

2020 Admission Guide

This Guide describes the admission examination procedure for candidates wishing to attend the following academic programmes offered by Romanian Nautical College and South Shields Marine School (the UK):

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA	OFFICER CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY
■ Higher National Diploma – Nautical Science	■ Deck Officer of the Watch
■ Higher National Diploma – Marine Engineering	■ Engineer Officer of the Watch

Programmes last 4 years:

- **Year 1 in Romanian Nautical College (RNC), Constanța, Romania**
- **Year 2 in South Shields Marine School, South Shields, the UK**
- **Year 3 and Year 4 allocated to sea going voyages**

Official examinations:

- **Admission exam – in RNC**
- **Graduation and certification exams – in SSMS**

INTRODUCTION

1. This Guide offers details regarding 2020 admission to the Higher National Diploma programmes organized by Romanian Nautical College [RNC] and South Shields Marine School [SSMS] in “1+1” system.
2. “1+1 system” means you will study the year 1 in RNC (Constanta, Romania) and the year 2 in SSMS. However, the programmes include 2 additional years allocated to your compulsory Cadet sea practice. HND Diploma is issued by the Scottish Qualification Authority and the Officer’s Certificate of Competency is issued by the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency.
3. Teaching in RNC and STC will be conducted in English language only! **At the end of the 1st year in RNC your English language proficiency level must be at least 5.5 – IELTS¹.** Consequently, it is essential for all candidates to prove at least at an intermediate English language level at the beginning of the Officers’ programmes.
4. The purpose of the “Admission Guide” is to explain the admission procedures in RNC, as well as to support candidates by providing detailed information about the tests.

¹ The International English Language Testing System, known as IELTS, is one of the most popular standardized tests for English proficiency that many international students will need to take before applying for a college or university in the U.K.



Chapter 1. STRUCTURE OF THE ADMISSION EXAMINATION

Admission to Romanian Nautical College (RNC) Higher National Diploma (HND) programmes consists in assessing the candidate's proficiency in **English language**. The examination has 2 parts:

Part 1 – a 15 minutes interview, to evaluate the candidate's listening and speaking skills, as well as their motivation. **The interview is conducted on Skype or Facetime. The date/time of the interview is arranged individually with the RNC representative.**

Part 2 - a 90-minute written test, aiming to measure the candidate's reading and writing abilities. It includes an essay or a letter (200-words) on general topics. Duration of Part 2 is of 2 hours. **The written test is conducted by e-mail. The date/time is arranged individually with the RNC representative.**

Important: Candidates holding an IELTS, Cambridge or similar certificates of competency will skip Part 2 of the admission process (i.e. will not need to take the written test). English language tests included in the Baccalaureate are not assimilated with IELTS or Cambridge.

In detail:

Part 1: You will take an interview with the RNC Examiner

You will have a conversation with the Examiner on familiar topics (questions about yourself, home, family, work, studies, etc., as well as questions on reasons why you chose to join our programmes). This interview aims to evaluate your ability to understand oral messages and your capacity to express ideas, opinions and statements on different topics. Part 1 of the Admission Exam will conclude with ACCEPTED or DENIED.

Accepted candidates may enroll for Part 2 of the Admission Exam. You will be notified at the end of the interview.

Part 2: You will take a 50-items multiple choice placement test, plus 2 texts for testing the reading capacity, and finally you must compose an essay with a subject imposed by the college

The Placement Test consists of a 50-question multiple choice, which will test your grammar and vocabulary. Then you will need to read two texts and answer 10 questions, which will test your reading capacity. Finally, you must write a 200-word essay in response to a point of view, argument or problem, which will test your ability to present a clear, relevant, well-organised argument, giving evidence or examples to support your ideas, and to use language accurately. The essay will be a response to a prompt. The essay will be scored on a combination of quality of content, paragraph and sentence organization and structure, coherence of ideas, cohesion, topic sentences, spelling and grammar.

Possible topics/prompts for the essay:

1. Are parents the best teachers?
2. If you could change one thing about your hometown, what would it be?
3. Is progress always a good thing?
4. Should we ignore the past?
5. The impact of new communication technology on society

Part 2 of the Admission Exam Score ranges from 0 to 100. In order to pass, candidates need to meet a minimum of 50. Candidates will be notified of their examination results within the same day.

■ Candidates with the placement score equal to 50 or greater are Accepted in HND programmes. The College will issue them an official Letter of Acceptance within 48 hours.

■ Candidates with the placement score equal to 49 or less are Denied. These candidates may take time to prepare better and then they are welcome to ask for another admission test.

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Chapter 2. SAMPLE PLACEMENT TEST AND ESSAY

Underline the correct answer:

1. ___ a big breakfast every morning?

Are you eat

Do you eat

Eat you

You are eat

2. Ken is using ___ computer now. He is writing a business letter.

he is

he's

him

his

3. How many people ___ at the party at Luke's house last night?

do

did

was

were

4. I bought a ticket from Miami to New York. I was happy because it ___ very expensive.

doesn't
didn't
wasn't
weren't

5. ___ that movie about airplanes last night?

