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LONDON BLUE BADGE TOURIST GUIDE EXAMINATIONS

10th February 2026 at 18:30

PAPER THREE: LONDON

Time allowed: **TWO HOURS (120 MINUTES)**

This paper is in **TWO** sections:

SECTION A Comprises 150 short-answer questions. Answer **ALL** of them.
(Recommended time is 70 minutes).
This section is worth 60%.

SECTION B Answer **TWO** questions from a choice of five.
Give your answers in note form or bullet points.
Recommended time 50 minutes for Section B (25 minutes per question).
This section is worth 40%.

Notes

1. Please write your candidate number at the top of this page and at the top right hand corner of every page. The Invigilator has your number.
2. **SECTION A**: The answers should be written in the boxes provided next to the questions.
3. **SECTION B**:
 - The answers should be written on **both** sides of the lined pages at the end of the examination booklet.
 - In **Section B**, please start each question **on a new page**.
4. All names should include first name and last name, unless otherwise specified.
5. Please write legibly in pen.
6. Please deposit your completed paper as instructed by the Invigilator.

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SECTION A – 150 MARKS
Worth 60%

150 questions. Answer ALL the questions in this section.

HISTORY

1	What name did the Saxons use for London?	
2	During which war did the Battle of Turnham Green (1642) take place?	
3	What service did the Bow Street Runners provide during 1749-1839?	
4	Which London hospital dates from 1106?	
5	Name the Archbishop of Canterbury who was beheaded during the Peasants' Revolt.	
6	Name TWO Norman castles built in London.	i) ii)
7	Where did Frost Fairs take place in London?	
8	What was the key difference between the Suffragists and the Suffragettes?	

9	In which month and year did the 57 nights of bombing known as the London Blitz begin?	
10	Name TWO of London's 18th-century pleasure gardens.	i) ii)
11	With which mode of transport is George Shillibeer associated?	
12	In which district was London's first Chinatown located?	
13	Which Act of Parliament was Thomas Buxton involved with in 1833?	
14	In which London district did Tate & Lyle build a sugar refinery in 1878?	
15	Who founded the Foundling Hospital in 1739?	
16	Which 19th-century philanthropist funded many libraries, including the Free Libraries at Whitechapel and Limehouse? <i>(Last name only.)</i>	
17	Who created London's first sewage system in the mid 19th century?	
18	Name ONE of the two types of domestic air raid shelter used in London during World War II.	

19	Which King's wife does the Eleanor Cross at Charing Cross commemorate?	
20	Name the first monarch to officially reside in Buckingham Palace.	

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

21	What is a Royal Peculiar?	
22	Name the artist who designed the Queen's window in 2018.	
23	Name the Tower through which visitors access the Diamond Jubilee Galleries.	
24	Which wife of King Henry VIII is buried in Westminster Abbey?	
25	Which order has its spiritual home in the Chapel of King Henry VII?	
26	Name the last king to be buried in Westminster Abbey.	
27	What is the function of the Liber Regalis?	
28	Name the architect who designed the High Altar in the 19th century.	

TOWER OF LONDON

29	The Tower (and the Kingdom) will fall if the number of ravens falls below what number?	
30	Name the deputy leader of Nazi Germany who was imprisoned in the Tower in 1941.	
31	Name ONE of the two Princes in the Tower.	
32	Describe or draw a portcullis.	
33	Which British infantry regiment has its museum in the Tower of London?	
34	To the nearest thousand, how many carats did the Cullinan diamond weigh before being cut into separate stones?	
35	Name the second-oldest tower at the Tower of London.	
36	At what time does the Ceremony of the Word take place?	

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

37	In what year was the first St Paul's Cathedral built?	
38	Which artwork in the Cathedral was designed by Henry Moore?	
39	Name the artist who painted the inside of the interior dome.	
40	What was taxed to fund the construction of the present St Paul's Cathedral?	
41	Admiral Nelson's coffin is buried in a sarcophagus originally intended for which Archbishop?	
42	Who was converted on the road to Damascus?	
43	Name the outdoor pulpit located to the north of the cathedral.	
44	Name the craftsman who carved the quire stalls.	

