

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH **EXAMINATIONS**



English for Nursing 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** (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: hospital administration; systems of the body; physical assessment; recognizing symptoms; pain; medication; types of nursing and certifications; nutrition; hygiene; admitting/ discharging patients; emergency care; medical specimens and testing; maternity/pediatric/surgical/ home health/public health/OB/GYN/geriatric/psychiatric/hospice/agency nursing; schedules and hours;

chronic/acute conditions; IV care; preparing patients for surgery; preventing infections

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: asking for directions/help; asking for/giving information; clarifying information; describing a condition/treatment; giving a warning/a recommendation; asking about symptoms/condition; conducting/ giving a job interview; making suggestions; following up on a patient's condition; showing sympathy; giving opinion/test results/instructions; asking/giving solutions to a problem; expressing feelings/concern; making predictions; describing your health and needs/options and choices; giving career advice; identifying an error; acknowledging thanks; taking a history; bringing up a topic; describing side effects; reviewing a list; delivering good news; explaining differences; confirming understanding

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 nursing: 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: 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 entries in a hospital directory, a patient's report, a tests results form, a pamphlet, a patient summary, a physical assessment form, a pain assessment form, interviewer's notes, a letter, a recommendation, an evaluation form, a patient admission form, a patient's medical record, discharge notes, an enrollment form, a petition, an article, presentation notes, an email, or a summary. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of nursing for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points