

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS



English for Dentistry 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 choice Format: 18 4-option multiple choice sentences Task Focus: lexical Marking Scheme: 18 items x 2 points = 36 points
(io minutes)	Topic areas: specializations; dental practice/personnel/equipment/instruments; patient care; tooth and mouth anatomy; dental problems and diseases; dental treatment; oral health; dental practice technology; oral infections/surgery; dental prosthetics; orthodontic treatment; medication; cosmetic/pediatric/geriatric dentistry; sustainability in dentistry; obtaining licensure; establishing a dental practice; ethics in dentistry
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
	<i>Functions:</i> asking about work experience/for information/for an opinion/for clarification/about necessity/ about experience; describing/advantages & disadvantages/features/ functions/ requirements/necessity/ steps (in a process); verifying information; correcting yourself/ someone; expressing certainty/intention/ confusion/ preference/agreement; giving a reminder/advice/a warning; stating total amounts; agreeing with an opinion; introducing yourself; presenting options; discussing options/potential complications/ symptoms/causes/risk; reassuring; making a recommendation/a suggestion/a request; stressing importance; confirming information; inquiring about knowledge; providing reassurance; offering a compliment; completing an assessment
PART 4 Reading (10 minutes)	Task type:Multiple choice – True/False/Doesn't sayFormat:Three short texts (60-100 words each) containing factual information related to the field of dentistry; 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 meaningMarking 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 wordsFormat: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 a job posting, a request form, an advertisement, a dental order, dental notes, a feedback form, a memo, a brochure, an online review, a patient report, a list, a chart, a summary of options, a referral, a prescription, a message, a report, an email, a voicemail message or a letter. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of dentistry for professional purposes.
Duration: 60 minutes	Marks: TOTAL: 100 points