

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN GENEALOGY

SAMPLE EXAMINATION PAPER

Paper One [2 pages]

Time allowed: 2 hours

The number of marks available for each question is indicated

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

QUESTION ONE: GENEALOGICAL SOURCES

This question carries TWENTY marks (FOUR marks for each answer)

Describe FIVE of the following sources. State where you would find each source and describe the value and limitations each might have for genealogical research.

- 1.1 Land Tax Assessments
- 1.2 Registers of Fleet Marriages
- 1.3 Alumni Records
- 1.4 World War I Soldiers' Service Records
- 1.5 Records of a Court Baron and a Court Leet
- 1.6 Vestry Minutes
- 1.7 Griffith's Valuation

QUESTION TWO: USING THE RECORDS

This question carries TWENTY-FOUR marks (EIGHT marks for each answer).

Describe how you would research an individual, based on the following starting points.

You should answer THREE from the following:

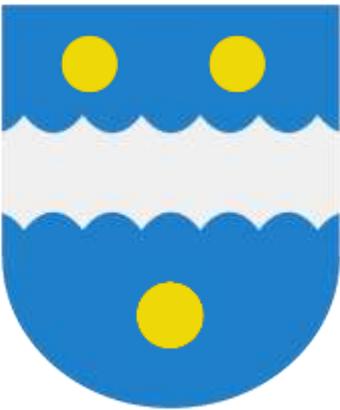
- 2.1 A GRO Marriage Certificate dated 1890, that records the groom as a private of the 47th Regiment of Foot.
- 2.2 A 1861 Census Return that records the subject as born in Scotland
- 2.3 A 20th Century newspaper obituary that describes the life of an eminent Church of England Clergyman
- 2.4 An entry in an 18th Century parish register that records an individual as a papist
- 2.5 A Will in which the testator refers to 'his copyhold land' in a named manor.

QUESTION THREE: HERALDRY

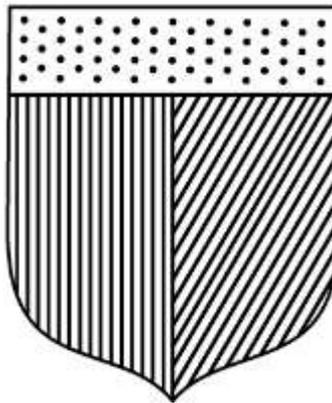
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Blazon the following shields:

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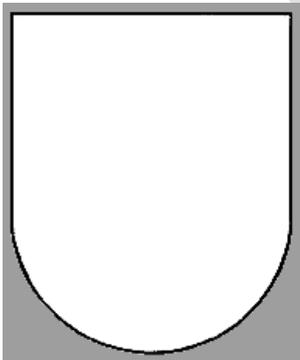


3.2



Trick the following blazon:

3.3 Per bend wavy Argent and Gules



3.4 When, and how, would the arms of a heraldic heiress be conveyed to her children? (TWO marks)

3.5 Which mark of cadency denotes a fifth son?