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**[This is the Kingdom of Bahrain National Examinations in the English Language**

**Grade 9 Live test Version 3A**

**Listening Test**

**You will hear each part twice.**

**At the beginning of each recording you will hear this sound (*beep*).**

**For each part of the test there will be time for you to look through the questions and time for you to check your answers.**

**Write your answers on the question paper.**

**Open your question paper now.**

**The test is about to begin.]**

**Grade 9 Listening Test 2017**

**Test 3A**

*(5 second pause)*

## Part 1

### Questions 1 – 8

You will hear a series of short conversations which take place at an airport.

For each recording there is a question and four pictures **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**.

**Circle the correct letter.**

*Pause 2"*

**Before we start here is an example.**

0 **What time is the flight from Bahrain due to land?**

*Pause 5"*

**V2** Excuse me but can you tell me what time the flight to Bahrain is arriving? I think it's been delayed.

**V1** Yes, it was due to land by 11.30 but has now been delayed by half an hour so will be here by mid day.

**V2** Oh right, thank you. It's only 10 o'clock now so I have a couple of hours to wait. Never mind!

*Pause 2"*

**The flight from Bahrain due to land at 12 so the letter C has been circled.**

*Pause 2"*

**You now have 30 seconds to look at Questions 1 – 8.**

*Pause 30"*

**Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully.**

*Pause 2"*

### Question 1

What does the man order at the cafe?

Pause 5"

(beep)

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V2 Hi, what have you got for an early lunch?

V3 We usually have soup but I am afraid that's not ready yet, we have also sandwiches though.

V2 Oh, what sandwiches have you got left?

V3 Cheese and tomato. We also have chicken and salad.

V2 I'll have a chicken sandwich and something to drink. Some orange juice please. No, sorry, something warm instead, a cup of coffee please.

V3 Right, do you take milk in your coffee?

V2 No, thank you.

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Pause 5"

**Now listen again.**

Repeat from \* to \* \*

Pause 10"

### Question 2

Which gate is the flight to New York leaving from?

Pause 5"

(beep)

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V4 Excuse me, which gate is the flight to New York leaving from?

V1 Let me just check sir. Yes, it is leaving from gate 21.

V4 Oh, that's not what was announced as I came into the airport!

V1 You are right. The gate was changed to 32. Follow the signs and you will be able to catch a bus. It's on the other side of the terminal, follow signs for gates 25 to 35 and you will get there.

V4 Thanks.

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Pause 5"

**Now listen again.**

Repeat from \* to \* \*

Pause 10"

### Question 3

**What does the woman decide to buy?**

Pause 5"

(beep)

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**V5** Can I help you madam?

**V6** Yes, I am after something to read on the plane. Can you suggest anything?

**V5** Well, we have a variety of magazines. They're at the back of the shop, and of course we have newspapers too. We also sell some science journals and quite a few popular novels.

**V6** Right thanks, I think I'll go for a book – It's a long flight I have ahead of me.

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Pause 5"

**Now listen again.**

Repeat from \* to \* \*

Pause 10"

### Question 4

**How do the two people decide to travel home?**

Pause 5"

(beep)

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**V2** Thanks for meeting me John. It was such a long trip.

**V7** That's what brothers do. Well, I don't have the car with me so we could get the bus.

**V2** I'm really tired. Can't we get a taxi?

**V7** That'll be so expensive. I think we should get the coach.

**V2** Let's get the train. It will be faster. And we can have something to eat too.

**V7** Good idea.

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*Pause 5"*

**Now listen again.**

*Repeat from \* to \* \**

*Pause 10"*

### **Question 5**

**Where is the lost property office?**

*Pause 5"*

*(beep)*

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**V3** Hello, can you tell me where the lost property office is?

**V1** Yes of course. You need to take the lift up to the second floor. There is a restaurant up there, as well as the internet café. The lost property office is next to the prayer room.

**V3** And where is the nearest lift?

**V1** Just here to our right, walk past the post box and it is on the other side.

**V3** Right, thank you.

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*Pause 5"*

**Now listen again.**

*Repeat from \* to \* \**

*Pause 10"*

### **Question 6**

**What will the woman take onto the plane with her?**

*Pause 5"*

*(beep)*

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**V8** Hi. Can you tell me what I can take with me onto the plane?



