

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH **EXAMINATIONS**



English for Security Personnel 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: being a security officer; appearance; equipment; duties; describing what you saw; crime & law enforcement; criminal justice; suspects; physical security; information security; loss prevention; vehicle & travel security; operating vehicles; weapons; health; emergency response units; safety awareness; hazardous materials; sabotage & terrorism; public security; private security; reports; ethics; qualifications

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: giving an example; correcting a misconception; making an apology; expressing confusion; offering an alternative; offering reassurance; showing understanding; making an estimate; showing agreement; describing order of events; describing likelihood; describing a requirement; expressing concern; making a promise; giving a warning; giving a compliment; asking for more information; asking for clarification; making a recommendation; describing an event; calming someone down; getting someone's attention; admitting an error; describing consequences; making a polite request; adding information; expressing relief; asking for help; expressing urgency; giving a reminder; expressing surprise; describing a risk; making a prediction; asking for advice; expressing doubt; clarifying an idea; identifying an error; expressing a desire; describing a process

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 security; 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 disciplinary report, uniform/equipment request form, interview notes, post orders, witness statement, incident report, formal letter, company memo, officer's report, officer's notes, official statement, investigator's report, order form, employee assessment form, postcard, accident report, safety report, attorney's notes, doctor's note, threat report, study guide, cover letter, email or feedback form. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of security

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for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points