

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH **EXAMINATIONS**



English for Navy 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: ship structure (interior/exterior); ship systems: communication (audio/visual); ship organization (command structure/departments); duties; uniforms; bills; first aid; aircraft carriers; cruisers; destroyers and frigates; submarines; amphibious warfare ships; mine warfare ships; patrol combatants; missiles and rockets; mines and torpedoes; guns; support ships; boats; aircraft (attack/support); weather; nautical directions; navigation (methods/instruments); tides, currents & winds; seamanship (deck/marlinespike); mooring; anchoring; towing; security; safety; emergency response; damage control

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: describing condition/location/a problem/someone's record/abilities/capabilities/limits/ future events/past events/upcoming events/damage/readiness/possible events/required actions/ success and failure/a training exercise/possible consequences/differences/options; correcting an error; asking for repetition; assigning tasks; apologizing for a mistake; pointing out a problem; making a recommendation/comparisons; listing events and actions; offering congratulations/solutions; checking for information/completion; emphasizing a point; confirming information; giving commands; getting more information/people's attention; supporting an idea/position; stating preference/ uncertainty; identifying a problem/main ideas; talking about conditions; delaying an action; doublechecking information; stressing a point

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 navy; 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 studies.

Marking Scheme: 5 items x 2 points = 10 points

NOTE: The candidate may be asked to complete an inspection report, a safety drill report, an assessment form, a repair request, a shipboard announcement, a ship's log, a radio communication log, a weather report, an officer's orders, an incident report, a disciplinary report, a training report, a maintenance log, an emergency assignment form, an information sheet, a mission briefing, a mission report, a recruit's notes, a work report, an UNREP report, an equipment checklist, an operation checklist or a regulations manual. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of navy for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points