

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH **EXAMINATIONS**

English for Hotels & Catering Examination:



General Description

PART 1

Listenina

(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** (15 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: hotel amenities; valet and room service; reservations and special requests; checking in and out; hotel and food service staff; food storage and preparation; kitchen utensils/equipment/safety/ sanitation; restaurant and special event organization; problems and complaints; hotel safety and evacuation; money matters; maintence problems; business travelers and conference facilities; airport transfers; family-friendly care; entertainment information; loyalty programs; greeting and serving restaurant guests; coordinating the kitchen and dinning room; employment in hotels and catering

PART 3

Knowledge of **Language Functions** (10 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: clarifying information; making an introduction; giving directions; requesting more information; giving assurance of help; making comparisons; confirming details; describing work experience; making a reservation; asking for directions; offering options; talking about time; asking for assistance; agreeing with an opinion; giving instructions; asking for details; making a correction; changing topics; expressing a preference; making an appointment; making a payment; changing a reservation; making a recommendation; discussing quantities; discussing possible outcomes; declining an offer; correcting an error; making an apology; estimating time; making a complaint; describing an event; talking about money; offering assurance; expressing disappointment; delivering bad news; expressing gratitude; discussing work experience

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 hotels and catering; 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 (15 minutes)

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

Format: A gapped text from which five sentence pairs have been removed and placed in jumbled order above the text (together with an extra option as a distractor)/A gapped text with five 3-option multiple choice sentences for each gap/A jumbled text which has to be organized in paragraphs (together with three extra paragraphs as distractors)

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 information sheet or advice sheet, a survey, a form, a valet ticket, a voucher, an order, an instruction list, an overview, a confirmation, a note, an announcement, a review, a description of duties, a response to an inquiry, an email, an information leaflet, a memo, a log, a letter, a report, an article or an advertisement. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of hotels and catering for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points