



**The Heraldry Society
Examinations Board**



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INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION

2026

SAMPLE

PAPER 2

Time allowed: 2 hours

The number of marks available for each question is indicated.

No extra marks are awarded for artistry, but please make sure that your illustrations are clear. If needed a note may be added to explain an element of your illustration.

TOTAL 50 MARKS

5 pages

Question 1 [TOTAL 24 MARKS]

With the aid of Papworth's *Ordinary of Arms* and *Burke's General Armory*, identify the following **THREE** coats of arms on pages 2-4.

For each of the specific arms identified:

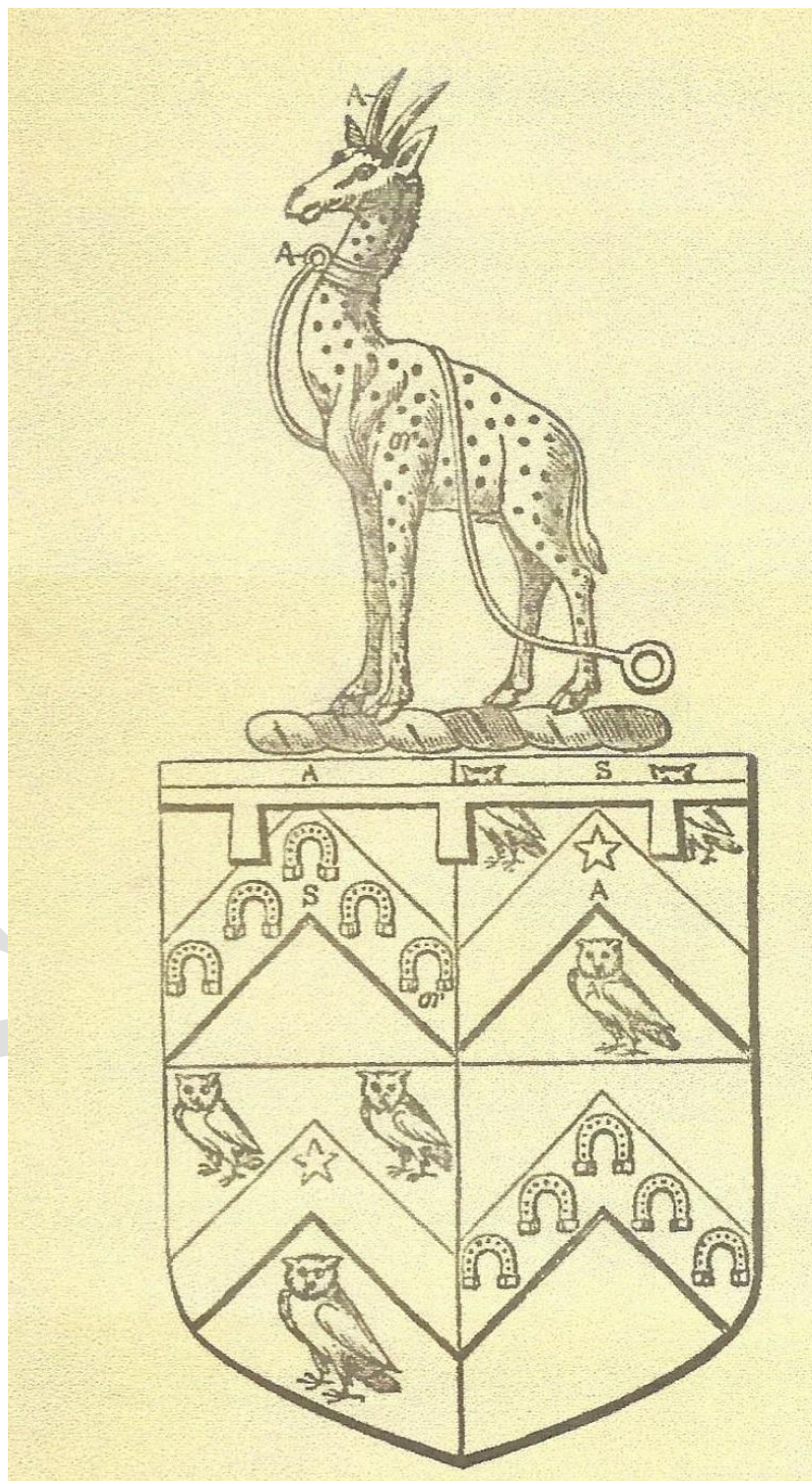
- Give the page numbers and **full** details from both sources for all the arms identified.
- Compare and comment on the information contained in the two sources for each coat of arms.
- Include any references cited in Papworth's.
- Answer the additional questions.

[8 Marks each]

1.1 [8 marks]

Identify these tricked Coats of Arms.

Describe the methodology used in the identification process.



1.2 [8 marks]

Identify the Coats of Arms on this shield [the dexter shield is Gules and the sinister shield is Sable]

Describe the methodology used in the identification process.

Comment on the significance of the arrangement of the shields.



1.3 [8 marks]

Identify the Coats of Arms presented on this hatchment

Describe the methodology used in the identification process.

What further details are evident from the background on the hatchment board?



Question 2 [TOTAL 20 MARKS]

2.1 [8 Marks]

With the aid of Papworth's *Ordinary of Arms* and *Burke's General Armory*, identify the coat of arms and draw and tincture the shield. Draw any other elements of the achievement identified.

Give the page numbers and **full** details from both sources.

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2.2 [12 Marks]

Write a detailed plan of how you would locate pedigree material of the family and individuals associated with it. Your research plan should include a detailed description of the sources you would use, why they are used and any limitations they may have. You may use examples from your own research to illustrate your answer.

Question 3 [TOTAL 6 MARKS] [Word Count guidance 500 words]

Discuss **ONE** of the following, where appropriate illustrate your answer with examples.

3.1 The Crest and its Accessories.

3.2 Hatchments and funeral heraldry.

3.3 Heraldic Flags.

3.4 The ways in which heraldry may be used.