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Program of English entry exam for foreign applicants for double-degree bachelor’s degree program of HSE and University of London

Specialization 41.03.05 “International Relations”

In English

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Entry exam consists of four parts listed below. Speaking, reading and listening parts are held in the oral form and include communication with the member of examining board. Writing part requires writing a short essay on one of the provided topics.

1 Speaking on the theme (See Annex)

1.1 Dialogic speech

1.1.1 Dialogue of etiquette nature (to participate in the conversation in certain situations, official communication)

1.1.2 Dialog with questioning (to carry out a request for information, seek clarification)

1.1.3 Dialogue - impulse to action (express specific proposals in accordance with the situation and topic of communication, and encourage the interlocutor to make statement)

1.1.4 Dialogue - exchange of views, messages (to express own attitude to statements made by partner, own opinion on the topic under discussion; to ask for explanations if necessary)

1.1.5 Combined dialogue (a combination of different types dialogues) based on academic topics of communication, in formal and informal situations of everyday communication

1.1.6 Polylog, including elements in the form of discussion, in compliance with norms of speech etiquette.

1.2 monologues

1.2.1 Making statements using basic types of speech communication (description, narrative, reasoning, characteristic)

1.2.2 Narrative of the core content of the read / seen with expression of own attitude, assessment, argumentation

1.2.3 Independent statement in connection with the text read, or the results of a project

1.2.4 Discourse on facts / events, elements of culture of your country and the country / countries where English is spoken

2 Reading

2.1 Understanding of the core content of messages, simple publication of scientific and educational nature, excerpts from works of fiction
2.2 Complete and accurate understanding of pragmatic texts, information publications, scientific literature, excerpts from works of fiction

2.3 Selective understanding of the necessary / interesting Information from the text of a prospectus

2.4 Understanding the structural and semantic relationships within the text

3. **Listening** (duration of the record of the text - up to 3-4 minutes)

3.1 Comprehension by ear of the main content of a simple monologue and dialogue within the range of topics studied in class (weather forecast, ads, television and radio programs, interviews, stories, fragments of radio broadcasts)

3.2 Selective comprehension by ear of the necessary information in advertising, meaningful / requested information from simple audio and video texts

3.3 A full understanding of monologues and dialogues in the most typical situations of everyday and professional communication

4. **Writing**

4.1 Autobiography / resume

4.2 Filling out a questionnaire, blank forms

4.3 Writing a personal letter with the use of formulas of speech etiquette; including informing of the news and particular facts and events of your life; expressing your judgments and feelings; describing plans for the future and questioning similar information from your correspondent

4.4 Writing business letters with the use of formulas of speech etiquette

**Annex of topics**

Casual and everyday life, the distribution of household family responsibilities. Shopping

Life in the city and countryside. Problems of town and village

Communication in the family and school, family traditions, interpersonal relationships with friends and acquaintances

Health and healthcare, medical services. Healthy lifestyle
Role of youth in today's society, its interests and hobbies

Home country. Its geography, climate, population, cities and villages, places of interest

Travel at home and abroad

Nature and environmental issues

Modern world of professions, the labor market

Perspective of continuing education in a higher education establishment

Plans for the future, the choice of profession

Role of foreign languages in the modern world

Scientific and technological progress

New Information Technologies

Holidays and important dates in different countries