice

Format: ten unrelated dialogues of about 30 seconds' duration, each followed by a 3-option multiple

choice item

The candidates listen to a short dialogue, then choose the correct statement from three that are based on the dialogue. The recordings are dialogues between two interacting speakers (conversations,

interviews, discussions, etc.).

Task Focus: identifying detail, understanding and interpreting information, specific information, gist,

detail, main idea, function, purpose, attitude, opinion, etc.

Marking Scheme: 10 items x 2 points = 20 points

NOTE: Each part is heard twice.

PART 2

Knowledge of Linguistic Means (20 minutes) Task type: Multiple choice

Format: 18 4-option multiple choice sentences

Task Focus: lexical

Marking Scheme: 18 items x 2 points = 36 points

Topic areas: consumer electronics; electricity basics; tools; meters; working with electronics; math; measurements; safety and dangers; evaluation; circuits; types of components; choosing and replacing components; disassembly and reassembly; parts of an electronics device; diagrams and

labelling

PART 3

Knowledge of Language Functions (15 minutes) Task type: Multiple choice

Format: 16 2-option multiple choice exchanges

Task Focus: lexico-grammatical

Marking Scheme: 16 items x 1 point = 16 points

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Functions: offering assistance; asking for clarifications; checking for understanding; expressing preference; repeating information; giving instructions; talking about price; making suggestions; asking for information; talking about past experiences; disagreeing; asking about frequence; asking for advice; giving advice; giving a warning; making a donation; breaking bad news; giving an opinion; getting someone to stop; troubleshooting; making comparison; offering advice; giving assurances; guessing; eliciting information; giving compliments; solving a problem; asking for a recommendation; talking about duration; making apologies; settling on a course of action; rejecting a suggestion; interrupting someone's work; giving reminders; expressing resolution; giving encouragement; correcting mistakes; asking for advice; asking if something is acceptable; describing things; asking questions; expressing doubt; asking for an explanation; coming to a agreement; expressing annoyance

PART 4

Reading (10 minutes)

Task type: Multiple choice - True/False/Doesn't say

Format: Three short texts (60-100 words each) containing factual information related to the field of electronics; the first two texts are followed by two 3-option multiple choice questions each, while the third text is followed by two True/False/Doesn't say questions.

Task Focus: understanding detail, specific information, implication, attitude, reference and meaning

Marking Scheme: 6 items x 3 points = 18 points

NOTE: All the texts are related to the specific field of study.

PART 5

Writing (5 minutes)

Task type: A gapped text

Format: One text (100-200 words) from which five sentences, phrases, words or headings have been removed and placed in a jumbled order, together with an extra option as a distractor, above the text. **Task Focus:** recognition of writing features and language as required in their field of study

Marking Scheme: 5 items x 2 points = 10 points

NOTES: The candidate may be asked to complete a survey, a description, notes, a list, a form, an assignment, a resume, an advertisement, an email, a poster, a report, an instruction sheet, a repair ticket, a guide, a script, a work order, a notice, an article, instructions, a memo, guidelines, a pamphlet, a manual excerpt, a tip sheet or a brochure. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of electronics for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points