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INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS
English for Computing Examination:
General Description

UNIVERSITY of **GREENWICH**

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** **(20 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:** computers and computer components; computer accessories; other electronic devices and media; communication; word processing; spreadsheets; desktop publishing; the web; networking; cloud computing; operating systems; internet crime; telecommuting and careers in computing
PART 3 **Knowledge of Language Functions** **(15 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:** giving a strong response/instructions/a negative opinion/an example; pointing out differences; making recommendations/an apology/suggestions/ predictions/an admission; describing a problem/benefits/familiarity/difficulty/expectations/differences/concerns/a process; asking about size/location/completed tasks/a source/frequency; asking for an opinion/help/a favor/more information; getting someone's attention; correcting a mistake; identifying an error/a problem; talking about time; changing your mind; clarifying instructions/a point; discussing purpose/a problem/location; stating opinion/a negative opinion; providing options/reassurance; explaining an opinion; stressing a point/importance; urging fast action; expressing confusion/surprise/reservations; 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 computing; 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** **(5 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 request form, description, note, feedback form, customer survey, order form, instructions, user guide, email, message, tasks checklist, tips, memo, summary, employee survey, cover letter (for job application) or report.** This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of computing for professional purposes.
Duration: 60 minutes	**Marks:** **TOTAL:** 100 points