Do you see
Do you saw
Did you see
Did you saw

6. The teacher explained the lesson well, but Mark ___ anything about the lesson.

don't understands
doesn't understand
didn't understand
didn't understood

7. Which three verbs all have the same final sound?

sneezed, played, watched
looked, studied, washed
missed, laughed, clapped
worked, answered, blogged

8. Jose is from Mexico. His native language is Spanish. He ___ French.

don't speaks
doesn't speak
isn't speak
isn't speaks

9. This dictionary is expensive. Those ___ expensive, also.

are
do
does
is

10. What ___ tonight? If you're free, you can go to the movies with us.

are you do
are you going to do
do you do
did you do

11. I don't understand. What ___ ?

does this word new mean
does this new word mean
means this word new
means this new word

12. You can't go outside now. It ___ really hard!

is rained
is raining
rains
rained

13. I'm not a rich man. I don't have ___ money.

a lot
many
much
some

14. Samantha and Cindy ___ tennis together every Saturday morning.

are play
playing
plays
play

15. We have ___ today.

a meeting business
a business meeting
a meeting of business
a business's meeting

16. We have a new car now. We really ___ our new car a lot!

are like
are liking
like
liked

17. The capital of the United States ___ Washington D. C.

are
be
in
is

18. Why ___ to New York City last month? Was it for business?

did you go
did you went
were you go
were you went

19. Jill is tall, but her sister Jessie is ___.

taller
the tall
more tall
the same tall

20. I didn't know the answer to question number 50, but Luke ___ it to me.

tells
told

telled
was tell

21. Please return ___ to the refrigerator after you use it.

a milk
the milk
milk
milks

22. I liked some of the movie, but I didn't like ____.

the end of the movie
the end's movie
the movie's end
the movie of the end

23. ___ to the park yesterday?

Did you go
Did you went
Have you went
Have you gone

24. He took a business trip to Toronto. Of course he took ____.

him computer with his
him computer with him
his computer with his
his computer with him

25. That pen is not very good. Please don't use ____.

it
one
another
the other

26. Brenda had five difficult tests. She made 100 on every test. She ___ study a lot.

can
may
must
should

27. The manager said that ___ was the best.

Kevin's report
Kevins' report
the Kevin's report
the report of Kevin

28. I had two keys. I have one here, but do you know where Marina put ___?

another one
the other one

- it
my
29. The smell of onions is ___ the smell of oranges.
- more strong from
more strong than
stronger from
stronger than
30. I ___ to get up early tomorrow morning.
- had better
have
should
will
31. I need a present for Mary's birthday. This book looks interesting, so I might buy ___.
- her for it
it for her
she for them
them for she
32. There ___ many famous military leaders in the history of the modern world.
- were
have been
has been
were being
33. Joe is a great student. He ___.
- rarely a test fails
rarely fails a test
fails a test rarely
fails rarely a test
34. I think that this shirt is ___ than that shirt.
- more beautiful
more cheap
the cheapest
the most beautiful
35. We go to class late. When we walked in, the other students ___ an exam.
- took
have taken
were taken
were taking
36. As soon as the alarm clock went ___, Joan jumped out of bed and started cooking breakfast.
- in
off

- on
out
37. When I went to Carol's house, she was busy. She ___ her suitcase for her trip to London.
- packed
has packed
was packed
was packing
38. I need to go to the post office right now. These letters ___ as soon as possible.
- are sending
are going to send
have to send
have to be sent
39. The Arabic language ___ from right to left.
- is writing
is written
wrote
was used to writing
40. She has a very ___ voice.
- enormously
friendly
hardly
quickly
41. The secretary gave me two forms. I filled ___ right away.
- it out
out it
them out
out them
42. There was a terrible car accident near the bank. It ___ around 4 p.m.
- was happened
was happen
happening
happened
43. Eastern Airlines is ___ its great on-time record. Its planes are almost never late!
- famous about
famous with
known by
known for
44. Oh, no! Hamburgers again! I'm so tired ___ hamburgers every day!
- and ate
for eat
of eating
to eat

45. A short note ____ was discovered in a box of old books.

Lincoln was written
Lincoln wrote it
that Lincoln wrote
that Lincoln wrote it

46. Henry has travelled all over the world. He is only 30 years old, but he has already visited 50 countries. When he was only 20 years old, he ____ 20 countries.

had visited already
had already visited
has visited already
has already visited

47. Although the statistics regarding the number of deaths from tornadoes and other wind storms vary considerably from year to year, approximately seventy-three people ____ from these storms in the United States.

annual die
die annually
annual dead
dead annually

48. I cannot eat seafood. ____ me that that restaurant served nothing but seafood, I would not have gone there.

If someone tells
Someone had told
Would someone tell
Had someone told

49. Although we tend to think that they are basically the same animal, dolphins, porpoises, and fish are not alike; despite how similar they might seem, these three animals ____ dolphins and porpoises are mammals while fish are not.

different in that
different so that
differ in that
differ so that

50. ____ sound intelligent in a second language is a good grasp of vocabulary and a solid knowledge of English grammar.

What does a second language learner make
What makes a second language learner
That does a second language learner make
That makes a second language learner

OTHER SOURSES FOR SELF-TESTING:

https://www.press.umich.edu/elt/compsite/cleargrammar/CG_part1

https://www.press.umich.edu/elt/compsite/cleargrammar/CG_part2

https://www.press.umich.edu/elt/compsite/cleargrammar/CG_part3.html

https://www.press.umich.edu/elt/compsite/cleargrammar/CG_part4

WRITING SAMPLE TOPICS:

You will be asked to write a 200 word essay in response to a point of view, argument or problem. This task assesses the test takers' ability to present a clear, relevant, well-organised argument, giving evidence or examples to support their ideas, and to use language accurately.

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Online references on writing an essay:

<https://www.quora.com/How-do-I-write-a-200-word-short-essay>

<https://www.collegemapper.com/>

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