

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH **EXAMINATIONS**



English for the "MBA English" 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: MBA program overview; BA classes and internships; businesses; departments; management styles and leadership; projects; accounting; business culture and ethics;

communication skills; business strategy and operations; business tools and criteria

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: agreeing; asking for/about documentation; asking about objectives/feelings/knowledge; asking for an opinion/advice/more information/clarification/an example/justification/an explanation; confirming details; clarifying information; correcting an error/yourself; describing plans/job duties; disagreeing with an opinion; stating opinions; giving advice/compliments/explanations/bad news; expressing interest/concern/agreement; explaining choices/a decision; encouraging enquiry; changing topics; making comparisons/introductions/a recommendation/a counterargument; pointing out a mistake; offering sympathy; showing understanding; talking about cost/necessity/roles; verifying

what someone is saying; negotiating a deal

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 "MBA English". 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 an article, an email, a tip sheet, an internship program description, a handout, a textbook excerpt, an informational web page, a blog post, an occupational manual excerpt, a company handbook, an assignment excerpt, a course description, a report, a flyer, an agenda, a job advertisement, a sales report, a quiz, a balance sheet. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of "MBA English" for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: TOTAL: 100 points