



Rigtalk English Test – Listening Test Components

Timing:	15 minutes
Items:	25 items
Item type:	Multiple choice, short answer
Listening texts:	<p>The candidate will hear four listening texts. The context for all four texts is the working environment. Two are monologue, two will be dialogue. One monologue is set in a more social context; one is a safety briefing. The dialogues are conversations between two workers completing tasks during their working day.</p> <p>Each recording is played once only.</p> <p>Each recording includes a range of native-speaker accents.</p>
Skills tested:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Listening for gist- Listening for specific information- Listening for main ideas- Recognising opinion
Marking:	<p>Each correct answer is awarded 1 mark</p> <p>The score out of 25 is converted to a Rigtalk English Test score and aligned to the level descriptors for the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).</p>



Rigtalk English Test – Reading Test Components

Timing:	15 minutes
Items:	25 items
Item type:	Multiple choice, short answer, True/False/Not Given, gap-fill (CLOZE)
Reading texts:	<p>There are three sections using authentic materials from the oil and gas industry:</p> <p>Section 1 Items based on authentic industry signage.</p> <p>Section 2 Short, factual text extracted from authentic industry documentation such as handbooks, safety guidelines.</p> <p>Section 3 Two more complex texts based around a work related topic taken from authentic industry reports, instructions and documentation.</p>
Skills tested:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reading for gist- Reading for specific information- Reading for main ideas- Recognising opinion.
Marking:	<p>Each correct answer is awarded 1 mark</p> <p>The score out of 25 is converted to a Rigtalk English Test score and aligned to the level descriptors for the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).</p>



Rigtalk English Test – Writing Test Components

Timing:	15 minutes
Items:	2
Item type:	Short essay
Writing questions:	<p>The candidate will have two questions.</p> <p>In Question 1, the candidate is given a chart, diagram or photograph and is asked to write a description of what they see.</p> <p>In Question 2, the candidate is asked to write a short essay giving a line of reasoning about a work-related topic. They are asked to give a relevant example to support their response.</p> <p>Both questions are suitable for, and easily understood by candidates who have worked offshore or who have not worked offshore yet.</p>
Skills tested:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Writing a description/how something works- Ability to give a written line of reasoning- Ability to give a written example to support their response- Ability to structure a response which is directly answering the question.- Ability to use appropriate tenses and structures. <p>Candidates are assessed on four categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Task fulfilment- Cohesion- Accuracy- Range of grammar and vocabulary
Marking:	<p>The score out of 25 is converted to a Rigtalk English Test score and aligned to the level descriptors for the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).</p>



Rigtalk English Test – Speaking Test Components

Timing:	10-13 minutes
Item type:	Open and closed questions
Format:	The speaking test takes the form of an interview on a 1-1 basis with a native, English speaking examiner, face-to-face or online. All speaking tests are digitally recorded.
Speaking questions:	Questions are divided into five sections: Section 1: Introductions. The examiner will ask questions on personal, family and work related topics to build candidate confidence. Candidate identity will also be verified. Section 2: Extended familiar topics. Section 3: Work-based topics – descriptions and reasoning. Section 4: Work-based topics – descriptions and sequences. Section 5: Work-based topics – detailed descriptions of a past event supported by relevant examples. During Sections 2-5, the examiner will ask follow-up questions to encourage further discussion.
Skills tested:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ability to communicate effectively on everyday/work topics- Ability to give (detailed) descriptions of events- Ability to give a line of reasoning- Ability to give relevant examples to illustrate a point- Ability to describe a sequence of events- Ability to directly answer the question- Ability to use tenses and structures coherently- Ability to express opinion
Marking:	The score out of 25 is converted to a Rigtalk English Test score and aligned to the level descriptors for the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).