Information Booklet
Naturalization Test (NATEX)

Naturalization Test
On October 1, 2007 the Regulation Naturalization Netherlands Antilles came into effect after which the Regulations by the Minister of Justice of the Netherlands of 15 December 2010, under number 5678285/10 as an adaptation of the Naturalization Test Regulations Sint Maarten was implemented. If you want to become a Dutch citizen, you must take the naturalization test. After you have passed the naturalization test with satisfactory results, you may apply for naturalization.
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GENERAL INFORMATION ON NATURALIZATION

Do you wish to become a Dutch citizen? Based on the stipulations with regard to naturalization, which came into effect on October 1, 2007, you must take the naturalization test in order to apply for Dutch citizenship. After you have passed the naturalization test with satisfactory results, you may apply for naturalization.

You must have sufficient command of the English and Dutch language for this test. You must also have knowledge of life and the institutions, norms and values of Sint Maarten and the constitution of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. You can follow a course or study on your own.

During the test, you must demonstrate what you know and have learned. The Sint Maarten naturalization test is similar to the test in the Netherlands, though it has been adapted on a number of topics regarding culture and society. The format has also been modified.

If you pass all three components, you will obtain a Certificate for the naturalization test from the Division of Examinations. With this certificate you can request your naturalization at the Ministry of Justice. For more information and questions on naturalization you can contact the Cabinet of the Governor of Sint Maarten.

The naturalization test comprises of three components:

- **Component I: Orientation on Society & the Political system**
- **Component II: English Language Skills (Reading Comprehension, Writing, Listening Comprehension and Speaking)**
- **Component III: Dutch Language Skills (Reading Comprehension, Writing, Listening Comprehension and Speaking)**

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TEST

Have you attended a naturalization course or have you prepared on your own? Do you wish to take the naturalization test? After you have completed the registration process and have made the required payments you will receive an official summons (test notice).

The naturalization test consists of three components:

Component I
Orientation on Society & Political system

Component II
English Language Skills
a. Reading Comprehension
b. Writing
c. Listening Comprehension
d. Speaking

Component III
Dutch Language Skills
a. Reading Comprehension
b. Writing
c. Listening Comprehension
d. Speaking

Central testing

All three Components I, II & III of the naturalization test are done on the computer and organized centrally by the Netherlands (Holland). During the tests, the use of a dictionary is prohibited.

Test level

The test is basically equivalent to the level of the final year of primary education / elementary school.
All your language skills must be on the A2 level (the level of the elementary user as determined in the Common European Reference Framework for Languages) or the level of the elementary user of Dutch as a Second Language.
Test content and structure

The final objectives (page 26) describe what you must be able to do and what knowledge is necessary to be eligible to apply for Dutch citizenship. The level of attainment is tested by means of a test Orientation on Society & the Political System, the English Language Skills test and the Dutch Language Skills test. The knowledge that you must demonstrate will be itemized in the test in a practical and concrete format.

Component I: Orientation on Society & the Political system

In the central test, you will be asked questions about rules and customs of Sint Maarten and the Kingdom of the Netherlands: social-communal orientation and the political system.
- This is a computer based test consisting of 47 multiple-choice questions.
- The language of instruction used in the test Orientation on Society & the Political System is English.

Component II and Component III: Language Skills

During the Central tests, you must show that you have sufficient command of English and Dutch language. You must have command of the language on the level of an elementary user (A2).

The language tests consist of four test sections:

1. Reading comprehension
2. Writing
3. Listening comprehension
4. Speaking (fluency)

The following quote describes the level of command of an elementary user according to the 'Common European Framework of Reference':
"Is able to understand sentences and common expressions related matters of direct relevance (for instance personal data, family, shopping, local geography, work). Can communicate by way of simple and common tasks that require straightforward exchange on familiar and daily matters. Can describe in simple language aspects of own background, immediate environment and matters in the field of various general needs."

Test dates
The assigned test dates for registration in November 2019 will be in March 2020. All nine tests of the three components will be administered during a two day period. On the first day Components I & II will be administered; and on the second day Component III will be administered.

