

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH **EXAMINATIONS**



English for Fishing & Seafood Industry Examination: 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: fishing and seafood industry; parts of a ship (exterior, interior); harvest methods and gear; types of fish; mollusks; crustaceans; nautical measurements/directions; safety; first aid; weather; fishing vessels; processing finfish/crustaceans/mollusks/freshwater fish; sanitizing; wastewater; waste utilization; fish oil and meal; handling fresh fish; packaging; storage and freezing; transportation and distribution; navigation; tides, winds and currents; rules of the road; towing, mooring and anchoring; wire: marlinspike seamanship; blocks and tackle; aquaculture; smoked and dried fish; allergens and toxins; shellfish safety; warehouses and food security; crews/positions, environmental concerns

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: discussing progress; describing order/experience/expectations/change/importance/pros and cons; comparing and contrasting; asking for clarification/help/an opinion; politely asking someone to wait; confirming information; estimating time; directing fast movement; correcting an error; introducing/reacting to bad news; discussing timing/frequency/problems/improvements/needs; asking about experience/importance; giving a reminder/instructions/directions; warning someone about danger; making a recommendation; expressing interest; requesting more information; introducing yourself on the phone; stating a negative opinion; politely requesting someone's attention; giving a warning; correcting yourself; expressing concern/relief/confusion

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 fishing and seafood industry; 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 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 study

Marking Scheme: 5 items x 2 points = 10 points

NOTE: The candidate may be asked to complete webpage content, notes, a study guide, an order form, a job application form, an email, a sales summary, a manager's log, a captain's log, a memo, an injury/accident/incident/progress/sustainability/maintenance report, a pros and cons list, intructions in a handbook, an employee checklist, meeting notes, a poster, an inquiry form, a course evaluation, a delay report, a quiz, a performance review, a product description, a consumer complaint, or a letter of reference. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of fishing and seafood industry for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points