INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS

English for Software Engineering Examination:
General Description

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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 software engineer; problem solving; numbers and math; presentations and communication; configuration management; programming teams; quality control; project management; computer parts and types; system/programming/application software; software architecture/maintenance/ reuse; design methods; testing objectives and techniques; user interface design
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:** expressing enthusiasm; describing order of events; expressing a preference; asking about progress; emphasizing a point; asking for advice; making a realization; expressing confidence; giving constructive criticism; describing progress/a process; expressing concerns; delivering good news; making plans; apologizing for an error; offering advice; giving a reminder; describing consequences; making comparisons; expressing relief; giving an opinion; expressing confusion; describing necessity; politely disagreeing; asking for more information; setting a deadline; disagreeing with an opinion; discussing pros and cons; making a polite request; confirming information; making a prediction; describing degree; giving instructions; assigning tasks; rating importance; making a recommendation; describing ability; explaining a concept; troubleshooting
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 software engineering; 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 **a webpage**, **a request**, **an email**, **an exercise**, **an index**, **a guide**, **a report**, **a form**, **a set of notes**, **a set of instructions**, **an update**, **an agenda**, **a list**, **a summary**, **a chart**, **a memo**, **a note**, **a letter**, **a review** or **a recommendation**. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of software engineering for professional purposes.
Duration: 60 minutes	**Marks:** **TOTAL:** 100 points