# INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS

## English for the ‘Electrician’ 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:* tools and materials; actions; using numbers and units; wires; safety issues; cables, connections and routing; panels and safeguards; receptacles and switches; grounding systems and electrical fires; circuit interrupters; lights and ceiling installations; special appliances; hazards and protection

**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:* stating a preference/an opinion; asking for something; thanking someone; asking for advice/information/clarification/repetition/an opinion; giving assurances/instructions/commands/advice/feedback/praise/reasons/information; talking about calculations/schedules; pointing out a mistake; checking for understanding; offering help/choices; saying something is dangerous; repeating something back; making recommendations/an appointment; describing an object/a process/requirements; declining something; discussing necessary actions; finding out cost; agreeing with an assessment; stressing importance; starting a conversation; turning down a request; taking responsibility; figuring out a problem; troubleshooting; assigning work; explaining options/differences/how something works; asking questions to get more information; comparing; confirming orders; talking about pros and cons

**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 ‘Electrician’; 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 shopping list, a work order, a safety report, interview notes, directions, a deposit slip, a quiz, a safety checklist, a customer feedback form, a memo, a call record, instructions, a work summary, a work report, a product recommendation, an inspection summary, suggestions, an advertisement, a call log. This task is based on elements of writing that the candidates will need to produce in the field of ‘Electrician’ for professional purposes.

**Duration:** 60 minutes  
**Marks:** TOTAL: 100 points