## INTERNATIONAL VOCATIONAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS

### English for Software Engineering 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** (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:** 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** (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:** 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** (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 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

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