

# JUNIOR LYCEUM ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS 2009

Directorate for Quality and Standards in Education  
Educational Assessment Unit

**FORM 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**Listening Comprehension**

**Time: 15mins**

## Teacher's Paper

*John Miles is an experienced airline pilot. You are going to listen to him talking about some of the problems that affect passengers when they are flying.*

If you've ever flown, you may have noticed that when the plane takes off, your breathing becomes quicker and your pulse rate – the speed at which your heart is beating – goes up. This may partly be because you're excited or nervous, but it is also because when you take off from sea level, there's quite a significant pressure change.

Another flying-related problem which some people worry about is called deep vein thrombosis. This happens when the blood forms a clot in the leg. A clot is when the blood in a part of your body stops being as liquid as it should be and sort of clumps together. This is a rare problem and studies show it doesn't happen often. It would appear that the risk of thrombosis is about 1 per cent in people undergoing really long flights of greater than ten hours or so.

All the deep vein thromboses that were detected occurred in people who were sitting in non-aisle seats, where, effectively, they were trapped and couldn't easily get out to walk around the cabin. An 'aisle seat' is next to the part of the plane where people walk up and down 'the aisle' - so usually you're more able to move your legs around if you sit there. Non-aisle seats are in between other seats or by the window and it's not so easy to stretch your legs. If you're sitting and not able to move around much, the blood doesn't flow around your body properly. It stagnates – it stays where it is – and could form a clot.

One other common problem with long flights occurs when you cross time zones. You might leave Japan in daylight, travel for 12 hours and when you arrive in England your body is telling you it's bed time and it should be night – but the problem is that daytime has only just started in England.

This is when you're at risk of something we call jet lag. Natural light plays an important part in affecting the natural rhythm or cycle of our bodies, in particular, sleep. If we get a lot more daylight than usual, it confuses our bodies. It usually takes a few days for us to get over jet lag because our body clock has to reset – start again and get used to the new daylight hours. No wonder flying makes us so tired. Our bodies have to work hard to cope with so many changes.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Show whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) by ticking (✓) the correct column.

T	F
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- a. On take-off a passenger's heart-rate goes up.
- b. On take-off the change in pressure is barely noticeable.
- c. Passengers on long flights have suffered blood-clots.
- d. A blood-clot occurs when the blood liquefies.
- e. On long flights blood-clots occur in the upper body.
- e. Passengers sitting by the window are at a greater risk of thrombosis.
- f. Sitting helps the circulation of the blood.
- g. An aisle seat allows a passenger more leg-room.

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In Questions 2 and 3 tick (✓) the **CORRECT** statement

2. On take-off passengers

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

- a. get excited at the rise of the level of the sea.
- b. get excited because of the change in pressure when taking off from sea level.
- c. start feeling tense and excited.
- d. become nervous and excited because of the change in pressure.

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3. Sleep is

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

- a. an unnatural rhythm.
- b. the only type of natural rhythm.
- c. a particular type of natural rhythm.
- d. another form of jet-lag.

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In Question 4 tick (✓) the **INCORRECT** statement.

4. A flight from Japan to England

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<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

- a. may start and end in daylight.
- b. crosses time-zones.
- c. does not expose a passenger to the dangers of deep vein thrombosis.
- d. confuses our bodies.

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5. Tick (✓) the **THREE** causes of the flight-related problems mentioned in the passage.

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

- a. high blood pressure
- b. long exposure to natural light
- c. flying across time-zones

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

- d. blood-clots
- e. long flights
- f. aisle seats

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
Listening Comprehension**

**Time: 15mins**

## 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 - Read questions
- b. 3 minutes - First reading aloud of passage while students take notes
- c. 3 minutes - Answer questions
- d. 3 minutes - Second reading of passage and possibility to answer questions
- e. 3 minutes - Final revision

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FORM 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: 2hrs

Marks			
Speaking Assessment	Listening Comprehension	Written Examination	Final Mark

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Index No: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## A. Insert ONE word in each blank space. The first one (0) has been done for you.

