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BLUE BADGE TOURIST GUIDE EXAMINATIONS

Monday 10th November 2025 at 14:00

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE (PAPER ONE)

Time allowed: 2 HOURS (120 minutes)

This paper comprises **200** short answer questions, all of which should be answered.

Notes

1. Please write your **candidate number** at the top of this page and at the top right-hand corner of all the rest of the pages (the Invigilator has your number).
2. The answers should be written on the question paper.
3. Unless otherwise specified, names should always be the first name **AND** surname (family name).
4. Please write legibly in pen.
5. Please deposit your completed paper as instructed by the Invigilator.

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Architecture & Gardens (15)

1	Which architectural style was practised by George Gilbert Scott, Edmund Street and William Butterfield?	
2	Name ONE Royal Horticultural Society garden.	
3	Describe (or draw) an ionic capital.	
4	Name TWO thatching materials.	i) ii)
5	Name ONE region in England with many flint buildings.	

6	Describe (or draw) a flying buttress.	
7	Name TWO features of an Elizabethan Knot Garden.	<p>i)</p> <p>ii)</p>
8	In which century were sash windows introduced to Britain?	
9	Name ONE English landscape designer from the 1700s.	
10	Name ONE use a long gallery had in a Tudor country house.	
11	Name ONE plant collector who brought plants to Britain before 1900.	
12	What is a Martello tower?	

13	Which architectural feature can be described as Lancet, Decorated or Perpendicular?	
14	What type of Roman site (or building) is denoted by the words <i>castr</i> , <i>chester</i> or <i>castellum</i> ?	
15	Who designed both the K2 telephone box and Liverpool Cathedral?	
Arts: Visual & Applied (15)		
16	Name TWO places in Britain with a Tate Gallery.	i) ii)
17	Who painted <i>Portrait of an Artist: Pool with Two Figures</i> (1972)?	
18	Which 1700s artist painted <i>A Harlot's Progress</i> ?	
19	What types of buildings typically featured doom paintings?	
20	Which English king was Rubens' patron?	

21	For which art movement are Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque known?	
22	During which period was the Empire line dress (or Empire silhouette), with its high waistline, fashionable?	
23	Name ONE British portrait artist of the 1700s.	
24	In which century did upholstered furniture appear in Britain?	
25	Name the main court painter of Henry VIII.	
26	Describe ONE notable feature of a Windsor Chair.	
27	Name the artist known for his butterfly paintings, diamond encrusted skulls and animals in formaldehyde.	
28	Elizabeth Siddall was the model and wife of which member of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood?	
29	What area of the visual arts is Henry Fox Talbot known for?	

30	Name the fashion designer related to Paul McCartney.	
Commerce, Industry & Science (13)		
31	Which scientist published <i>On the Origin of Species</i> in 1859?	
32	In which city is Brunel's SS Great Britain located?	
33	Which river does the bridge at Ironbridge cross?	
34	Which natural resource fuelled the Industrial Revolution in Britain?	
35	Name ONE city at the centre of the cotton-weaving industry in the 1800s.	
36	What did Josiah Wedgwood's factories produce?	
37	Name the Scot who became the first President of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1818.	

38	Name ONE English county, outside the Cotswolds, where the medieval wool trade flourished.	
39	Name the “Father of Railways” who was born in 1781.	
40	Which metal did the Romans extract from the Mendip Hills?	
41	Name ONE famous British brand known for waterproof clothing.	
42	Which industry has a significant presence in Solihull, Sunderland, and Ellesmere Port?	
43	For what invention is Tim Berners-Lee known?	
Constitution, Government & Law (13)		
44	Name the current Chancellor of the Exchequer.	
45	Which king issued the Charter of the Forest in 1217?	

46	What is another name for the Secret Intelligence Service?	
47	What is the primary role of NATO?	
48	Which institution creates statute law?	
49	Name the current Home Secretary.	
50	In which century was the “New Model Army” disbanded and replaced by a permanent army?	
51	What is the longest prison sentence a Magistrates’ court may impose?	
52	What was a “witan” in Anglo-Saxon England?	
53	How many MPs are elected to the House of Commons in General Elections?	
54	Name the ceremony where the King’s Speech is delivered to mark the formal start of the parliamentary year.	

55	What is the highest rank in the British Army?	
56	What do the initials KC stand for?	
Cuisine (9)		
57	Which meat is used to make a Shepherd's Pie?	
58	Other than chicken, give ONE main ingredient in a chicken tikka masala.	
59	Give ONE difference between "afternoon tea" and "high tea".	
60	What kind of a cake is Dundee Cake?	
61	Name ONE sauce that traditionally accompanies roast beef.	
62	What does it mean when a pub is a "free house"?	

