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**English for Architecture 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.).
	<b>Task Focus:</b> 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
	<i>Topic areas:</i> types of structures; shapes; basic math; scale; measurements; materials; education; qualities of an architect; people in architecture; blueline prints; sketches & drawings; concept; perspective; orientation; design factors & elements; parts of buildings; elements of construction; prefabrication; finished building; storyboarding & portfolios; historical & contemporary architecture; Modernism & Postmodernism; sustainability
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> accepting a compliment; describing changes; confirming/giving information; asking for opinion; asking for help; asking about purpose; asking about intention; asking for advice; giving an example; describing degree/differences; expressing & admitting confusion; expressing doubts; making a selection; talking about opportunities; estimating time; offering constructive criticism; identifying differences; giving good news; providing reassurance; stating a preference; listing pros & cons; discussing necessity; narrowing options; changing topics; making an apology; correcting a misconception; disagreeing politely
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 architecture; 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
	<b>NOTE:</b> All the texts are related to the specific field of study.
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 studies.</li> <li>Marking Scheme: 5 items x 2 points = 10 points</li> </ul>
	NOTE: The candidate may be asked to complete an internet ad, an email, an online product catalogue, an internet article, a printed advertisement, a journal article, a magazine article, a scientific article, a guide, a pamphlet, a brochure, a flyer, a memo, a webpage, a blog, a textbook chapter, a textbook excerpt, a course syllabus, a job ad, a cover letter, a build sheet. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of architecture for professional purposes.
Duration: 60 minutes	Marks: TOTAL: 100 points
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