

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS

English for Worldwide Sports Events: General Description

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| PART 1 Listening (approx. 10 minutes) | <p>Task type: Multiple choice Format: ten unrelated dialogues of about 30 seconds' duration, each followed by a 3-option multiple choice item</p> <p>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.).</p> <p>Task Focus: <i>identifying detail, understanding and interpreting information, specific information, gist, detail, main idea, function, purpose, attitude, opinion, etc.</i></p> <p>Marking Scheme: 10 items x 2 points = 20 points</p> <p>NOTE: Each part is heard twice.</p> |
| PART 2 Knowledge of Linguistic Means (20 minutes) | <p>Task type: Multiple choice Format: 18 4-option multiple choice sentences Task Focus: <i>lexical</i></p> <p>Marking Scheme: 18 items x 2 points = 36 points</p> <p>Topic areas: the Olympic Games, past and present; Summer Olympic events; Winter Olympic events; other Olympic events; getting to and from events; venues and signage; ticketing issues; stadium infrastructure and safety; communication; security; athlete testing; medical care; concessions; other retail operations; Summer Olympics retail; Winter Olympics retail; cash sales and POS systems; Paralympics; Special Olympics; media</p> |
| PART 3 Knowledge of Language Functions (15 minutes) | <p>Task type: Multiple choice Format: 16 2-option multiple choice exchanges Task Focus: <i>lexico-grammatical</i></p> <p>Marking Scheme: 16 items x 1 point = 16 points</p> <p>Functions: making a comparison/prediction/suggestion/recommendation; listing options; offering congratulations/praise; expressing surprise/disappointment/concerns/confusion; describing consequences/differences/order of events/frequency/location/a problem/swift action/steps; stating a preference/a goal/requirements; giving a reminder/directions/an example; asking for directions/more information; asking about experience; providing clarification; discussing priorities/a problem; agreeing with a decision/an opinion; emphasizing importance; assigning tasks; correcting someone/yourself; bringing up a topic; confirming information; reporting a problem; reacting to good news; delivering bad news; stressing a point; talking about preparations; explaining a system; reporting an incident</p> |
| PART 4 Reading (10 minutes) | <p>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 worldwide sports events; 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: <i>understanding detail, specific information, implication, attitude, reference and meaning</i></p> <p>Marking Scheme: 6 items x 3 points = 18 points</p> <p>NOTE: All the texts are related to the specific field of study.</p> |
| PART 5 Writing Awareness (5 minutes) | <p>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: <i>Recognition of writing features and language as required in their field of studies.</i></p> <p>Marking Scheme: 5 items x 2 points = 10 points</p> <p>NOTE: The candidate may be asked to complete a checklist, a schedule, a reporter's notes, a journal entry, a maintenance report, an advertisement, a guest survey, a ticket order form, a ticket policy guide, a memo, a pamphlet, an injury report, drug testing guidelines, an email, an employee evaluation, a stock request, a repair request, interview notes, a press release, an interview report or an incident report. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of worldwide sports events for professional purposes.</p> |
| Duration: 60 minutes | Marks: TOTAL: 100 points |