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# English for Food Service Industries Examination: <br> General Description 

| PART 1 <br> Listening <br> (approx. 10 minutes) | Task type: Multiple choice <br> Format: ten unrelated dialogues of about 30 seconds' duration, each followed by a 3-option multiple choice item |
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|  | 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. <br> Marking Scheme: 10 items $\times 2$ points $=20$ points |
|  | NOTE: Each part is heard twice. |
| PART 2 Knowledge of Linguistic Means (20 minutes) | Task type: Multiple choice <br> Format: 18 4-option multiple choice sentences <br> Task Focus: lexical <br> Marking Scheme: 18 items $\times 2$ points $=36$ points |
|  | Topic areas: food service equipment; types of restaurants; fast food and delivery; making reservations; payments; food service staff; purchasing; storage and preparation of food and drinks; customer service and complaints; opening and closing operations; restaurant safety; managing a restaurant; costs and pricing; accounting; parts of a restaurant; tabletop items; in the kitchen; types of meals; catering; taking orders; types of menus and menu pricing; the bar; sanitation; nutrition and specialty diets; career options |
| PART 3 <br> Knowledge of Language Functions (15 minutes) | Task type: Multiple choice <br> Format: 16 2-option multiple choice exchanges <br> Task Focus: lexico-grammatical <br> Marking Scheme: 16 items $\times 1$ point = 16 points |
|  | Functions: presenting options; responding to/making an apology; asking for help; asking about completion; giving a polite negative response; stating a preference; describing order; estimating time; checking for correctness; introducing a problem; asking for/stating an opinion; describing availability; checking for accuracy; asking about needs; discussing degree; giving a motive for doing something; asking about/describing experience; checking on/describing progress; describing mixed results; change; asking for a favor; asking for clarification; giving praise/a warning; bringing up a problem; checking for understanding; giving a firm answer; confirming information; asking for advice; listing pros and cons; reporting an error; making a recommendation; describing a series of events |
| PART 4 Reading (10 minutes) | Task type: Multiple choice - True/False/Doesn't say <br> Format: Three short texts (60-100 words each) containing factual information related to the field of food service industries; 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. <br> Task Focus: understanding detail, specific information, implication, attitude, reference and meaning Marking Scheme: 6 items $\times 3$ points $=18$ points |
|  | NOTE: All the texts are related to the specific field of study. |
| PART 5 <br> Writing <br> (5 minutes) | Task type: A gapped text <br> 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 $\times 2$ points $=10$ points |
|  | NOTES: The candidate may be asked to complete a note, a quiz, a checklist, a reservation request form, a take-out order, a customer feedback form, a restaurant review, an order ship, a customer notice, a job advertisement, a purchase order, an email, a recipe, a comment card, a letter, a receipt, a written warning, a report, a marketing plan or a memo. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of food service industries for professional purposes. |
| Duration: 60 minutes | Marks: TOTAL: 100 points |

