

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS



English for Medical Professionals 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 choice Format: 18 4-option multiple choice sentences Task Focus: lexical Marking Scheme: 18 items x 2 points = 36 points
	Topic areas: hospital departments; staff and equipment; parts of the body (body parts, blood, bones); organ systems; first aid (traumatic injuries); diseases and infections (taking about symptoms, describing pain); measurements and abbreviations; patient care (administering medication, describing frequency, maintaining hygiene, taking history, physical examinations); diagnostic tests and equipment; career options (education and training, challenges, communicating with staff and patients)
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
	<i>Functions:</i> giving directions/opinions/reminders/advice/instructions/safety reminders; explaining consequences/a procedure/mixed results/treatment options; asking about pain/symptoms/history; describing location/frequency/amounts/a condition/a concern/side effects/qualifications; making suggestions/a recommendation; investigating injury; delivering bad news; providing reassurance; clarifying information; confirming information; listing options/possible diagnoses; correcting someone/ an error; disagreeing with an opinion; recommending treatment; stressing a point; taking a history; informing a patient; talking about symptoms/a schedule/diagnosis and treatment/negative events; using superlatives; agreeing with an opinion; expressing confusion; delaying an event
PART 4 Reading (10 minutes)	Task type:Multiple choice – True/False/Doesn't sayFormat:Three short texts (60-100 words each) containing factual information related to the field ofmedical professionals; 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 meaningMarking 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 an email, timesheet notes, a medical form, a medication chart, a donor profile, an x-ray analysis, patient's notes, a consultation form, an order form, a medical chart, a prescription, an information pamphlet, a memo, an evaluation form, a brochure, a history form, a lab report, a schedule, guidelines or a treatment plan. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of medicine for professional purposes.
Duration: 60 minutes	Marks: TOTAL: 100 points
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