

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH **EXAMINATIONS**





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: taxi driver training, regulation, traits, work conditions, hours, shifts, breaks, actions, destinations, directions, recommendations, fares, money, car parts, exterior, interior, gauges & meters, flat tires, pre-shift inspection, vehicle maintenance, navigation routes, measurements, map reading, picking up, hailing a cab, taxi stands, airport taxi, dispatchers, customer service, small talk, passenger requests, lost property, special needs, child passengers, transporting animals, language barriers, road safety, traffic violations, reckless driving, accidents, liability, auto insurance, health, safety, confrontation, stress ,fatigue, building a taxi business, record keeping, technology, electric & hybrid cabs

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 order of events; talking about routines; giving assurances; expressing confusion; asking for a favor; describing a location; making recommendations; approximations; asking for information; asking about product features; asking for an explanation; emphasizing a point; making an appointment; expressing preference; expressing uncertainty; making comparisons; interrupting someone; asking about time; discussing experience; giving compliments; starting a conversation; making a request; describing an object; confirming details; offering choices; suggesting a solution; requesting assistance; asking what's wrong; expressing regret; demanding an explanation; expressing concern; cautioning someone; discussing consequences; expressing sympathy; giving warnings; asking about outcome; dealing with complaints; offering encouragement; persuading someone

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 Taxi Drivers; 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 text

Format: One text (100-200 words) from which five sentences, phrases, words or headings have been removed and placed in a jumbled order, together with an extra option as a distractor, above the 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 a license application, job interview notes, a cab company brochure, a shift change request form, a cab driver's trip log, a mechanic's report, a taxi receipt, a public notice, a driver's checklist, a sales form, a vehicle manual, route directions, a company memo, a website, a customer survey, a customer feedback form, a lost property form, an incident report, a traffic citation, or an inspection report. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of Taxi Drivers for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points