**V1** Yes, you can take just one piece with you, your handbag or a small piece of luggage.

**V8** Can I take any drinks or something to eat?

**V1** I am afraid you can't take any liquids, but food like fruit should be OK.

**V8** Right so I have my handbag with a book, and a couple of apples. I'll just have to throw away this bottle of water.

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*Pause 5"*

**Now listen again.**

*Repeat from \* to \* \**

*Pause 10"*

### **Question 7**

**What does the woman's suitcase look like?**

*Pause 5"*

*(beep)*

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**V8** Can I help you?

**V4** Yes, I left my suitcase here with you earlier. I didn't want to take it to the restaurant with me. It's quite large, with a wooden handle. It's my favourite.

**V8** Yes, I remember, I have a couple of blue ones here. And a couple of red ones too!

**V4** It's got a big sticky label on it that says Welcome to London and it's grey. Can you see it?

**V8** Here it is

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*Pause 5"*

**Now listen again.**

*Repeat from \* to \* \**

*Pause 10"*

### **Question 8**

**How much is a return flight to Bahrain in June?**

*Pause 5"*

*(beep)*

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**V9** Hi! Can you tell me how much the tickets are to Bahrain from London?

**V1** Sure, It depends on whether you're looking for a one way or a return ticket! A single one way adult ticket is quite expensive actually. It's £799 but a return is much lower depending on when you are travelling. Generally they are around £573 return, but in June the prices go up to around £703.

**V9** Wow! Last year I only paid £490. Thanks for that information.

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*Pause 5"*

**Now listen again.**

*Repeat from \* to \* \**

*Pause 10"*

**Now turn to Part 2.**

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## Part 2

### Questions 9 – 16

You will hear part of a radio interview with a young man called Matthew.

Complete the sentences using **ONE WORD OR A NUMBER**.

*Pause 2"*

**Before we start here is an example.**

*Pause 2"*

**Speaker 1** Today in the studio we have Matthew who recently won a prize for running a youth club. So Matthew how did it all start?

**Speaker 2** Well I used to be a member of the youth club when I was a student at the school here.

*Pause 2"*

**Matthew won the prize for being involved in a youth club, so 'youth' is written in the space.**

*Pause 2"*

**You now have 30 seconds to look at Questions 9 – 16.**

*Pause 30"*

**Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully.**

*Pause 2"*

*(beep)*

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**Speaker 1** Today in the studio we have Matthew who recently won a prize for running a youth club. So Matthew how did it all start?

**Speaker 2** Well I used to be a member of the youth club when I was a student at the school here.

**Speaker 1** When did you first join the club?

**Speaker 2** In 2006. My friends and I were looking for a place where we could meet and do things with other young people. But the club has been running since 1998.

**Speaker 1** What kinds of activities did you do?

**Speaker 2** Well on rainy days we used to play basketball in the club itself but if the weather was good we went outside for football or tennis. The best thing was that we also learned how to play games like chess. In fact we won a competition in 2007.

**Speaker 1** Were there any organised trips Matthew?

**Speaker 2** Yes. We went on a camping trip where our team leader taught us how to fish, and we had to cook our meals too.

**Speaker 1** So why did you become a leader at the club?

**Speaker 2** Well I just wanted to continue being involved. I now teach the guitar at the club on Saturday afternoons and do photography on Sundays.

**Speaker 1** But you are also studying at college.

**Speaker 2** Yes. I am studying engineering. After graduation, I want to build bridges actually though all my friends want to design houses.

**Speaker 1** Great. You won the prize because the club has raised money to help a local hospital. How did you do that?

**Speaker 2** We did lots of different things, like we baked cakes to sell at the school. The greatest thing we did was a car wash at the park. We washed over 500 cars.

**Speaker 1** So can anyone join your club?

**Speaker 2** Yes but you have to be between 14 and 18 and you need to get permission from your parents. The club is free but sometimes we ask people to pay for certain activities like the cinema.

**Speaker 1** Well thank you very much Matthew (fade)

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*Pause 10''*

**Now listen again.**

*Repeat from \* to \* \**

*Pause 30''*

**Now turn to Part 3a.**

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### Part 3a

#### Questions 17 – 24

You will hear a student presenting his project in front of his teachers and classmates.

Complete the notes using **ONE WORD OR A NUMBER**.

Pause 2”

**Before we start, here is an example.**

Pause 2”

Good morning everybody, I’m gonna present my project today and it is going to be about the water festival in Thailand.

