

Young Professionals Programme 2011

Presentation to
candidates on the

Written examination



Format and allocation of points

Total points: 1,000

Total time allotted: 270 min.

Format and allocation of points

1. Written examination (850 points)

- General paper (250 points) in English or French
 - Drafting skills (150 points)
 - International affairs questions (100 points)

Will be reviewed and rated by a specialized external consultancy

- Specialized paper (600 points) in any of the official UN languages
 - Essays
 - Short questions

Will be reviewed and rated by the relevant Specialized Board of Examiners

Format and allocation of points

2. Competency-based interview (150 points)

Will be conducted by the relevant Specialized Board of Examiners

Written examination

Administration

- 3 essays (120 points each): 360 points
- 6 out of 9 short questions (40 points each): 240 points

Written examination

Suggested time (Administration)

General paper

Drafting skills 45 min.

IAQs 30 min.

Specialized paper

Essays 135 min.

Short questions 60 min.

Total 270 min.

Written examination

Humanitarian assistance

- 2 out of 3 essays with 1 mandatory at 170 points, the other at 160 points: 330 points
- 7 out of 9 short questions with 3 (out of 4) at 30 points each and 4 (out of 5) at 45 points each: 270 points

Written examination

Suggested time (Humanitarian assistance)

General paper

Drafting skills 45 min.

IAQs 30 min.

Specialized paper

Essays 105 min.

Short questions 90 min.

Total 270 min.

Written examination

Information

- 2 essays, 1 each from 2 sets, each set containing 2 topics at 180 points each: 360 points
- 8 questions at 30 points each: 240 points

Written examination

Suggested time (Information)

General paper

Drafting skills 45 min.

IAQs 30 min.

Specialized paper

Essays 135 min.

Short questions 60 min.

Total 270 min.

Written examination

Statistics

- 2 essays at 125 points each: 250 points
- 7 questions at 50 points each: 350 points

Written examination

Suggested time (Statistics)

General paper

Drafting skills 45 min.

IAQs 30 min.

Specialized paper

Essays 90 min.

Short questions 105 min.

Total 270 min.