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.
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
2. Competency-based interview (150 points)

Will be conducted by the relevant Specialized Board of Examiners
Written examination

- 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.