



Annual Examinations for Secondary Schools 2022

YEAR 9

ENGLISH
LISTENING COMPREHENSION

TIME: 15 minutes

TEACHER'S PAPER

**Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension
Examination**

In the event of a power cut, teachers of English are to read the instructions below.

You have been given a sheet containing the Listening Comprehension questions. You now have **THREE** minutes to read the questions based on the passage, which you will listen to **TWICE**.

Pause – 3 minutes

You will now listen to the passage for the **FIRST** time. You may answer the questions while listening. After the passage is read, there will be a pause of another **THREE** minutes to allow you to answer the questions.

(Reading of passage)

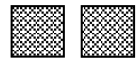
Pause – 3 minutes

You will now listen to the passage for the **LAST** time and you may answer the rest of the questions. After this, you have a further **THREE** minutes for a final revision of the answers.

(Reading of passage)

Pause – 3 minutes

This is the end of the Listening Comprehension examination.



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Listen to a radio programme about two talented athletes.

Presenter: Welcome to today's programme, "Women who are changing the world". This morning we're meeting two courageous girls who started off as refugees and became top athletes.

On the line with us we have Nadia Nadim, a 33-year-old footballer who plays for Denmark. Hello Nadia, welcome to the programme..tell us a little bit about yourself.

Nadia: Of course. I was born on January 2nd 1988 in Herat, Afghanistan. When I was just 11 years old, my father died. My mother took me and my four sisters and escaped to Pakistan. That was the year 2000.

Presenter: What happened during your journey?

Nadia: Well, we had a few relatives in London so we planned to go there. We first travelled through Pakistan and eventually arrived in Italy. There, my family and I went on a truck, thinking we were heading towards London. After a few days, we got out of the truck and we found out that we were in Denmark.

Presenter: Oh my! So Denmark's the country that became home to you and your family. How did this affect your career?

Nadia: I began my football career playing for the B52 Aalborg club. In 2009, I was selected and made my debut for the Danish national team in the Algarve Cup and since then I've earned a reputation as a top scorer and I've helped my team win many games. Besides sport, I'm also a medical student at university.

Presenter: Thank you for joining us, Nadia, and I wish you the best of luck. Like Nadia, 23-year-old Yusra Mardini, who took part in the Rio 2016 and the Tokyo 2021 Olympics, also escaped from a civil war in her country, Syria. She's here with us today to tell us about her experience. Welcome to our programme, Yusra. Could you tell us about your experience?

Yusri: Hello Karen. It's a pleasure to be here. Until I was 17, I lived with my family in Syria. I was a swimmer. In fact, at 14, I represented my country at the World Swimming Championships. In 2015, because of the war, my sister and I decided to leave. First we went to Turkey before boarding a boat bound for Greece. Eventually, we made it to Berlin, where we lived as refugees and rebuilt our life.

Presenter: So how did you take up swimming again?

Yusri: Well, life as a refugee is hard but we knew that sport was our way out. I resumed training at a local pool and in 2016 I was chosen to take part in the Rio Olympics.

Presenter: What did taking part in the Olympics mean to you?

Yusri: For me competing in the Olympics is about continuing to believe in dreams, pursuing them - and encouraging others to do the same.

Presenter: Thank you Yusra for that powerful message. If you'd like to know more about this talented athlete, you can visit her social media page. You can also read her autobiography or if you prefer, there's also a film about her. It'll definitely give you a good picture of her life.

Thanks for being with us today. Join us again next week...