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What are the national examinations?

The national examinations are a set of examinations conducted by the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA) for all government school students in Grades 9 and 12 in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The national examinations are designed based on good international assessment practices. Grade 12 national examinations aim to measure the major competencies that students should have acquired after completing their 12 years of pre-university education in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Grade 9 national examinations basically aim to measure students' performance level in accordance with the national curriculum adopted by the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain in the main skills, competencies and knowledge of the examined subject.

What are the subjects that Grade 12 students sit for the national examinations?

Arabic, English, and mathematical skills.

What are the subjects that Grade 9 students sit for the national examinations?

Arabic, English, mathematics, and science.

Are the exams conducted in-person or online?

The national examinations are conducted in-person and administered in the classrooms.

Who is supervising the marking of the national examinations?

The BQA is supervising the marking process.

How are students trained on national examination samples?

The BQA provides training materials for students including samples of examination questions and mark schemes on BQA's website National Examinations Past Papers (bqa.gov.bh)

Will the national examinations include both the government and private schools' students?

Grade 12 national examinations are mandatory to government schools' students and optional to private schools' students. However, Grade 9 national examinations include government school students only.

How can students access their results?

Students can access and download their results through the e-government website and the results link on BQA website: www.bqa.gov.bh.

Can students appeal against the national examinations results?

Students can appeal against their national examinations results within 3 days of the results' announcement and issuance.

What types of questions are in the national examinations?

Multiple choice questions (MCQ) and essay questions, they are as follows:

| Grade | Arabic | | English | | Mathematical Skills |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|
| 12 | Paper 1 | Paper 2 | Paper 1 | Paper 2 | One paper |
| | Essay | MCQ | Essay | MCQ | MCQ |

| Grade | Arabic | | English | | Science | Mathematics |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------|
| 9 | Paper 1 | Paper 2 | Paper 1 | Paper 2 | One paper | One paper |
| | Essay | MCQ | Essay | MCQ | MCQ | MCQ |

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