



ST. NICHOLAS COLLEGE
RABAT MIDDLE SCHOOL
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS 2016

LEVEL
5-6-7

FORM 2

ENGLISH
LISTENING COMPREHENSION

TIME: 15 MINS

TEACHER'S PAPER

Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination.

The teacher should instruct the candidates to answer the questions on the paper provided. The following procedure for reading the Listening Comprehension passage is to be explained to the candidates immediately before proceeding with the examination.

You have been given a sheet containing the Listening Comprehension questions. I shall first read through the questions and then read the passage at normal reading speed. You may take notes during the reading. After this reading there will be a pause of another three minutes to enable you to answer some of the questions. The passage will be read a second time and you may take further notes and answer the rest of the questions. After this second reading you will be given a further three minutes for a final revision of answers.

- a. 3 minutes – students reads out the questions.
- b. 3 minutes – teacher reads passage aloud for the first time while students take notes.
- c. 3 minutes – students answer questions.
- d. 3 minutes – teacher reads passage for the second time while students may answer more questions.
- e. 3 minutes – students revise final answers.



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You are going to listen to an interview with Sir Ian McKellen.

Sir Ian McKellen is one of Britain's greatest actors. He was born in Burnley in the north of England on 25 May 1939. He first became famous as an actor for his roles in Shakespeare's plays, for example, in Hamlet and Macbeth.

In the last few years he has had many important film roles, including James Whale in Gods and Monsters, Gandalf in The Lord of the Rings trilogy, and Magneto in X-Men.

When asked about his tastes in music and reading in an interview done lately, Sir Ian admitted that he almost never listens to music at home because he prefers going to concerts. He enjoys classical music and pop, but his favourite kind of music is traditional American jazz.

He went on to say that he is currently reading 'The Hammersteins', a biography of the American theatre family written by Oscar Andrew Hammerstein. He also revealed that his favourite historical character would probably be William Shakespeare.

When asked about his daily routine Sir Ian McKellen said that if he was working, he would get up an hour before he had to leave the house but if he is not working, he usually gets up at about 10 in the morning. He said that he likes to relax by playing Sudoku, but mostly he likes to spend time with his friends.

Sir Ian confessed that he loves surfing the Internet. Indeed, he can very easily spend three or four hours on the Internet every day, answering emails and reading the news among other things. He thinks of the Internet as a wonderful encyclopaedia of information.

Although he is 76 years old, Sir Ian would like to learn a lot of things he has never had the time or opportunity to do, like sing well, play the piano since he has never learnt to play a musical instrument, and speak foreign languages because he only knows how to speak English!



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Name: _____

Class: _____

A. State whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. 4 marks []

1. Sir Ian was born on 25 June 1930.
2. He was born in America.
3. He prefers listening to music at home .
4. He enjoys classical music and pop.
5. Sir Ian thinks the Internet is wonderful..
6. He only knows how to speak English.

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B. Fill in with words and / or numbers. 2 marks []

1. The time he usually wakes up if he is not working - _____
2. Sir Ian McKellen's age now - _____

C. Fill in with one word from the passage. 3 marks []

1. His favourite kind of _____ is traditional American jazz.
2. 'William Shakespeare is his favourite historical _____.
3. The musical instrument Sir Ian would like to learn to play is the _____.

D. Answer the following question. 1 mark []

What game does Sir Ian like to play to relax?
