



## **National Examinations FAQs 2023/2024:**

### **1. What are the national examinations?**

The National Examinations are a set of examinations conducted by the 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 accredited by the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain in the main skills, competencies and knowledge of the examined subject.

### **2. What are the subjects that Grade 12 students sit for the national examinations?**

Arabic, English, and mathematical skills.

### **3. What are the subjects that Grade 9 students sit for the national examinations?**

Arabic, English, mathematics, and science.

### **4. Are the exams conducted in-person or online?**

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

### **5. Who will supervise the marking of the national examinations?**

The BQA will supervise the marking process.



## **6. How are students trained on national examination samples?**

The BQA provides training materials for students including samples of examination questions and mark schemes on the BQA's website <https://www.bqa.gov.bh/En/QaaetUnits/NEU/Pages/DNE-Sample.aspx>.

## **7. 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.

## **8. How will the national examinations results be utilised?**

The BQA will share the national examinations results with the Ministry of Education to utilize them. In addition, Grade 12 results will be shared with the national universities as they could be considered as one of the admission requirements as per their rules and regulations.

## **9. How can students access their results?**

Students can access and download their results through the e-government website and the results link on the BQA website: [www.bqa.gov.bh](http://www.bqa.gov.bh).

## **10. Can students appeal against the national examinations results?**

Grade 12 students can appeal against their national examinations results within 3 days of the results announcement and issuance.

## **11. Can students resit the national examinations?**

Grade 12 students who were absent during any of the national examinations with an acceptable official excuse will be eligible to resit examinations. Resit exams schedule will be announced after issuing the results.



## 12. What is the type of questions in the national examinations?

Multiple choice questions and open-ended/essay questions as follows:

Grade	Arabic		English		Mathematical Skills
12	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 1	Paper 2	One paper
	Essay	Open-ended/Essay	Essay	MCQ	MCQ

Grade	Arabic		English		Math	Science
9	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 1	Paper 2	One paper	One paper
	Essay/ Open-ended	Open-ended/Essay	Essay	MCQ	MCQ	MCQ