The Water Festival, or as they call it in the local Thai language “Songkran”, takes place not only in Thailand, but also in various Southeast Asian countries such as Burma, Cambodia, Laos, as well as Yunnan in China. This festival was traditionally celebrated at the New Year for many centuries.

*Pause 2”*

**The water festival is celebrated in Southeast Asian countries, so ‘countries’ has been written in the space.**

*Pause 2”*

**You now have 30 seconds to look at questions 17 – 24.**

*Pause 30”*

**Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully.**

*Pause 2”*

*(beep)*

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The Water Festival, or as they call it in the local Thai language “Songkran”, takes

place not only in Thailand but also in various Southeast Asian countries such as Burma, Cambodia, Laos, as well as Yunnan in China. This festival was traditionally celebrated at the New Year for many centuries.

It is believed that the festival was first celebrated in India, but later on other places took the habit of celebrating the festival. Nowadays, It is celebrated all over Thailand, even in the far south in the city of Chiang Mai. It is called the 'Water Festival' because people pour water over one another as part of the cleansing custom to welcome the New Year.

The festival continues for six days and even longer. It has also become a party for foreigners and an additional reason for many to visit Thailand to learn about another culture.

Throughout the water festival the streets become so crowded with both people and cars. Therefore, city officials close off many streets for the festival, except for ice trucks and fire engines.

During the festival men and women can't stand in the same place so police put them in different sections. This makes it easier for the police to catch people who don't respect the rules, such as having certain items which are not allowed in the festival, like glass. Whereas items such as garden hoses or large plastic trash cans filled with iced cold water or ice cubes, can be used to throw at passersby.

Songkran is also celebrated in many places with a competition in which young women parade their beauty and talents, as judged by the audience who will show their support to the winners by buying necklaces that can be placed on the chosen girl.

This however, was not always the main activity of the festival. The water festival for many years has been a time to visit family members, friends, neighbours and pay respect to elders.

Some people make New Year decisions - to avoid bad behaviour, or to do good things. Songkran is a time to start new. Many Thais also take this opportunity to clean their homes.

Besides the throwing of water, in northern Thailand, people celebrate the festival by carrying handfuls of sand to their neighbourhood doors. The sand is then decorated with flags and different colours. It is also said that, the act of pouring water is also a show of good things and good wishes. It is believed that on this Water Festival, everything old must be thrown away, or it will bring the owner bad luck.

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*Pause 10"*

**Now listen again.**

*Repeat from \* to \* \**

*Pause 30"*

**Now turn to Part 3b.**

## Part 3b

### Questions 25- 32

You will hear a teacher talking to a group of her students about a Fun Run they are going to do.

Complete the notes using **ONE WORD OR A NUMBER**.

*Pause 2"*

**Before we start, here is an example.**

*Pause 2"*

Right, is everyone here? Well, thanks everyone for agreeing to do the Fun Run. You know it's on this weekend, so I hope you haven't made any other plans.

*Pause 2"*

**The Fun Run is this weekend, so 'weekend' is written in the space.**

*Pause 2"*

**You now have 30 seconds to look at questions 25 - 32**

*Pause 30"*

**Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully.**

*Pause 2"*

*(beep)*

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Right, is everyone here? Well, thanks everyone for agreeing to do the Fun Run. You know it's on this weekend, so I hope you haven't made any other plans.

As you know, the run will be at Mr McGregor's Farm just to the north of the town centre. It's close to the big supermarket that has just opened. At the farm, they grow both fruit and vegetables and keep animals like cows and sheep.

Now, you have asked me where exactly you will be running. The run will be around the farm buildings and the fields and everything will be clearly marked. There is also a lake at



the farm but we won't go anywhere near that.

Now, you can't run without filling in this form. So make sure you all take one before you leave today. You need to put down your name and address, as well as your age, and you also need to get one of your parents to sign this, so we need to have a parent's signature before we can let you run. You need to bring that with you on the day. There is also a fee for each child who is running, and that is £3 per child. Remember we are raising money for new computers for our school library so encourage your friends and cousins to come, too. But if anyone running is not a member of any of the schools in town, then they will have to pay £5.