Detailed overview

The table below and the tables on the following pages show a detailed overview of the test content and structure.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component I: Orientation on Society &amp; the Political System</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Test section and content</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Work and income</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Social interaction, values and norms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Living</td>
</tr>
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<td>4. Health and health care</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. History and geography</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Institutions</td>
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<td>7. Political organization and the constitutional state</td>
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<td>8. Education and upbringing</td>
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## Component II: English Language Skills

### 1. Reading

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<tr>
<th>Test section and content</th>
<th>Subjects and situations which the candidate may encounter in daily life, at school or in his/her profession.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Test format</td>
<td>Individual session comprising of reading a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. Five scenarios requiring the candidate to read texts and answer multiple-choice questions on the computer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amount of questions</td>
<td>Maximum 20 multiple-choice questions. Passing score is 16 or more questions correct.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Duration</td>
<td>63 minutes</td>
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### 2. Writing

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<tr>
<td>Test format</td>
<td>Individual session comprising of reading a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. Six scenarios requiring the candidate to fill in gaps in order to complete assignments or fill out forms.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Amount of questions</td>
<td>Six scenarios. A2-Level needed to pass.</td>
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<td>Duration</td>
<td>75 minutes</td>
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## Component II: English Language Skills

### 3. Listening

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<tr>
<td><strong>Test format</strong></td>
<td>Individual session comprising of listening to a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. Seven scenarios requiring the candidate to answer multiple-choice questions on the computer.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Amount of questions</strong></td>
<td>Maximum 20 multiple-choice questions. Passing score is 16 or more questions correct.</td>
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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
<td>34 minutes</td>
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### 4. Speaking

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<td><strong>Test format</strong></td>
<td>Individual session comprising of reading or listening to four scenarios presented orally by two examiners. By way of dialogue, the candidate responds to the questions and situations presented.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Amount of questions</strong></td>
<td>Four scenarios. A2-Level needed to pass.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
<td>20 minutes</td>
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## Component III: Dutch Language skills*

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### 1. Reading

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<tr>
<td>Test format</td>
<td>Individual session comprising of listening to a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. The candidate has to answer multiple-choice questions on the computer.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Amount of questions</td>
<td>Maximum 30 multiple-choice questions. Passing score is 26 or more questions correct.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Duration</td>
<td>94 minutes</td>
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### 2. Writing

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<tr>
<td>Test format</td>
<td>Individual session comprising of reading a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. Scenarios requiring the candidate to fill in gaps in order to complete assignments or fill out forms.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amount of questions</td>
<td>Four or Six scenarios. A2-Level needed to pass.</td>
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<td>Duration</td>
<td>75 minutes</td>
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### Component III: Dutch Language skills*

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#### 3. Listening

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<td>Individual session comprising of listening to a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. The candidate has to answer multiple-choice questions on the computer.</td>
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<td>Amount of questions</td>
<td>Maximum 30 multiple-choice questions. Passing score is 26 or more questions correct.</td>
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<td>Duration</td>
<td>39-50 minutes</td>
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#### 4. Speaking

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<td>Test format</td>
<td>Individual session comprising of reading or listening to four scenarios presented orally by two examiners. By way of dialogue, the candidate responds to the questions and situations presented.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Amount of questions</td>
<td>Three or Six scenarios. A2-Level needed to pass.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Duration</td>
<td>30 minutes</td>
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Applying for the tests

You must register at the Division of Examinations from **Friday, November 01, 2019 up and until Friday, November 08, 2019**. In order to take the tests, you must comply with a number of requirements.

Requirements:
- You must register for the test at the Division of Examinations.
- You must pay the test fees at the entities listed below.

You can register ONLY on the dates assigned by Division of Examinations. When registering, you must bring all of the following documents:
- Original Identification Card (I.D)
- Colored copy of your Identification Card
- Original passport
- Colored copy of your passport
- A copy of the registration form (basis uittreksel), with your current home address on it.

After registration at our office:
1. You will receive an invoice with the exam costs (see next page)
2. You are required to deposit all the examination fees on Windward Island Bank Account number 32480003 or at the Receivers Office
3. Return to our office with a copy of payment receipt on or before **Friday, November 08, 2019** (no later than 12.00 pm).

