

The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies

**HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN GENEALOGY
EXAMINATION: SPECIMEN**

Paper One

Time allowed: 3 hours

This paper carries 50% of the overall marks for this Examination
The number of marks available for each question is indicated

Candidates should keep their answers relevant. You will not be awarded marks for irrelevant material, but if you introduce irrelevant material that contains errors, you may be penalised for inaccuracy. Your answers need not be long, provided they cover the main points.

Please number your answers clearly.

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QUESTION ONE: GENEALOGICAL SOURCES AND FACTS

This question carries TWENTY marks (ONE mark for each answer).

You should attempt to answer ALL of the questions.

- 1.1 In which year was the first of the decennial censuses of England and Wales taken?
- 1.2 Name the four English quarter days
- 1.3 What are Retours of Heirs?
- 1.4 What would you expect to find on the PERSI website?
- 1.5 To whom would a Settlement Certificate be addressed?
- 1.6 What was the View of Frankpledge?
- 1.7 Where would you find the original probate records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury?
- 1.8 Analysis of mt-DNA should indicate what?
- 1.9 If our most recent common ancestor is my grandfather and your great great grandfather, what relation are we to each other?
- 1.10 When was the Oath of Protestation sworn? Where are the returns held?
- 1.11 What is a holograph will?
- 1.12 Where should you find the record of marriage of a Congregationalist in 1800?
- 1.13 What is a Courtesy Title?
- 1.14 Which was the first Act of Parliament specifically directed against the Society of Friends?
- 1.15 Define the following: a) Cordwainer; b) Paviour
- 1.16 Convert these Roman numerals into Arabic numerals: MDCLXVI;
MDCCCXXXVII
- 1.17 Give the English equivalent of these two Latin phrases found in parish registers:
a) *matrimonio conjuncti sunt*; b) *generosus*
- 1.18 A list of investors in which company is now on-line at FindMyPast.com?
- 1.19 What is the special name given in heraldry to a red sphere of “roundel gules”?
- 1.20 Draw a tricked sketch of the coat of arms blazoned *Gyronny Or and Sable*.

QUESTION TWO: GENEALOGICAL SOURCES

This question carries THIRTY marks (FIVE marks for each answer)

Describe SIX of the following sources, and for each say where you would find it/them, and what advantages, disadvantages and limitations it/they have for genealogical research.

- 2.1 Marriage Bonds and Allegations
- 2.2 Publications of the Harleian Society
- 2.3 Churchwardens' Accounts
- 2.4 Land Tax records
- 2.5 Registers of Fleet Marriages
- 2.6 Inquisitiones Post Mortem
- 2.7 *Alumni Cantabrigienses*
- 2.8 Griffith's Valuation
- 2.9 Pallot's Index

QUESTION THREE: GROUPS OF RECORDS

This question carries FORTY marks (TEN marks for each answer).

Describe the main specialist sources for researching FOUR of the following:

- 3.1 Deaths in Scotland before 1855.
- 3.2 Eighteenth century paupers.
- 3.3 Roman Catholic families in the 16th and 17th centuries.
- 3.4 Anglican clergymen.
- 3.5 Royal Navy officers.
- 3.6 Urban tradesmen in the 19th century.

QUESTION FOUR: HERALDRY

This question carries TEN marks (FIVE marks for each answer)

4.1 Trick the following blazon:

Quarterly; 1st & 4th: Argent, a Chevron between three Mullets Sable; 2nd & 3rd: Gules, a Fess between six Billets Or, at centre point a crescent for difference; impaling Chequy Or and Azure.

4.2 What genealogical information is conveyed by the above coat of arms?

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