Well, some of you asked me earlier if you needed to bring anything. Make sure you are wearing running shoes and have comfortable clothes on, like T-shirts and shorts. You should also bring a hat as it's going to be sunny, so don't forget that. And don't forget to put some sun cream on your arms and legs, either. You don't need to bring any water or anything to drink as there will be people along the way giving out fruit juice but remember to bring a snack to have at the end of the run. I am sure some of you will be hungry by then.

Now once you hand in your forms, you will get a runner number which you will need to pin on your clothes. This is so we can see that everyone has finished the run. The numbers will be in different colours like blue or green depending on the school you go to. Our school colour is red, so make sure that you have the correct colour.

Now finally, there are three different start times. For children between the ages of 6 and 10 the run is on Saturday morning. For children between the ages of 11 and 14, and that's you, the run is on Saturday afternoon, starting at 2pm. So you need to be there by 1:30 at the latest. And Sunday, the runs are for children who are older. Are there any questions?

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*Pause 10"*

**Now listen again.**

*Repeat from \* to \* \**

*Pause 30"*

**Now turn to Part 4.**

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## Part 4

### Questions 33 – 38

You will hear part of a conversation between a young student collecting information from someone visiting a shopping mall.

Circle the correct letter, **A, B or C**.

*Pause 2"*

**Before we start, here is an example.**

*Pause 2"*

**Speaker 1** Excuse me, I'm Jack Hargreaves and I am interviewing people about their shopping habits for some school work. Do you have time to answer my questions?

**Speaker 2** How long will this take?

**Speaker 1** I have only 10 questions, so it shouldn't take more than 7 minutes of your time. I have already questioned 8 people so you will be my 9th.

*Pause 2"*

**The interview will take 7 minutes to complete, so there is a circle around the letter A.**

*Pause 2"*

**You now have 30 seconds to look at questions 33 – 38.**

*Pause 30"*

**Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully.**

*Pause 2"*

*(beep)*

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**Speaker 1** Excuse me, I'm Jack Hargreaves and I am interviewing people about their shopping habits for some school work. Do you have time to answer

my questions?

**Speaker 2** How long will this take?

**Speaker 1** I have only 10 questions so it shouldn't take more than 7 minutes of your time. I have already questioned 8 people so you will be my 9th.

**Speaker 2** Ok, what's your first question?

**Speaker 1** First your age. Are you between 20 to 24 age group or 25 to 29?

**Speaker 2** I am 31 actually so will be in the next group up.

**Speaker 1** Right, Are you a student?

**Speaker 2** I was a student until June when I finished my university course. I have just started working at the local magazine for teenagers actually. Do you know 'Teen News'?

**Speaker 1** Yes, I love all the stories in there. I don't read articles. They are all quite long. Some of the photographs are quite good too. I'm lucky my mother buys it for me. Are you a journalist?

**Speaker 2** No I'm not. I did English at university and wanted to translate but I got this job first. I actually write book reviews for the magazine.

**Speaker 1** Right. Can you tell me how often you go shopping?

**Speaker 2** What in a week?

**Speaker 1** No in a month.

**Speaker 2** Well I go shopping at least once a week, always on Saturdays. I usually do cleaning and get ready for work on Sundays. Sometimes if my friends

want to go shopping after work, I may go with them too. So that's what? I'd say I go about 5 times a month.

**Speaker 1** So that falls in the 5 to 7 times a month group. And do you always come here to this mall?

**Speaker 2** No actually. This is the closest to my house and there is a supermarket here. I came to buy some things to make dinner for my parents who are visiting tonight. I like the mall just outside town best. It's much bigger. The one in the city centre is OK but just too crowded for me, especially at weekends.

**Speaker 1** OK. Next questions, how much money do you spend shopping? Is it between £50 and £100, less than £50 or more than £100 a month?

**Speaker 2** I don't really know. I've never really counted, which is bad, isn't it? I should keep an account of how much I spend really. Well, when I come with my mother, we sometimes just enjoy looking around at clothes. And then sometimes we might buy quite a few gifts. But I really spend the most money whenever there is a book fair in the mall.

**Speaker 1** So how much do you spend every month?

**Speaker 2** I think probably more than £100 a month.

*both laugh and then fade.*

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*Pause 10"*

**Now listen again.**

*Repeat from \* to \* \**

*Pause 30"*

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**[Narrator We have now come to the end of the test.**

**You now have 5 minutes to look over your answers. I will remind you when there is one minute left.**

***(Pause for 4 minutes)***

**You now have 1 minute left**

**That is the end of the Listening Test.]**