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INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS



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English for Fishing & Seafood Industry Examination: General Description

PART 1 Listening (approx. 10 minutes)	<i>Task type:</i> Multiple choice <i>Format:</i> 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 choiceFormat:18 4-option multiple choice sentencesTask Focus:lexicalMarking Scheme:18 items x 2 points = 36 points
	Topic areas: fishing and seafood industry; parts of a ship (exterior, interior); harvest methods and gear; types of fish; mollusks; crustaceans; nautical measurements; nautical directions; safety; first aid; weather; fishing vessels; processing finfish; crustaceans and mollusks; freshwater fish; sanitizing; wastewater; waste utilization; fish oil and meal; handling fresh fish; packaging; storage and freezing; transportation and distribution; navigation; tides, winds and currents; rules of the road; towing, mooring and anchoring; wire; marlinspike seamanship; blocks and tackle; aquaculture; smoked and dried fish; allergens and toxins; shellfish safety; warehouses and food security; crews/positions, environmental concerns
PART 3 Knowledge of Language Functions	<i>Task type:</i> Multiple choice <i>Format:</i> 16 2-option multiple choice exchanges <i>Task Focus: lexico-grammatical</i>
(15 minutes)	Marking Scheme: 16 items x 1 point = 16 points
	<i>Functions:</i> discussing progress; describing order/experience/expectations/change/importance/pros and cons; comparing and contrasting; asking for clarification/help/an opinion; politely asking someone to wait; confirming information; estimating time; directing fast movement; correcting an error; introducing/reacting to bad news; discussing timing/frequency/problems/improvements/needs; asking about experience/importance; giving a reminder; warning someone about danger; making a recommendation; expressing interest; requesting more information; introducing yourself on the phone; stating a negative opinion; politely requesting someone's attention; giving a warning; correcting yourself; expressing concern/relief/confusion
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 fishing and seafood industry; 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 textFormat:One text (100-200 words) from which five sentences, phrases, words or headings have beenremoved 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 studyMarking Scheme:5 items x 2 points = 10 points
	NOTES: The candidate may be asked to complete webpage content , notes , a study guide , an order form , a job application form , an email , a sales summary , a manager's log , a captain's log , a memo , an injury/accident/incident/progress/sustainability/maintenance report , a pros and cons list , intructions in a handbook , an employee checklist , meeting notes , a poster , an inquiry form , a course evaluation , a delay report , a quiz , a performance review , a product description , a consumer complaint , or a letter of reference . This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of fishing and seafood industry for professional purposes.
Duration: 60 minutes	Marks: TOTAL: 100 points