Financial liability with regards to courses and tests

Taking courses and tests costs money. However, there are no government provisions to cover these costs. This means you will have to pay these costs yourself. The course providers are fully autonomous so they determine the fees for their courses. Government has no say in or influence on the fees charged for courses.
Test fees

The test fees are stipulated in the Regulations by the Minister of Justice of the Netherlands of 15 December 2010, under number 5678825/10 as an adaptation of the Naturalization Test Regulations Sint Maarten.

### Registration for Examinations (first time)

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<tr>
<th>Test</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Component I</td>
<td>Orientation on Society &amp; Political system</td>
<td>Nafl. 275,-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Component II</td>
<td>English Language Skills</td>
<td>Nafl. 225,-</td>
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<td>Component III</td>
<td>Dutch Language Skills</td>
<td>Nafl. 110,-</td>
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### Registration for RE-Examinations

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<tr>
<td>Component I</td>
<td>Orientation on Society &amp; Political system</td>
<td>Nafl. 140,-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Component II</td>
<td>English Language Skills*</td>
<td>*Nafl. 225,- Nafl. 75,- Nafl. 75,- Nafl. 75,- Nafl. 75,-</td>
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<td>Reading Comprehension</td>
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<td>Speaking</td>
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<td>Component III</td>
<td>Dutch Language Skills*</td>
<td>*Nafl. 110,- Nafl. 37,- Nafl. 37,- Nafl. 37,-</td>
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<td>Reading Comprehension</td>
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*Note:

- If you retake/resit just one section of a Language Skills test it is Nafl. 75,- (English) and/or Nafl. 37,- (Dutch) per section.
- If you retake/resit 3 or more sections you pay only Nafl. 225, - (English) and/or Nafl, - 110, - (Dutch)
- You must deposit the test fees, with your invoice, as specified by the Division of Examinations (see details on page 11).
Procedure after registration

When you register, the Division of Examinations will give you a confirmation of all the components and/or sections you have (re-) registered for and all the documents that you have submitted.

With this confirmation, it is mentioned when you can expect to pick up your summons (test notice). When you pick up the summons, you must bring along a valid proof of identity\(^1\) and sign for receipt. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to pick up the summons in person, you may authorize someone to pick it up. The authorized person must bring along a colored copy of your identity and valid proof of their identity. The authorized person will be asked to sign an authorization form.

The summons will state the date, location, time for each test and other requirements with regards to test administration (such as presenting valid identification, etc.). Please refer to the general test rules and regulations on page 24.

The Division of Examinations announces the days scheduled for the sitting of each test Component via the media.

What must you pay attention to?

Always arrive on time. For each Component, the summons will indicate the time that you have to be present for instructions. If you show up late, you will not be allowed to take the test. You will then have to re-register and pay again. You must also bring your summons and a valid proof of identity.\(^1\)

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\(^1\) such as an Identification card, license or passport
Results

You must score a sufficient grade for each test component. You will be informed of the result at the latest 15 workdays after the test. You will be notified by means of the summons or by note after each test. The note will have when to pick up the results for each test at the Division of Examinations. When you pick up the results for each test, you must bring along a valid proof of identity and sign for receipt.

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to pick up the results for each test in person, you may authorize someone to pick it up. The authorized person must bring along a colored copy of your identity and valid proof of their identity. The authorized person will be asked to sign an authorization form.

Retesting

If you have failed the test or components/sections of the test, you may retake that part of the test. You must re-register at the Division of Examinations from Monday, August 17, 2020 up and until Friday, August 28, 2020. After re-registration at our office:

- You will receive an invoice with the test parts that you need to retake, with a deadline for payment on Friday, August 28, 2020 before 12.00 pm.
- The resit will be from Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Certificate

You will receive the Certificate of the naturalization test once you have scored satisfactory results for all tests (Components I, II and III). Upon receiving the Certificate of the naturalization test; you can make an appointment at the Cabinet of the Governor of Sint Maarten to finalize the naturalization process.
Appendix

Sample questions

You can practice on the computer.

Go to the website http://www.inburgeren.nl/

On the homepage
  - click on “Examen Doen”, then 6 Oefenen
    - choose “Schrijven” or
    - choose “Spreken” or
    - choose “Luisteren” or
    - choose “Lezen” to practice

Below you will find a sample question of each test component. These will give you an impression of what to expect.