In the UK alone, 1.2 billion text messages are sent (0) every week, more (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the whole of 1997. By 2010, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is estimated that half the world's population will have a mobile – some 3 billion people – and somewhere between a quarter and a half of that (3) \_\_\_\_\_ will text regularly. Initially, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ was panic about the type of language being used. Mobile became 'm8' and atoms '@oms'. It was feared (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the language of text messages would deeply affect literacy (6) \_\_\_\_\_. This concern proved misplaced. In his recent book, the *GR8 DB8*, Professor David Crystal argues that even teenagers do not use textese (the language used in text messages) (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on their mobiles or (8) \_\_\_\_\_ internet chatrooms. He (9) \_\_\_\_\_ claims that the playful nature of texting can actually help the cause of literacy. And there's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ doubt that it can be simply good, clean fun.

(5 marks)

## B. Fill in the blanks with the five correct phrasal verbs from the box.

put up with, turn over, take over, check out, drop off,  
put in for, take after, turn off, check in, drop in.

- John: Jane! Could you please hurry up? We're supposed to \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport at six.
- Jane: I'll be down in a minute. In the meantime, don't forget to \_\_\_\_\_ the mains switch in the garage.
- John: I've done that already and the luggage is in the car.
- Jane: Great! By the way, we've got to \_\_\_\_\_ the cat \_\_\_\_\_ at my mum's.
- John: The cat! Oh, bother! Why do we have to keep a cat? I can't \_\_\_\_\_ it any longer.
- Jane: How can you say that? You're just like your mum; I'm surprised how much you \_\_\_\_\_ her.

(5 marks)

**C. Complete the following text by forming one word from the one in brackets. The first one (0) has been done for you.**

She may be the most (0) successful (**success**) British swimmer for a century, but Rebecca Adlington, the double Olympic champion, made a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (**confess**) which was rather (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (**embarrass**). She is afraid of the sea. After clinching her second gold medal at the Beijing Games, the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (**teenager**) sensation said that she planned to celebrate by going on a Mediterranean cruise. However, Adlington, made it clear that she had no plans to dip her toes in open water. She added that she was terrified and said that she was scared of the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (**know**). After (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (**surprise**) taking two gold medals, her friends (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (**cheek**) called for Adlington to be honoured by the queen. Adlington, who has been getting up at 5 a.m. to train for the past six years, said that the hard work had (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (**appear**) paid off. Adlington's parents, Steve who runs a steel (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (**manufacture**) company and Kay, a housewife, were at the poolside in Beijing to witness their daughter's triumph. The couple had lost £1,000 in an online (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (**ticket**) scam organized by a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (**honest**) firm.

(5 marks)

**D. Put the verb in brackets in the correct form. The first one (0) has been done for you.**

Every decade or so, a film (0) passes (**pass**) from box-office hit to cultural phenomenon. That's what happened with the *Dark Knight*, the latest Batman film (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (**release**) last summer. Although, as expected the film (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (**attract**) a large number of teenagers, nobody can quite believe how successful the second Batman movie (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (**now become**). Some critics are certain that by next week, *Dark Knight* (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (**surpass**) the original *Star Wars* (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (**make**) in North America. Currently, its distributor, Warner Bros (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (**play down**) the possibility that it (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (**exceed**) the \$600m made by *Titanic*. The studio claimed that it (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (**take**) several measures to prevent piracy. In a press conference held last week, Warner Bros claimed that they (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (**satisfy**) that the first pirated copy (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (**not release**) until 38 hours after the film.

(5 marks)

## E. Comprehension

Not long after Catherine Cook, aged 15, arrived at her new high school she was flipping through an old yearbook with Dave, her 16-year old brother, when they spotted the name of a girl they knew. Yet the picture looked nothing like her. In that moment an internet empire was born.

5 In 2005, it occurred to Cook that the high school yearbook which features photos of all students attending school, was badly in need of updating. She thought that the yearbooks never really gave much information about the student. She and her brother thought about putting the yearbook online and having a profile page where students can list their favourite TV programmes, the music they like and other interests.

10 Three years later she is sitting on an internet fortune. The website she launched with her brother at Montgomery High School in Skillman, New Jersey, has exploded into a multimillion dollar online business, with 10 million members of *myYearbook.com* registering 1.5 billion page hits a month.

15 As the site's co-founder and features guru, Cook now 18, presides over a **roster** of online activities that have expanded the yearbook idea into an entertainment, games, video and quiz-packed site. There is also a heavy accent on the joys and perils of dating. Launched in 2005 with an initial investment of \$250,000, the site is now earning more than \$10 million a year in advertising sales and Catherine has become a millionaire.