BRITISH MUSEUM

45	Name the current director of the British Museum.	
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46	In which gallery are the Parthenon Marbles located?	
47	Which material were most of the Lewis Chessmen made from?	
48	Name the architect who designed the glass roof over the Central Courtyard.	
49	What were canopic jars used for in Ancient Egypt?	
50	In which English county was the Hinton St Mary Mosaic discovered?	
51	The inscriptions on the Winged Bulls of Khorsabad use which writing system?	
52	Name the Frenchman who deciphered the hieroglyphs on the Rosetta Stone.	

NATIONAL GALLERY

53	Name ONE painter who will be the subject of a major exhibition at the National Gallery this year. <i>(Last name only.)</i>	
54	Name the Director of the National Gallery.	

55	In which war was Colonel Tarleton depicted by Joshua Reynolds?	
56	In Vermeer's <i>A Young Woman Seated at a Virginal</i> , what is a virginal?	
57	Why is Velázquez's <i>Toilet of Venus</i> also known as <i>The Rokeby Venus</i> ?	
58	With which French King was Madame Pompadour intimately associated?	
59	The artist El Greco moved permanently to which country in 1577?	

OTHER COLLECTIONS & SITES

60	Roy Lichtenstein's <i>Whaam!</i> belongs to which art movement?	
61	Where in Tate Modern is work by Máret Anne Sara currently on display?	
62	Name the gallery in Tate Britain in which JMW Turner's work is exhibited.	
63	Who designed the chandelier in the entrance hall of the V&A?	
64	For which chapel were the Raphael Cartoons at the V&A made?	

65	Name the artist who designed the entrance doors of the National Portrait Gallery featuring 45 portraits of women.	
66	What was the original name of the V&A?	
67	Name the artist of the 42 <i>Kit-cat Club Portraits</i> in the National Portrait Gallery.	
68	In which square is the Wallace Collection located?	
69	In addition to paintings and furniture, what other types of artefacts are found in the Wallace Collection?	
70	Which organisation manages Apsley House?	
71	Which visitor attraction is located beneath the Treasury building?	
72	Which English designer from the 1950s / 1960s founded the Design Museum?	
73	What is the Petrie Museum known for?	
74	The Courtauld Gallery is best known for its collection of works from which art movement?	

WESTMINSTER

75	The Crimea and Indian Mutiny Memorial column outside Westminster Abbey commemorates people associated with which institution?	
76	Name the building, opened in 2001, that contains offices for over 200 MPs and their staff.	
77	What does the Buxton Memorial in Victoria Tower Gardens commemorate?	
78	Name the nearest tube station to Lord's Cricket Ground.	
79	Name the master builder responsible for the development of Pimlico.	
80	The statues of which TWO explorers are on the exterior of the Royal Geographical Society?	i) ii)
81	Name the largest university located in Albertopolis.	
82	Who was born on Bruton Street 100 years ago this April?	
83	What was the original use of the Lanesborough Hotel building?	

84	Where in London is Australia's War Memorial?	
85	From which country is the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree sent every year?	
86	Which 1964 film, starring Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison, was set in Covent Garden market?	
87	Which South African politician was present at the unveiling of his own statue in Parliament Square in 2007?	
88	Name the barracks next to Buckingham Palace.	
89	What do the letters OWO stand for in the OWO Raffles Hotel in Whitehall?	

CITY (& LEGAL LONDON)

90	Temple Church is the home church for which TWO Inns of Court?	i) ii)
91	What is the governing body of the City of London called?	
92	Name the current Lady Mayor of the City of London.	

93	Name the oldest Livery Company (founded in 1155).	
94	On which day and month does the Lord Mayor's Show take place?	
95	Which pagan temple, dating from 240 AD, is located underneath the Bloomberg building?	
96	Other than St Paul's Cathedral, name ONE domed Wren church in the City of London.	
97	Who famously lived in Gough Square?	
98	By which name is the Central Criminal Court also known?	
99	Barristers' gowns and wigs can be bought at Ede & Ravenscroft, on which street off Fleet Street?	
100	What was the original trade in Lombard Street (in the 13th century)?	
101	Why does the "Cheesegrater" have a sloping front?	
102	What Roman building was situated under today's Leadenhall Market?	
103	Where is the London Museum moving to?	

