

THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDIC & GENEALOGICAL STUDIES

Intermediate Level in Genealogy

Examination Paper



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Time allowed: 1 hour

All questions to be answered

Marks allocated to each question are indicated in brackets, total marks 40

Questions 1 to 8 are multiple choice. Tick the correct answer.

1 (1) How should the age of a 38-year old man be recorded in the 1841 census?

- ☐ 35
- ☐ 38
- ☐ 40

2 (1) Where would you find The Surman Index?

- ☐ Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies
- ☐ Dr William's Library
- ☐ The William Salt Library

3 (1) What was a Glebe terrier?

- ☐ A survey of a clergyman's benefice
- ☐ The parish dog
- ☐ A troublesome beggar

4 (1) In which year was an Act passed specifically discriminating against members of the Society of Friends?

- ☐ 1662
- ☐ 1672
- ☐ 1689

5 (1) When was the Gregorian Calendar officially adopted in England ?

- ☐ 1732
- ☐ 1752
- ☐ 1754

6 (1) In which year do the reference numbers identifying registration districts change from Roman to Arabic numerals in the indexes of civil registration?

- a) 1852
- b) 1866
- c) 1911

7 (1) Which London prison was the venue for many “clandestine” marriages between 1660 and 1753?

- ☐ Bridewell
- ☐ Newgate
- ☐ The Fleet

8 (1) Where would a Will normally be proved if the testator had property in more than one archdeaconry within a single diocese?

- ☐ Archidiaconal Court
- ☐ Prerogative Court
- ☐ Consistory Court

9 (1) Where should you find the original record of marriage of a Congregationalist in 1800?

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10 (1) What type of Will was a nuncupative Will?

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11 (1) What is usually signified by the time of day appearing in the “when and where born” column of an English birth certificate?

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12 (1) In 1870, who introduced an Elementary Education Act guaranteeing elementary education for all children?

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13 (2) What is covered by the Pallot Index?

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14 (3) In which year did the Royal Navy introduce Continuous Service?

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In which record series would you expect to find the Continuous Service Engagement Books?

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Which archive holds the collection of Continuous Service Engagement Books?

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15 (3) State three ways in which a person may gain entry to a guild or livery company

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16 (4) A family is recorded in the 1851 census as follows:

Burke Street, Snodland, Kent

John GREEN	Head	Mar	47	Ag Lab	Ireland
Maria GREEN	Wife	Mar	49		London
Philip GREEN	Son	Unm	22	Ag Lab	London
Sarah GREEN	Dau	Unm	19	Dressmaker	Snodland, Kent
William GREEN	Son	Unm	11	Scholar	Snodland, Kent
Thomas GREEN	Son	Unm	9	Scholar	Snodland, Kent

If you traced the above family living at the same address in the 1841 census, show how the family would have been enumerated. (Write your answer below)

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Appendix A
The Jesson Family

UNITED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

REGISTRATION DISTRICT

Application Number R24031

1838. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Pontefract in the county of York

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of Registrar
Thirteenth of March 1838 Parish of Pontefract	William	Boy	William Jesson	Mary Jesson formerly Hustrick	Criseman	Wm Jesson father, 1 Horsefair Pontefract	Twenty eighth of March 1838	Edward Dyson Registrar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 28th day of February 1985.

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.
Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the birth or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said office shall be received as evidence of the birth unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH



GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number 1334985

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Halifax in the County of York

Columns:—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and Where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of Registrar
468	May 1914 2 High Street Halifax	Mr. William Kesteven	Male	63 years	Superintendent of the Halifax Municipal Council	Apoplexy of the Brain	William Kesteven in attendance 2 High Street Halifax	May 1914	Wm. Kesteven Registrar

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This is the last will and Testament
of me William Jesson of Halifax in the County
of York late Supervisor of Excise which I do make and
publish as follows In the first place I direct all my just-
debts funeral and testamentary expenses to be paid by my
Executors hereinafter named I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Mary Ann the wife of William Thirst, Frances
Jane, Emma and my Son William and my housekeeper
Grace Lodge All the principal sum interest and Bonus that
may due at my decease upon my life Policy in equal shares
Subject nevertheless to the payment of my said debts and
funeral expenses and the proportion so given to my said
housekeeper shall be taken and accepted by her as and in
discharge of all accounts that may be due to her from me for
her salary or otherwise All the household goods furniture and
effects in and about my dwellinghouse and all other my personal
estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever I give and
bequeath to my said Son William absolutely I appoint my son in
law the said William Thirst Executor and my daughter Frances
Jane Executrix of this my will In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand this twentieth day of February 1857 - William
Jesson - Signed by the said Testator as and for his last
will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same
time who in his presence at his request and in the presence
of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as
Witnesses - Mary Jesson - Tho. Jesson -
3 filios

Executors

In Her Majesty's Court of Probate.
Wakefield District Registry.
On the 7th day of June 1864 the Will of William
Jesson late of Halifax in the County of York
Superannuated Officer of Excise deceased, was
proved by the oaths of William Thirst and Frances
Jane Jesson Spouse the daughter of the said deceased;

COSTON PARISH REGISTERS OF BAPTISMS – 1800-1812

William son of John and Ann Jesson baptised 22nd April 1800
John son of John and Ann Jesson baptised 11th April 1806
Jane daughter of John and Ann Jesson baptised 16th September 1810
Mary Ann daughter of John and Ann Jesson baptised 27th December 1812

1861 Census: RG 9/3283/64 – 2 High Street, Halifax

<i>Wm Jesson [Head][Mar][Widr][59] Retd. Superintendent of Excise</i>	<i>born Coston, Leicestershire</i>
<i>Francis Jane Jesson [Dau][Un][30] House Keeper</i>	<i>born Beverley, Yorkshire</i>
<i>Frances A Jesson [Granddaughter][3]</i>	<i>born Ripon, Yorkshire</i>
<i>Kate E Jesson [Granddaughter][4m]</i>	<i>born Ripon, Yorkshire</i>
<i>Grace Lodge [Servant][Un][53]</i>	<i>born Elland, Yorkshire</i>

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI 1261 - 1900

Name:	William Jesson
College:	St John's
Entered:	Michs. 1864
Born:	13 March 1838
More Information:	Adm. Pens. At St John's, Oct. 5, 1864. S. of William, Excise Officer [and Mary]. B. Mar. 13, 1838, at Pontefract, Yorks. Bapt. Apr. 8, 1838. School Maida Hill. Matric. Michs. 1864; B.A. 1868; M.A. 1875. Ord. deacon (Ripon) 1870; priest (Bishop Ryan, for Ripon) 1871.