



St. Nicholas College  
Boys Secondary Naxxar

**BS**  
*Naxxar*

Half-Yearly Examinations  
February 2014

Subject: FORM 3 ENGLISH

Track 3

15 MINUTES

**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. You will be given three minutes to read the questions based on the passage. I shall 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 allow 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 the answers.*

- a. 3 minutes - Students read questions
- b. 3 minutes - First reading aloud of passage while students take notes
- c. 3 minutes - Students answer questions
- d. 3 minutes - Second reading of passage and possibility to answer questions
- e. 3 minutes - Final revision by students

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

**10 MARKS**

**You are now going to listen to John Brooke broadcasting today's local headlines from the BBC radio.**

*The Duchess of Cambridge has given birth to a baby boy. The new Prince of Cambridge was born at St Mary's hospital at 4.24pm. He weighed 8lb 6oz. The birth was announced to the public at 8.29pm, four hours after the actual birth to the press by email and Twitter.*

*Celebrations then rang out across the world. Buckingham Palace announced the birth by putting a notice outside by the palace gate on a fancy-looking golden stand. Town criers and TV news bulletins proclaimed the news of the royal birth. The BT Tower in London said 'It's a boy!' The House of Windsor now has three waiting heirs to the throne, a feat not seen since 1897 when Edward VIII was born.*

*Royal visitors to see the new child have included the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall as well as Kate Middleton's parents, Michael and Carole, who described their grandson as "absolutely beautiful".*

*One day after giving birth a beaming Prince William and his wife Catherine emerged from the London hospital where she had been staying, with their newborn baby, presenting the child to the world's press, who for the last two weeks have been camped up outside the hospital waiting for this moment!*

*The Duke of Cambridge, Prince William said, "He's a big boy and he's got a good set of lungs; that's for sure". He added, "He's got his mother's looks luckily."*

*In London there was a 41-gun salute in Green Park fired by the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery and the Honourable Artillery Company at 2.00pm. The bells of Westminster also rang out during the afternoon as did the Cliff Richard song "Congratulations".*