63	What third ingredient do you need to make sloe gin?	
64	Which potato from the Channel Islands has PDO (Protected Designation of Origin) status?	
65	Which ingredient in beer gives it its bitter taste?	
Education in England (7)		
66	In which year was the first Elementary Education Act passed?	
67	What is the annual tuition fee for most English undergraduate students?	
68	During which king's reign were grammar schools founded?	
69	What is meant by "co-ed" schools?	
70	What do the letters PGCE stand for?	

71	Who funds Academy Schools?	
72	Until what age are students required to participate in some form of education or training in England?	
Finance & Taxation (5)		
73	Name ONE product exempt from VAT.	
74	From what age are workers entitled to a minimum wage of £12.21 per hour?	
75	What is the current standard rate of VAT?	
76	Which organisation may act as the “lender of last resort”?	
77	What is the “basic rate” of income tax in England (on income from £12,571 to £50,270)?	

Health, Social Services & Voluntary Sector (7)

78	From which profession did surgeons originate?	
79	What did Alexander Fleming discover in 1928?	
80	Which minister introduced the Welfare State in 1948? <i>(Last name only.)</i>	
81	What is the current State Pension Age?	
82	Who does the “Help for Heroes” charity support?	
83	What was ONE of Dr William Harvey’s main discoveries?	
84	Which organisation, founded in 1895, looks after places of historic interest and natural beauty?	

History (22)

85	Which Roman emperor was proclaimed in York in 306?	
86	In which century was Hadrian's Wall constructed?	
87	Name TWO of the seven Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms.	i) ii)
88	Name the Prime Minister at the start of the Second World War.	
89	Name the king who ruled Wessex from 871 to 899.	
90	Where is Offa's Dyke?	
91	In which year was the Domesday Book commissioned by William I?	
92	Which 13 th -century king was called the 'Builder King'?	

93	What was the relationship between George II and George III?	
94	Name TWO kings involved in the Wars of the Roses.	i) ii)
95	How many regicides signed the death warrant of Charles I?	
96	What was the name of Bonnie Prince Charlie?	
97	Name the husband of Queen Anne.	
98	Give the year of the Battle of Culloden.	
99	What significant battle took place on 18 June 1815?	
100	Give ONE purpose of the 1832 <i>Great Reform Act</i> .	
101	Name TWO Prime Ministers who served in Queen Victoria's reign.	i) ii)

102	In which decade were the Anglo-French <i>Entente Cordiale</i> agreements made?	
103	In which year did Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, die?	
104	Name the Prime Minister who came to power in 1916.	
105	Who delivered the "Iron Curtain" speech in Fulton, Missouri in 1946?	
106	In which year did the UK formally leave the European Union?	
Infrastructure, Housing, Transport and Energy (12)		
107	Name ONE international airport in the north of England.	
108	Name ONE purpose of 'Green Belts' around towns.	
109	In which century were the first industrial canals built in Britain?	

110	Name ONE type of vehicle, other than buses, that may usually use a bus lane.	
111	What colour are the road signs for "A roads"?	
112	Name TWO sources of renewable energy in the UK.	i) ii)
113	What is the speed limit for coaches over 12 metres in length on a motorway?	
114	Name TWO documents that must be shown to hire a car.	i) ii)
115	List ONE British port with direct ferry connections to Ireland.	
116	Name ONE website or app to buy railway tickets.	
117	From which decade were council tenants able to buy their houses?	
118	Name ONE motorway, bridge or tunnel where drivers must pay a toll in England.	

Language & Literature (15)

119	Name ONE work by Geoffrey Chaucer.	
120	What was the name of William Shakespeare's son?	
121	Who wrote <i>Emma</i> and <i>Northanger Abbey</i> ?	
122	The words <i>fell</i> , <i>fjord</i> , <i>husband</i> , <i>knife</i> and <i>saga</i> come from which old language?	
123	Who wrote the tales about <i>Jemima Puddle-Duck</i> and <i>Mr Jeremy Fisher</i> ?	
124	Who is the current UK Poet Laureate?	
125	Who wrote <i>David Copperfield</i> ?	
126	Who wrote <i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> ? (Last name only.)	

127	Name TWO comedies by William Shakespeare.	i) ii)
128	What kind of event takes place at Hay-on-Wye, Oxford and Cheltenham each year?	
129	Which region is associated with William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge and Robert Southey?	
130	State the years of William Shakespeare's birth AND death.	i) ii)
131	Which book by Michael Morpurgo has been made into a play and a film?	
132	Name the author of <i>James and the Giant Peach</i> and <i>George's Marvellous Medicine</i> .	
133	In which city is the "Geordie" dialect spoken?	