Component I: Orientation on Society and Political system

  Sint Maarten is ....
    - A Dutch colony.
    - Autonomous country within the Kingdom.
    - Part of the European Union.

Component II and Component III

  English and Dutch Language skills

On pages 18 through 23 are instructions to various examples of the tests for Component III – Dutch (Reading, Listening and Writing). This principle is the same for Component II – English Reading, Listening and Writing on the computer.
Instructie toets afname Algemeen

Toets maken
Als je bent ingelogd zie je een of meer toetsen.

- Hier staan de toetsen die je nog moet maken en toetsen die je al gemaakt hebt.
- Zoek de toets die je gaat maken en klik op het bolletje.
- Klik daarna op Start.
- De toets begint dan.
- Druk op F11 op je toetsenbord. De toets vult dan het hele scherm.
**Knoppen**

Op het toets scherm zie je een aantal knoppen. Hieronder zie je waarvoor de knoppen dienen:

- **Resterende tijd: 00:44:50**
  
  Hier zie je hoe lang je nog over de toets mag doen.

- **3, 6, 0...**
  
  Klik als je accenten of leestekens wilt gebruiken.

- **Terug**
  
  Klik als je de vorige vraag of het vorige scherm wilt zien.

- **Vooruit**
  
  Klik als je de volgende vraag of het volgende scherm wilt zien.

- **Ga verder**
  
  Klik als je de volgende vraag of het volgende scherm wilt zien.

- **Stop toets**
  
  Klik als je wilt stoppen met de toets.

**Let op:** hiermee stop je de toets definitief!
Toets stoppen

Als je alle vragen hebt beantwoord zie je het volgende scherm:

![Bevestig scherm](image1)

Als je niet alle vragen hebt beantwoord zie je het volgende scherm:

![Bevestig scherm](image2)

- Als je op het pijltje klikt, ga je terug naar de vraag. Je kunt die vraag dan nog beantwoorden.
- Als je klaar bent met de toets, klik je op *Ga verder* en *Stop Toets*. Je stopt dan definitief met de toets.
Instructie leestoetsen


Dit is een voorbeeld van een toetsscherm.

- Je ziet de instructie, de tekst en een meerkeuzevraag.
- *Let op: bij sommige teksten moet je scrollen!*
- Lees de tekst.
- Klik op het bolletje om het goede antwoord te kiezen.
- Je kunt dit antwoord nog veranderen.
Instructie luistertoetsen


Dit is een voorbeeld van een toets scherm. Je ziet luidsprekers:
- Klik op de eerste luidspreker om de instructie te horen.
- Klik op de tweede luidspreker om naar de tekst te luisteren.
- Klik op de luidspreker bij de vraag om de vraag te horen.
- Klik op de luidspreker bij de antwoorden om ze te beluisteren.

Let op: je kunt de tekst ook teruggespoelen of opnieuw beluisteren.
- Klik op het bolletje om het goede antwoord te kiezen.
- Je kunt dit antwoord nog veranderen.
Instructie schrijftoetsen

Je gaat een schrijftoets maken. Eerst krijg je een instructie. Daar staat wat je moet doen. Na de instructie kun je beginnen met de toets.

Dit is een voorbeeld van een toetsscherm. Je ziet een instructie en een opdracht. Verder zie je lege velden waarin je kunt typen. Klik een veld aan en typ je tekst in.
Test Regulations

Based on the Stipulations of the Statute Law on Dutch nationality in the Netherlands Antilles, section 8, part one, introduction and under d.

There are regulations for taking part in the naturalization test, which you are required to comply with.