104	In which Square is the London Stock Exchange located?	
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NORTH & WEST LONDON (Camden + Kensington & Chelsea)

105	William III and Mary II were the first monarchs to live in which palace?	
106	Andrew Lloyd Webber, Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams all studied at which college?	
107	Which queen consort commissioned the Serpentine Lake?	
108	Who designed Queen Anne's alcove in Kensington Gardens in 1705?	
109	Which queen was born in Kensington Palace?	
110	On which street is the Charles Dickens Museum located?	
111	In which square in Bloomsbury is a statue of Gandhi located?	

SOUTH LONDON (Southwark, Lambeth & Wandsworth)

112	Which wharf was known as the Larder of London?	
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113	Name ONE theatre beside Tooley Street.	
114	In which 1950s conflict did HMS Belfast take part?	
115	How is the Cathedral Church of St Saviour and St Mary Overie better known?	
116	A replica of which “round-the-world” ship is moored on Southwark’s Bankside?	
117	Name the indoor theatre located beside the Globe Theatre.	
118	Name the architect of the Shard.	

EAST LONDON (Islington, Hackney & Tower Hamlets)

119	Name the architect of the One Canada Square skyscraper.	
120	By which road in Shoreditch were theatres built in the 1570s?	
121	Brick Lane is the centre for which South Asian community?	
122	What industry did the Huguenots bring to Spitalfields in the 17th century?	

123	Located off City Road is the HAC. What do the letters HAC stand for?	
124	Name the nearest tube station to Moorfields Eye Hospital.	
125	Christ Church Spitalfields was built between 1714 and 1729 as part of which initiative?	

PARKS & GARDENS

126	Name the gates which form an entry to Green Park from the Queen Victoria Memorial.	
127	Who donated the pelicans in Green Park to Charles II in 1664?	
128	In which Royal Park is the Albert Memorial located?	
129	The Queen Elizabeth (Queen Mother's) Gate is located at which Royal Park?	
130	Which park hosts an opera season during the summer months?	

THAMES / BRIDGES

131	Which railway bridge has a railway platform across its length?	
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132	Name the tributary of the Thames which flows underground between Cornhill and Ludgate Hill.	
133	Which bridge was opened in 1862?	
134	Name the City institution which maintains five of London's bridges.	
135	What is Waterloo Bridge's nickname?	

GENERAL

136	How many boroughs are there in London?	
137	Name the organisation which is responsible for local government in London.	
138	Which football club's stadium is located near to White Hart Lane station?	
139	Name ONE act performing at the BST Hyde Park concerts in summer 2026.	
140	Where are the horses of the Household Cavalry based?	
141	Name the Mayor of London.	

142	Silver sculptures of which animals are located at the City of London's boundaries?	
143	Which Guards regiment has a blue plume in their bearskin?	
144	The Golden Jubilee Bridges are located on either side of which railway bridge?	
145	MI6 is situated beside which London Bridge?	
146	Which literary character lived at 221b Baker Street?	
147	Name London's evening university based at Malet Street.	
148	Near which hospital is The Old Operating Theatre?	
149	With which organisation is Senate House associated?	
150	From which railway station would you catch a train to Bath?	

Now turn to Section B

SECTION B

Worth 40% (i.e. 20% for each question)

Answer TWO questions from this Section in note form or as bullet points.**B1.** Describe **ONE** of the following guided walks. You should include the key information you would deliver at each stop. No internal visits should be included.

- (a) A walking tour of Bankside of 8-10 stops. The route should start at the south side of Tower Bridge and end at Tate Modern.
- (b) A walking tour of 8-10 stops on the theme of music, theatre and opera. The route should start at Piccadilly Circus and end at Covent Garden.

B2. Write notes on **TWO** of the following sites including a brief description of the building, its location, history and key items in its collection.

- (a) Natural History Museum
- (b) British Library
- (c) Tate Britain
- (d) Churchill War Rooms

B3. You are standing with your group on Parliament Square. Describe your commentary about **the Palace of Westminster**, dividing your notes into the following two sections:

- (a) History and development
- (b) Today's use and importance

B4. Write notes on **TWO** of the following. Include details of historical, contemporary and architectural interest.

- (a) Buckingham Palace
- (b) Trafalgar Square
- (c) Whitehall
- (d) Somerset House

B5. Write notes on **TWO** of the following people, specifically with reference to their time in London and places in London associated with them.

- (a) Queen Victoria
- (b) John Nash
- (c) George Peabody
- (d) Virginia Woolf

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