

THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDIC & GENEALOGICAL STUDIES

ELEMENTARY LEVEL IN GENEALOGY

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EXAMINATION PAPER



The IHGS Elementary Level in Genealogy Examination Paper

Time allowed: 1 hour

All questions to be answered

Marks allocated to each question are indicated in brackets

Questions 1 to 10 are multiple choice. Tick the correct answer.

1 (1) In which year were parish registers first introduced?

- ☐ 1597
- ☐ 1558
- ☐ 1538

2 (1) On which website would you find the 1921 Census of England and Wales?

- ☐ www.findmypast.co.uk
- ☐ www.ancestry.co.uk
- ☐ www.thegenealogist.co.uk

3 (1) From which year did the mother's maiden surname appear in the original GRO birth indexes?

- ☐ 1837
- ☐ 1866
- ☐ 1911

4 (1) From which year did census returns become records of the Registrar-General rather than the Home Office?

- ☐ 1851
- ☐ 1861
- ☐ 1871

5 (1) How should the age of a 39-year old woman be recorded in the 1841 census returns?

- ☐ 35
- ☐ 39
- ☐ 40

6 (1) In which year were separate baptismal and burial registers introduced in England?

- ☐ 1754
- ☐ 1813
- ☐ 1837

7 (1) On which date did the church year begin in the 17th century?

- ☐ 1st January
- ☐ 1st March
- ☐ 25th March

8 (1) What does the abbreviation B.B., found in a parish baptism register, indicate?

- ☐ Base-born
- ☐ Born before
- ☐ Baptised by

9 (1) From which year was age at death required to be recorded in burial registers?

- ☐ 1813
- ☐ 1837
- ☐ 1866

10 (1) In which year were legal penalties introduced against non-registration of births?

- ☐ 1837
- ☐ 1866
- ☐ 1874

11 (3) How would you transcribe the following dates from a parish register?

- a. 27 February 1752
- b. 27 February 1750
- c. 12 September 1752

- 12 (3) Which three types of document resulted when a couple applied for permission to marry without banns before 1837?

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- 13 (3) What do the following occupational abbreviations represent in census returns?

FS
FWK
J

- 14 (3) What was the name given in most areas to the copies of parish registers entries ordered in 1597?
How often were these made?
To whom were they sent?

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- 15 (12) On the paper provided, construct a speculative pedigree from the data recorded on the three pages marked "Appendix A"

- The location of the source that you would use, or the means by which you might discover its location, and also the information that you would expect to be found should be included in your answer.

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Appendix A Parsler of Tetsworth, Oxfordshire

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number G35512

Registration District Thames

1867 Marriage solemnized at by Banns in the Church of Tetsworth in the County of Oxford

(1) Date	(2) Name and Surname	(3) Age	(4) Condition	(5) Rank or profession	(6) Residence at the time of marriage	(7) Father's name and surname	(8) Rank or profession of father
20 Sept 1867	John Parsler	27	Bachelor	Mason	Tetsworth	James Parsler	Mason
	Mary Hawes	30	Spinster	Servant	Tetsworth	William Hawes	Groom

Married in the Church of Tetsworth according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me John Parsler in the presence of us, Mary Hawes Ann Parsler Wm Hawes Wm Parsler

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

Given at the General Register Office, London

[illegible]

Tetsworth, Oxfordshire Transcript of Parish Registers**(all entries for PARSLER and variants)****Baptisms 1750-1880:**

1836: 22 May:	Sarah Ann Parslow d.o. James & Mary, mason
1838: 11 Feb:	James Parsler s.o. James & Mary, bricklayer
1838: 11 Feb:	Elizabeth Parsler d.o. James & Mary, bricklayer
1840: 25 Dec:	John Parsler s.o. James & Mary, lab
1843: 19 Feb:	Ann Paisler d.o James & Mary, mason
1845: 8 Jun:	Thomas Paisler s.o. James & Mary, mason
1847: 28 Feb:	Jane Parsler d.o. James & Mary, mason
1852: 7 Jun:	Emma Parsler d.o. James & Mary, mason
1852: 7 Jun:	Thomas Parsler s.o. James & Mary, mason
1855: 9 Apr:	Mary Parslow d.o. James & Mary, mason

Marriages 1750-1880:

1827: 17 Oct:	James Parsler, bachelor of Haseley and Mary Franklin, wid. Wit. Eliza Parsler, James Fleet Shrimpton
1835: 11 Jul:	Parsler James, widr and Mary Harris, spinster Wit. Thomas White, Martha Harris

Burials 1750-1895:

1846: 31 Mar:	Parsler Thomas, 10 mth
1855: 5 Apr:	Parslow Mary 40
1855: 19 Apr:	Parslow Mary 2 wks
1859: 2 Nov:	Parslee Thomas 7 yrs
1885: 17 Jul:	Parsler James 84