

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS



English for Kindergarten Teacher 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: the classroom; classroom supplies/language/rules/management; assessments; student backgrounds; traits of the kindergarten teacher; education and certification; (before) the first day; arrival/dismissal; mealtimes; recess/naps and rest; play; stories and reading; clean up; lesson plan formats;

assessing the lesson; language skills/strategies; writing skills/strategies; math strategies

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: assigning responsibilities/tasks; giving a polite reminder; describing order of events/goals/ experience/mixed results/success and failure; stating a preference; giving (mixed) feedback/a warning/ a reminder/a compliment/encouragement/praise; discussing frequency/rules/goals; generating responses; stressing importance; stating values/goals; talking about attendance; accepting responsibility; making a recommendation/suggestion; offering advice; de-escalating a situation; sympathizing with someone; asking for information/a favor/advice/help/about plans; checking for understanding; citing strengths and weaknesses/benefits; providing examples/options/reassurance

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 kindergarten teaching; 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 list, a teacher's/student's report, contact information, notes for a conference, a class goal list, a rule book entry, student teacher's notes, test results, notes on students' backgrounds, a report card, instructions for the teacher's assistant, tips for the first day, mealtime rules, recess guidelines, book walk instructions, dismissal policies, a lesson plan, tips for getting student's attention, a letter to the parents, a progress report or a classroom management guide for student teachers. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of kindergarten teaching for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points