

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS



English for Food Service Industries 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, interacting speakers)

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: food service equipment; types of restaurants; fast food and delivery; making reservations; payments; food service staff; purchasing; storage and preparation of food and drinks; customer service and complaints; opening and closing operations; restaurant safety; managing a restaurant; costs and pricing; accounting; parts of a restaurant; tabletop items; in the kitchen; types of meals; catering; taking orders; types of menus and menu pricing; the bar; sanitation; nutrition and specialty diets; career options

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: presenting options; responding to/making an apology; asking for help; asking about completion; giving a polite negative response; stating a preference; describing order; estimating time; checking for correctness; introducing a problem; asking for/stating an opinion; describing availability; checking for accuracy; asking about needs; discussing degree; giving a motive for doing something; asking about/describing experience; checking on/describing progress; describing mixed results; asking about/describing options; describing preparation methods; asking for repetition; explaining a change; asking for a favor; asking for clarification; giving praise/a warning; bringing up a problem; checking for understanding; giving a firm answer; confirming information; asking for advice; listing pros and cons; reporting an error; making a recommendation; describing work history and experience

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 food service industries; 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 studies.

Marking Scheme: 5 items x 2 points = 10 points

NOTE: The candidate may be asked to complete a note, a quiz, a checklist, a reservation request form, a take-out order, a customer feedback form, a restaurant review, an order ship, a customer notice, a job advertisement, a purchase order, an email, a recipe, a comment card, a letter, a receipt, a written warning, a report, a marketing plan or a memo. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of food service industries for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points