

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH **EXAMINATIONS**

English for Public Relations:

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: Appearances, Attracting Clients, Careers, Challenges in Public Relations, Communication, Conducting a Survey, Conducting Research, Conflict Management, Corporations, Crisis Management, Departments, Describing Change, Education, Entertainment and Sports, Ethics, Evaluating Results, Global Public Relations, Influencing Public Opinion, Issues Management, Legal Matters , Marketing and PR, New Media, Nonprofit, Persuasion, Politics and Government, PR in the Digital Age, Reaching a Diverse Audience, Releases, Reputation Management, Services, Skills of a Public Relations Professional, Speeches, Spreading Information, Strategic Planning, Tactics, The

Budget, The Role of Public Relations, Traditional Media, Types of Research

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, Agreeing to a suggestion, Asking about experience, Asking for: advice, an opinion, clarification, confirmation, Clarifying information, Confirming information, Correcting a misconception, Describing interests, Expressing: a lack of understanding, concern, confusion, disbelief, enthusiasm, polite disagreement, relief, sympathy, uncertainty, Giving: an example, an opinion, non-committal responses, reassurance, Giving and accepting a compliment, Making: a realization, a recommendation, a suggestion, an assumption, Reiterating a point, Restating information, Showing: admiration, interest, polite disagreement, understanding, Stating knowledge,

Talking about: necessity, results

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 Public Relations; 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 an advertisement, an advice column, an agenda, an article, a blog entry, a blog post, a book chapter, a brochure, a cover letter, an editorial, an email, a feedback form, a job posting, a memo, a newspaper article, a report, a textbook chapter, a webpage. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of Public Relations for professional purposes.

Duration: 60 minutes Marks: TOTAL: 100 points