A General rules

1. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport Sint Maarten, through Division of Examinations, is the official entity/authorized body to administer the naturalization test.
2. The candidate will receive a confirmation, after (s)he has registered at the Division of Examinations and paid the test fees.
3. The candidate will receive the summons from the Division of Examinations, at the latest 10 workdays before the test.
5. The Division of Examinations can choose the order which to administer the tests, depending on availability of the exam room.
6. The candidate must score a sufficient mark for each section of a test.
7. Component I, II and III will be computer-generated, with the exception of the section for English Speaking.
8. No separate appeal or protest can be lodged against the evaluation as it does not jeopardize the candidate's interests other than his/hers request for naturalization. The evaluation of the results of the naturalization test is merely of importance in the light of the final decision on requests for naturalization.
9. The candidate will be notified of the results for the respective test components, at the latest 15 workdays after the test.
10. The Division of Examinations is authorized to grant Certificates of the naturalization test to the candidates that have passed the test.
11. You may finalize naturalization at the Cabinet\(^1\) of the Governor of Sint Maarten, after you receive the certificate of naturalization.
12. If a candidate has failed any part of a test, (s)he will be eligible to sit a retest. Retesting will be administered when dates are available.
13. With regards to retesting, the Division of Examinations will publish a notice in the media.
14. The candidate must re-register at the Division of Examinations and pay the stipulated test fees before (s)he is allowed to participate in the retesting sessions.
15. A candidate is eligible for dispensation and exemption from the test if he meets the requirements as stipulated in the Statute Law. The Governor is authorized to consider petitions to this end.
16. Requests for dispensation must be submitted to the Governor.
17. Information about the rules and regulations governing dispensation and exemption can be obtained from the Cabinet of the Governor of St. Maarten

\(^1\) Cabinet of the Governor of Sint Maarten, Falcon drive 3, Harbour view, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten (Tel.: (1721)542 1160, E-mail: kabinet@kabgsxm.com)
B  Regulations during the test

1. For each Component, the summons will indicate the time that you have to be present for instructions.
2. If a candidate arrives late, and instruction for the test has already started, (s)he will not be allowed to participate in the test.
3. In this case, the candidate will be eligible to take part in the resit, however (s)he will have to pay again.
4. It is not permitted to bring friends and/or relatives or a dictionary to the test.
5. For admittance to the test, you must show your summons and legitimate proof of identity (a valid ID-card, license or passport). Without valid ID you cannot participate in the test.
6. Concerning the dress code we wish to draw your attention to what IS expected of your attire: Presentable wholesome business attire; Showing NO evidence of inappropriate display of flesh (e.g. midriff, décolletage, thigh-high, strapless, jeans trousers or ripped clothing); and appropriate conservative business inspired shoes (e.g. NO slippers, sandals, peep-toe and sneakers of any kind).
7. You must sign the attendance list.
8. You are not allowed to carry paper, pens, pencils or other writing utensils into the examination room.
9. You are not allowed to take food or drinks into the examination room.
10. Your handbag and mobile phone (turned off!) must be placed at the assigned table or locker.
11. Smoking is prohibited in the examination room.
12. During the test, you are not allowed to talk to the other candidates or to the supervisor.
13. You are not allowed to ask the supervisor questions about the contents of the test prior to, during or after the test.
14. You are not allowed to cause a disturbance or disrupt the procedures. If you cause a disturbance you will receive one (1) warning. The second time around, you will be asked to leave the room/premises.

15. You are not allowed to leave the examination room for the duration of the test, unless you must make an urgent trip to the bathroom.

16. Visits to the bathroom must be as brief as possible and will take place under surveillance of a supervisor. Time will not be added.

17. When you have finished Component I, II and III you call the supervisor in the computer lab at the Division of Examinations.

18. You may leave the room when the test session is concluded.

19. In case of fraud prior to, during or after the test, the candidate in question will be discharged immediately and expelled from the examination room and the test results will be invalidated.

20. A candidate, who was unable to attend the test, is eligible for retesting. However, this is only allowed under the following conditions:
   - the only valid reason for absence is illness or a funeral of a close relative of the first or second degree;
   - proof of absence must be submitted to the Division of Examinations on the first workday after the date of the test in question;
   - the candidate is eligible for retesting depending on availability.

In this case (and only in this case), a candidate need not pay for retesting. In all other cases a candidate must pay the test fee again in order to gain access to the retesting sessions.
Final Objectives

Component I: Orientation on Society & the Political System

1.1 The eight essential domains are:

1. Work and income
2. Social interaction, values and norms
3. Living
4. Health and health care
5. History and geography
6. Institutions
7. Political organization and the constitutional state
8. Education and upbringing

1.2 Detailed objectives for the eight essential domains of Orientation on Society & the Political System:

1. Work and income
   The candidate is able to undertake steps in order to seek and regain employment and to provide for him/her.