Monarchy (12)

134	Which English king was William III's grandfather?	
135	Who is fourth in the line of succession to the throne?	
136	Which king died at the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485?	
137	Name the TWO claimants to the English throne who fought Harold Godwinson in 1066.	i) ii)
138	Name BOTH parents of James I of England.	i) ii)
139	Which king ordered that English-language Bibles be placed in every parish church?	
140	Give the first name of the current Duchess of Edinburgh.	
141	Who manages the profits from the Crown Estate?	

142	How many Commonwealth countries (including the UK) have King Charles III as Head of State?	
143	On which day of the week before Easter Sunday is the Maundy Service held?	
144	Name ONE <u>private</u> residence of King Charles III in England.	
145	Name the charity started by the present monarch in 1976.	
Performing Arts & Media (10)		
146	Which band, featuring the Gallagher brothers, is touring in 2025?	
147	Name ONE town where mystery plays are still regularly performed.	
148	Name ONE play by Tom Stoppard.	
149	Who is the Director General of the BBC?	

150	Who composed the <i>Enigma Variations</i> and the <i>Pomp and Circumstance Marches</i> ?	
151	Name ONE living British actress who has been made a Dame.	
152	Name ONE British opera company that performs outside London.	
153	Give ONE example of a daily newspaper which supports left-wing views.	
154	In which county does the Glastonbury Festival take place?	
155	In which kind of performance would you find characters described as the Dame or Principal Boy?	
Physical Geography, Landscape, Countryside & Coastline (24)		
156	Which is the longest river in the UK?	
157	From which sea does the UK obtain most of its crude oil?	

158	Which oily fish is caught most frequently in British waters (by volume)?	
159	Name a region in Britain where there are villages of mostly limestone buildings.	
160	Where in the UK will you find <i>The Giant's Causeway</i> ?	
161	Where are the Grampian Mountains?	
162	On which farm animals are smit marks painted to help owners identify them?	
163	Which animal is released into forests to eat acorns during <i>Pannage</i> ?	
164	Give TWO areas of Britain where there are extensive grouse moors.	i) ii)
165	Which roofing material is traditionally quarried in North Wales and in Cumbria?	
166	Name ONE common dairy cattle breed in Britain.	

167	Which region of England has the highest annual rainfall?	
168	Name ONE British port where ships are still built.	
169	Red, Roe and Fallow describe which native animal species?	
170	What is the original meaning of the word "Avon"?	
171	Name ONE crop grown in Britain for its oil.	
172	Which bird of prey was successfully reintroduced to Britain in the 1980s?	
173	Name ONE hedgerow fruit which can be used to make wine.	
174	Give ONE reason why the hedgehog population in Britain is in sharp decline.	
175	Name ONE salmon river in the UK.	

176	Name TWO traditional construction crafts still widely practised in Britain.	i) ii)
177	Name TWO National Parks in the UK.	i) ii)
178	Name ONE species of tree that grows well on chalky soil.	
179	Which area of Britain grows the most barley?	
Religion & Multiculturalism (7)		
180	Who was recently announced as the next Archbishop of Canterbury?	
181	Name ONE saint who was influential in converting people in the north of England to Christianity.	
182	What is traditionally eaten on Shrove Tuesday?	

183	What is Yom Kippur?	
184	Which religion was founded by Guru Nanak?	
185	“Eid Mubarak” is a greeting used by Muslims at the end of which period of fasting?	
186	In which month is Nirvana Day celebrated by Buddhists?	
Sport (7)		
187	Where is the British Grand Prix held?	
188	From which age may you bet on sport?	
189	Which British city hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2022?	
190	Which British golf course hosted the Ryder Cup in 2014?	

191	Which well-known horse race takes place at Aintree?	
192	Name ONE major cricket Test match ground (or venue) in England, outside London.	
193	In which year was football's Premier League formed?	
Tourism (7)		
194	What is the maximum number of hours that a coach driver may drive in a day?	
195	What do the initials ABTA stand for?	
196	Which profession is represented by FEG and WFTGA?	
197	Name the 2010 Act that legally protects people from discrimination in the workplace and in wider society.	
198	What do the letters "DM" stand for in DMO and DMC?	

199	Name ONE city that has been awarded the title of UK City of Culture since 2013.	
200	Name the government department that is responsible for tourism.	

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