The actual examination lasts for **ninety minutes**.

During the one hour and thirty-five minutes timetabled for the exam the sequence of procedures is as follows:

1. A sample item (usually a clip from the BBC) will be played in order to ensure that all equipment is functioning normally. This usually takes only 2-3 minutes.

2. At the start of the exam, candidates will have two minutes to read the questions on the reverse of the exam paper. After that, the clip will be played for the first time. Candidates are allowed to take notes throughout the exam.

3. There will be a five-minute break between the first play-through of the clip and the second.

4. The clip will be played a second time. After the second playing, the examiner present will tell you the exact time at which the exam will end.