

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS



English for Information Technology 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: computer systems/parts and devices; storage devices and peripherals; operating systems and interfaces; computer memory; cloud computing; the Internet; communications and networking; videoconferencing; telecommuting; online marketing and e-commerce; desktop publishing; business and banking IT; robotics; artificial intelligence; automation cyber crime and

security; system administration; programming

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

Functions: getting someone's attention; giving instructions; describing a process; making a suggestion; describing options; offering a solution; clarifying a situation; checking for errors; expressing confusion; answering the phone; asking for help; asking about purpose; explaining differences; clarifying information; describing minimum requirements; expressing a concern; describing benefits; asking about deadlines; making a recommendation; investigating a problem; offering help; assigning a task; giving a summary; describing capabilities; reporting a problem; recognizing a cause; citing a previous example; describing completion; asking for clarification; stating a preference; listing concerns; giving an opinion; confirming information; asking for suggestions; describing functions; discussing possible consequences; discussing suspicions; checking certainty; discussing capabilities; expressing a positive opinion; talking about qualifications/experience; discussing degrees of difficulty

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 information technology; 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 Awareness (5 minutes)

Task type: A gapped or jumbled text of approx. 200 words

Format: Gapped text – a text with five gaps to be filled with either one sentence from a choice of three or, one pair of sentences from a choice of six or, an appropriate word or, information from two short texts. Jumbled text – seven or eight paragraphs, of which five are to be organized into a 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

NOTE: The candidate may be asked to complete a **request**, **set of notes**, **how-to sheet**, **explanation**, **form**, **description**, **email**, **note**, **guide**, **recommendation**, **receipt**, **customer survey**, **memo**, **review**, **profile**, **checklist**, **call summary**, **advertisement**, **letter** or **proposal**. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of information technology for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points