

INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS

English for Petroleum II Examination: General Description

<p>PART 1 Listening (approx. 10 minutes)</p>	<p>Task type: Multiple choice Format: ten unrelated dialogues of about 30 seconds' duration, each followed by a 3-option multiple choice item</p> <p>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.).</p> <p>Task Focus: <i>identifying detail, understanding and interpreting information, specific information, gist, detail, main idea, function, purpose, attitude, opinion, etc.</i></p> <p>Marking Scheme: 10 items x 2 points = 20 points</p> <p>NOTE: Each part is heard twice.</p>
<p>PART 2 Knowledge of Linguistic Means (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Task type: Multiple choice Format: 18 4-option multiple choice sentences Task Focus: <i>lexical</i></p> <p>Marking Scheme: 18 items x 2 points = 36 points</p> <p>Topic areas: petroleum sources; petroleum reserves; petroleum indicators; petroleum reservoirs; oil wells; artificial lift; petroleum chemistry and properties; samples; treating petroleum in the field; equipment; licensing; leasing; personnel; working conditions; first aid; delivering petroleum; measuring petroleum; waste disposal; petroleum business</p>
<p>PART 3 Knowledge of Language Functions (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Task type: Multiple choice Format: 16 2-option multiple choice exchanges Task Focus: <i>lexico-grammatical</i></p> <p>Marking Scheme: 16 items x 1 point = 16 points</p> <p>Functions: making predictions/comparisons/an apology/an appointment/a recommendation/introductions; describing progress/a process/severity/new technology/job experience; stating total amounts/possibilities; expressing confusion/confidence/surprise/an opinion/doubt; ending a conversation; identifying an error; asking about price/for clarification; adding information; requesting more information; providing options; discussing risk/details; agreeing with an opinion; explaining how something works/a term/what is needed; giving a reminder/advice/compliments/measurements; clarifying information; confirming details; examining something; getting someone's attention; assigning responsibilities; correcting yourself; talking about pros and cons</p>
<p>PART 4 Reading (10 minutes)</p>	<p>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 the petroleum industry; 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: <i>understanding detail, specific information, implication, attitude, reference and meaning</i></p> <p>Marking Scheme: 6 items x 3 points = 18 points</p> <p>NOTE: All the texts are related to the specific field of study.</p>
<p>PART 5 Writing Awareness (5 minutes)</p>	<p>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: <i>Recognition of writing features and language as required in their field of studies.</i></p> <p>Marking Scheme: 5 items x 2 points = 10 points</p> <p>NOTES: The candidate may be asked to complete a piece of writing such as notes, a report, a purchase order, a sample order, a work order, a frequently asked questions sheet, a damage settlement provision, a job application, an outline, a form, a plan of action, a summary, an instruction manual, a brochure, a review, a memo, a survey sheet, a proposal, a recommendation, a letter. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of the petroleum industry for professional purposes.</p>
<p>Duration: 60 minutes</p>	<p>Marks: TOTAL: 100 points</p>