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**BLUE BADGE TOURIST GUIDE
REGISTRATION EXAMINATIONS
CORE KNOWLEDGE**

Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 18:30 hours

Time allowed: TWO HOURS (120 Minutes)

This paper comprises 46 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 every page. The invigilator has your number.
2. The answers should be written in the boxes provided for short answer questions and on the lines directly below a longer answer question.
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ARCHITECTURE AND GARDENS

(All answers are worth **ONE** mark each, unless otherwise stated.)

No.	Question	Answer
1	Name the institute that awards the Stirling Prize for architecture.	
2	What was the function of a hypocaust in Roman buildings?	
3	Name ONE of the founders of the National Trust.	
4	Which century are knot gardens most associated with?	

Architecture and Gardens continued

You are on a walking tour of a UK town. You pass a church built in a Gothic style. One of the group tells you that they saw examples of 'Romanesque' architecture in Europe. They ask you if you could tell them about the change from Romanesque/Norman architecture to Gothic architecture in the United Kingdom.

6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain when masons started using Gothic architecture in the UK. • Name ONE cathedral in the UK where you can see examples of Romanesque/Norman architecture; and ONE cathedral where you can see examples of Early English Gothic architecture. • Describe some of the main differences between Romanesque/Norman and Early English Gothic architecture. • Discuss some of the advantages of Gothic architecture compared with Romanesque/Norman architecture. <p>Give your answer using bullet points. (TEN marks)</p>
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THE ARTS

*(All answers are worth **ONE** mark each, unless otherwise stated.)*

No.	Question	Answer
7	Name the religious plays performed by craft guilds in the Middle Ages.	
8	Name the film about the death of William Shakespeare's son that was nominated for a BAFTA in 2026.	
9	In which decade was the BBC founded?	
10	Name the author who appears on the back of a £10 bank note.	

GEOGRAPHY

*(All answers are worth **ONE** mark each, unless otherwise stated.)*

No.	Question	Answer
13	What kind of evergreen tree do you often find in UK graveyards?	
14	In which year was the first National Park created in the UK?	
15	Name ONE of the UNESCO Global Geoparks in the UK.	
16	Name the independent energy regulator in Britain.	

HISTORY

(All answers are worth **ONE** mark each, unless otherwise stated.)

No.	Question	Answer
19	In which year did the Act of Union with the Kingdom of Ireland come into effect?	
20	Name the current Archbishop of Canterbury.	
21	Name the TWO royal leaders who were involved in The Anarchy. (<i>first names only</i>)	i) ii)
22	In which town did Christian leaders meet in 664 and decide to adopt Roman customs in the English church?	

History continued

You are walking past a statue with your group. This statue has two plaques on it. One plaque explains the statue's link to the slave trade. One person in your group asks you what the term 'triangular trade' means in the description.

<p>23</p>	<p>Describe the THREE stages of the triangular trade that was used by slave traders until the 19th century.</p> <p>Give your answer using bullet points. (SIX marks)</p>
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LIFE IN BRITAIN

*(All answers are worth **ONE** mark each, unless otherwise stated.)*

No.	Question	Answer
27	Name the current First Minister of Scotland.	
28	Apart from London, name ONE area that has a metro mayor.	
29	Name the lowest criminal court in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.	
30	Which courts make decisions based on the balance of probability?	
31	Name the official royal residence of King Charles 3 rd in Northern Ireland.	
32	In which year did the British royal family adopt the name 'House of Windsor'?	
33	Which nationality represents 21% of EU-born residents in the UK, according to the 2021 Census?	

34	Name the public exams that most English schoolchildren take at the age of 16.	
35	What are the maximum undergraduate tuition fees for English and Welsh students for the 2025/2026 academic year? <i>[answers within £100 either way allowed]</i>	
36	Name the service used to apply for undergraduate courses at UK universities and colleges.	
37	In which year was the NHS established?	
38	How much is the standard prescription charge in England? <i>[answers within 50p either way allowed]</i>	
39	Who is the current Chancellor of the Exchequer?	
40	Name the body responsible for setting the official interest rate in the United Kingdom.	
41	In which UK city will the 2026 Commonwealth Games be held?	
42	Name the racecourse in Liverpool, where the Grand National is held.	

43	Which consumer organisation promotes traditional beer and local pubs?	
44	Name a food in the United Kingdom that has a PDO.	
45	How many members of NATO are there?	
46	Name the Head of the UK Armed Forces.	

END OF EXAMINATION

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