2. Social interaction, values and norms
   The candidate knows how to proceed with local manners, values and norms.

3. Living
   The candidate is able to look for an adequate housing and regulate utilities. S(h)e takes care of the safety in the home, and the environment and a clean living environment.

4. Health and health care
   The candidate is able to make use of existing health care.
5. **History and geography**
   With knowledge of history and geography, the candidate is able to be involved in the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the society of the Caribbean islands that form part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

6. **Institutions**
   The candidate is informed with regard to the services of the local government, the tax services, the police and the organizations for social and legal assistance.

7. **Political organization and the constitutional state**
   By knowing the political organization of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Caribbean islands that form part of that Kingdom, the candidate is able to be involved in the society in which s(h)e lives.

8. **Education and upbringing**
   The candidate knows the educational system and acknowledges the importance of education in the society and attaches great importance to minor children attending school.
Component II and III - English and Dutch Language Skills:

I  READING

Objectives
The candidate:
1. must be able to read intensively (close reading, comprehension) and extensively (global reading, scanning).
2. is able to recognize and comprehend words, phrases and text fragments, and see connections between words, phrases and text fragments.
3. recognizes and comprehends the essence of a text.
4. is able to find terms, notions, names, numbers in authentic texts and letters within a limited time.

Types of texts
- Informative texts.
- Instructional texts.
- Persuasive texts.
- Formalized texts.

Test content:
- Standard letters, notes and memos for e.g. school trips, parent-teacher meetings.
- Instructions, e.g. in a phone booth or on a soft drink vending machine.
- Reports, messages, announcements, advertisements in newspapers.

Subjects
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter in daily life.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter at school.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter professionally.
II LISTENING

Objectives
The candidate:
1. is able to understand in general (global listening) what is said in a listening fragment.
2. is able to recognize and select specific information from a listening fragment.
3. is able to predict the probable message of certain contents.
4. understands listening fragments both in face-to-face as in non-face-to-face situations.
5. understands simple descriptions, help that is offered, complaints, apologies and warnings.
6. is able to understand information, advice and/or explanations.

Types of texts
- Informative texts.
- Persuasive texts.
- Directive texts.

Test content:
- Announcements from radio and TV programs.
- Instructions e.g. by traffic police.
- Appointments, commercials in a supermarket.
- Telephone operators and automatic information services.
- Weather reports.

Subjects
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter in daily life.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter at school.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter professionally.
III  WRITING

Objectives
The candidate:
1. has the writing skills and linguistics means to express him-/herself in situations concerning daily life, school and profession.
2. is able to ask for and provide information.
3. is able to describe objects, persons, actions and situations.
4. is able to fill out forms and write simple letters.
5. is able to write simple words, in correct spelling.
6. is able to recognize deliberately misspelled words in sentences and correct these.

Types of texts
- Individual (completion) sentences.
- Short, simple texts.
- Short, simple letters.
- Forms.

Subjects
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter in daily life.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter at school.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter professionally.
IV SPEAKING

Objectives
The candidate:
1. has the oral skills and linguistics means to express him-/herself in situations concerning daily life, school and profession.
2. is able to ask for and give advice.
3. is able to describe an event.
4. is able to apologize.
5. is able to request, complain and indicate differences.
6. is able to judge and evaluate.
7. is able to paraphrase.
8. knows the forms of address.
9. is able to say his name, explain who he wants to talk to, indicate what he is calling about, say he will call back and say goodbye.
10. is able to carry on short, simple telephone conversations.
11. is able to ask someone to spell something.

Test content:
- Asking for the meaning of an unknown word or concept.
- Making or changing an appointment.
- Requesting information.
- Introducing himself or someone else.
- Apologizing, congratulating, and asking for directions, exchanging a product in a store.
- Praising, approving.

Subjects
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter in daily life.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter at school.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter professionally.
- Short routine telephone conversations.
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