

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS

English for Command & Control:

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: weaponry; the soldier's life; organization; units; land navigation; vehicles and platforms; peacekeeping missions; search and rescue operations; convoys, patrols & checkpoints; urban operations & crowd control; reconnaissance & observation posts; movement to contact & attack

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: brainstorming crowd control methods; confirming map-based instructions; completing a preflight check; describing the work of military engineers; discussing a convoy mission/a weapon's capabilities/armored fighting vehicles/dangers on a mission in a combat zone/food rations in the field/enemy actions/injuries/mission goals/the advantages of different military careers; exchanging information by radio; explaining a situation and giving orders; explaining the functions of different types of patrols; giving a mission overview; preparing for a resupply mission; talking about duties and responsibilities/uniforms and tactical gear

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 command & control; 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 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 a table, notes, instructions, a mission overview, a text about radio procedures, a biographical note, a description, mission orders, a camp coordinates sheet, a briefing text, a checklist, a risk management assessment, an evacuation plan of action, a journal entry or an attack plan. This task is based on elements of writing which the candidate will need to produce in the field of command and control for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points