20 A leading internet **monitoring** group has calculated that in June 2008, *myYearbook.com* became the third largest online social network in the United States, behind *MySpace* and *Facebook*, both of which are intended for older users. Catherine and David have had some offers from people who want to buy them out, but they are not interested right now because they are having too much fun working on the site. With their jokey style – the website declares that its vice-president for marketing is Dusty, the family dog – Catherine and her brother may have dealt a death blow to the rather dreary school annuals that in recent years have been read mainly by magazine editors, seeking embarrassing pictures of celebrities.

25 Neither Catherine nor her brother knew anything about building a website, but family help was at hand. Catherine and Dave have an older brother, Geoff, who had already made an internet fortune of his own studying at Harvard University. Geoff had devised and sold a pair of websites that helped students with essay writing and preparing CVs. He immediately saw the promise in his younger siblings' idea. He wrote them a cheque to get the website off the ground and has since  
30 guided the company as the venture's chief executive.

Geoff is 11 years older than Catherine. He was running his websites out of Palm Springs, California. Catherine says that her mother used to send her out to stay with him. His office was just so cool and she knew when she saw it that she didn't want a proper, typical job. She wanted to be  
35 an entrepreneur.

At 15, when most of her schoolmates were shopping at the mall and worrying about boys, Catherine was firing off emails to a team of website designers in Mumbai. It was very helpful to have a close relationship with someone like Geoff. He knew how to hire programmers in India, **lease** server space in Texas and start conversations with venture capitalists in Silicon Valley. As  
40 teenagers around the country flocked to the site, they were followed by a stampede of investors and advertisers. The site now employs 70 people and Catherine and her brothers may eventually be worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

Catherine is about to start her second year as a student at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. but she acknowledged that she was finding it hard to combine her studies with running a  
45 **budding** internet conglomerate. She wants to graduate, but she believes that she may have to take one or two years off to work on the website first.



1. In 1 and 2 tick (✓) the correct answer.  
Catherine became a millionaire because

<input type="checkbox"/>	a. she attended Harvard University.
<input type="checkbox"/>	b. she hired Indian programmers
<input type="checkbox"/>	c. she had a hardworking marketing director.
<input type="checkbox"/>	d. she had a brilliant idea.

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2. *myYearbook.com*

<input type="checkbox"/>	a. attracts less than \$10 million from sales in advertising.
<input type="checkbox"/>	b. earns \$250,000 from investments in advertising.
<input type="checkbox"/>	c. is making more than \$10 million from subscriptions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	d. is earning more than \$10 million from advertising.

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3. Show whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) by ticking (✓) the correct column.

T	F	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. Catherine was reading the old school yearbook attentively.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. The website was solely Catherine's initiative.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. Dating issues feature prominently in <i>myYearbook.com</i> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. Catherine refused offers of selling <i>myYearbook.com</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	e. Catherine is the youngest of three siblings.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	f. The website is attractive to advertisers.

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4. In what way is *myYearbook.com* different from *MySpace* and *Facebook*?

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5. Mention FOUR ways in which Catherine developed the traditional yearbook.

a. 

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b. 

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c. 

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d. 

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6. Name TWO typical teenage activities that Catherine had little time for.

a. 

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b. 

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7. Why does Catherine find it hard to cope with her new life at university?

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8 Say what the following refer to:

- a. its line 21
- b. the venture line 30
- c. they line 40

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9. Give the meaning of the following as used in the passage.

- a. roster line 12
- b. monitoring line 17
- c. lease line 39
- d. budding line 45

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10. List FOUR reasons that show myYearbook.com is a successful business.

- a. 

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- b. 

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- c. 

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- d. 

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11. In 55 – 60 words write a summary of the reasons that show that Geoff was an important factor behind Catherine's success.

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**F. Write a composition of about 300 words on ONE of the following:**

**30 marks**

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1. Imagine you have been asked to write a short story for the school magazine. Your story must begin with the following words. *'I heard a noise and went down to investigate'*.
2. Life without mobile phones would be better. Discuss.
3. Describe an interesting character in a film you recently watched. Give reasons why you found the character interesting. When describing the character you may refer to traits such as bravery, generosity, comicality, evil etc. You can support your answer by briefly referring to one or more episodes in the film.
4. You recently went with your friend to have a meal at a restaurant. Unfortunately, it proved to be a disappointing experience. Write a letter to the manager complaining why you were disappointed. You may refer to things such as the service, the quality of the food, the high prices, the lack of room etc.



