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English for Security Personnel Examination: General Description

PART 1 Listening (approx. 10 minutes)	<i>Task type:</i> Multiple choice <i>Format:</i> 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 choiceFormat:18 4-option multiple choice sentencesTask Focus:lexicalMarking Scheme:18 items x 2 points = 36 points
	<b>Topic areas:</b> being a security officer; appearance; equipment; duties; describing what you saw; crime & law enforcement; criminal justice; suspects; physical/information/vehicle & travel/public/private security; loss prevention; operating vehicles; weapons; health; emergency response units; safety awareness; hazardous materials; sabotage & terrorism; reports; ethics; qualifications
PART 3 Knowledge of Language Functions (10 minutes)	<i>Task type:</i> Multiple choice <i>Format:</i> 16 2-option multiple choice exchanges <i>Task Focus: lexico-grammatical</i>
	Marking Scheme: 16 items x 1 point = 16 points
	<i>Functions:</i> giving an example; correcting a misconception; making an apology; expressing confusion; offering an alternative; offering reassurance; showing/expressing understanding; making an estimate; showing agreement; describing order of events; describing likelihood; describing requirements; expressing concern; making a promise; giving a warning; giving a compliment; asking for more information; asking for clarification; making an error; describing consequences; making a polite request; adding information; expressing relief; asking for help; expressing uncertainty/ urgency; giving a reminder; expressing surprise; describing a risk; making a prediction; asking for advice; expressing doubt; clarifying; identifying an error; expressing a desire; describing a process; talking about a possible event
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
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PART 5 Writing Awareness (15 minutes)	<ul> <li>Task type: A gapped or jumbled text of approx. 200 words</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Task Focus: Recognition of writing features and language as required in their field of study</li> <li>Marking Scheme: 5 items x 2 points = 10 points</li> <li>NOTE: The candidate may be asked to complete a disciplinary report, a uniform/equipment request form, interview notes, a post orders, a witness statement, an incident report, a formal letter, a company memo, an officer's report, an officer's notes, an official statement, an investigator's report, an attorney's notes, a doctor's note, a threat report, a study guide, a cover letter, an email or a feedback form. This task is based on elements of writing that the</li> </ul>
	candidates will need to produce in the field of security for professional purposes.
Duration: 60 minutes	Marks: TOTAL: 100 points