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DEVON AND CORNWALL BLUE BADGE TOURIST GUIDE EXAMINATIONS

Thursday, 5th March 2026 at 10:00

PAPER 2 Devon and Cornwall (short questions)

Time allowed: TWO HOURS (120 MINUTES)

This paper comprises 200 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 next to the questions.
4. All names should include first name and family 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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Devon & Cornwall Short Questions

Regional Questions

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| 1 | Name the ocean current the SW peninsular has to thank for its seasonally mild winters. | |
| 2 | Which TWO National Parks can be found either partly or wholly within the region? | 1) 2) |
| 3 | Name the river that forms most of the boundary between Devon and Cornwall. | |
| 4 | How does a Devon Cream Tea differ from a Cornish one? | |
| 5 | Name TWO airports in the region where you can catch a plane to the Isles of Scilly. | 1) 2) |
| 6 | Name the UK's largest <u>industrial</u> World Heritage Site that falls within the region. | |
| 7 | With what type of structures do you associate the names Longships and Eddystone? | |

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| 8 | The BBC Shipping Forecast is divided into sea areas. Name TWO of the sea areas that surround the Devon and Cornwall region. | 1) 2) |
| 9 | Dartmoor and Bodmin Moor comprise of which igneous rock? | |
| 10 | Which motorway brings holidaymakers into the region? | |
| 11 | What is the function of a Stannary Town? | |
| 12 | Where in the region will you find Europe's largest naval base? | |
| 13 | Name the Iron Age Celtic tribe that inhabited Devon & Cornwall. | |
| 14 | What name has been given to the route first ridden by Lieutenant John Richards Lapenotiere in 1805 from Falmouth to the Admiralty in central London? | |
| 15 | What type of geological feature is a ria? | |

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| 16 | Name the only <u>natural</u> UNESCO World Heritage Site that falls partly within the region. | |
| 17 | How long is the South West Coast Path to the nearest 30 miles? | |
| 18 | Name TWO ports in the region that are used when operating tours from cruise ships. | 1) 2) |
| 19 | On what structure will you see written: I. K. Brunel; Engineer; 1859? | |
| 20 | Where in the region will you find the Ordnance Survey datum point for all height measurement in Britain? | |
| 21 | Between which TWO railway stations does the Cornish Riviera Express run? | 1) 2) |
| 22 | In outward appearance, what is the main difference between a Devon and a Cornish Pasty? | |

Cornwall Questions

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| 23 | Who is the current Duke of Cornwall? | |
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| 24 | Seen on the Cornish Coat of Arms, what is a bezant? | |
| 25 | Name Cornwall's only city. | |
| 26 | Who is the patron saint of Cornwall and tin-miners? | |
| 27 | What position in the county does Colonel Sir Edward Bolitho currently hold? | |
| 28 | What is the name of the cycle route running from Padstow to Wenfordbridge? | |
| 29 | Commemorated by a plaque on the site, which poem is Laurence Binyon said to have written above the cliffs of Pentire Head? | |
| 30 | Who first discovered china clay on Tregonning Hill? | |
| 31 | Who was the writer of the patriotic Cornish song 'The Song of the Western Men'? | |
| 32 | Name Cornwall's county town immediately before 1838 when Bodmin took over this role. | |

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| 33 | Name TWO of the 3 main ingredients found in Stargazy pie. | 1) 2) |
| 34 | What colour are the legs and bill of the Cornish Chough, the national bird of Cornwall? | |
| 35 | On which of the Isles of Scilly will you find the sub-tropical Abbey Garden? | |
| 36 | What are The Armed Knight and Enys Dodnan? | |
| 37 | Where can you see a collection of paintings by the Newlyn School of artists including 'The Rain it Raineth Every Day' by Norman Garstin? | |
| 38 | What is the highest point in Cornwall? | |
| 39 | Name the novelist who met his future wife Emma Gifford whilst working as an architect restoring St Juliot church near Boscastle. | |
| 40 | What was Cornwall's top visitor attraction (by number of visitors) in 2024? | |
| 41 | Why has Fern Cottage in Port Isaac become a pilgrimage for visitors? | |

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| 42 | Who is the current Chancellor of Falmouth University? | |
| 43 | What is a fogou? | |
| 44 | What green and red metamorphic rock, found around the Lizard peninsula, is used to make ornaments, sculptures and jewellery? | |
| 45 | Name the author of the Poldark series of historical novels. | |
| 46 | Why is Rick Rescorla remembered and commemorated with a memorial in Hayle? | |
| 47 | What did Rowena Cade create on the south coast of Penwith? | |
| 48 | Which line of latitude touches Lizard Point, the most southerly point in Great Britain? | |
| 49 | Born in Tregajorran, Redruth, which mining engineer is credited with inventing the first working railway steam locomotive? | |
| 50 | Who is the author of the novels Frenchman's Creek and Rebecca? | |

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| 51 | What produce do you associate with the village of Davidstow? | |
| 52 | Name the architect who designed the Camelot Castle Hotel in Tintagel, the Headland Hotel in Newquay and the Carbis Bay Hotel near St Ives. | |
| 53 | Name TWO of the four main ingredients in a Cornish Pasty. | 1) 2) |
| 54 | Name the drummer of a famous rock group who has a home at Helford Passage. | |
| 55 | In English AND Cornish what is the motto of Cornwall? | 1) 2) |
| 56 | During which period was Chysauster Ancient Village inhabited? | |
| 57 | What are the Hurlers and the Merry Maidens? | |
| 58 | In which pub are Spingo Ales brewed? | |
| 59 | Which National Trust property has been home to the St Aubyn family since 1659? | |

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| 60 | What are Bal Maidens? | |
| 61 | With which style of art do you associate Alfred Wallis? | |
| 62 | What international event took place at Carbis Bay from 11 th to 13 th June 2021? | |
| 63 | Which author has prompted an increase in the number of German visitors to the county with TV adaptations of novels such as 'The Shell Seekers'? | |
| 64 | What feature in the Cornish countryside can often be 'herringbone' in design? | |
| 65 | What technological advancement happened at Poldhu on 12 th December 1901? | |
| 66 | St Keverne has a memorial to Michael Joseph An Gof and Thomas Flamank. For what are they remembered? | |
| 67 | Which new religion was embraced by miners, fishermen and agricultural workers in Cornwall during the 18 th century? | |

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| 68 | The statue of which chemist and inventor stands at the top of Market Jew Street, in front of the Lloyds Bank building, in Penzance? | |
| 69 | What was the huer looking out for from his huer's hut, high above the cliffs of Newquay harbour? | |
| 70 | Which UK Prime Minister is buried in the churchyard of St Mary's Church, Old Town, Isles of Scilly? | |
| 71 | Name the TWO beaches in the Newquay area regularly used for national surfing championships. | 1) 2) |
| 72 | Where can you visit 'The Museum of Witchcraft and Magic'? | |
| 73 | Which port harbours Cornwall's largest fishing fleet? | |
| 74 | Above which town is the 144 feet (44 metres) high granite obelisk commemorating the army career of local man General Sir Walter Raleigh Gilbert? | |
| 75 | In which town will you find 'National Maritime Museum Cornwall'? | |

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| 76 | Name the toxic element found in tin that is used in the production of pesticides. | |
| 77 | In 2019, which new structure was credited with boosting visitor numbers at Tintagel Castle? | |
| 78 | Name the new 4,400 home Newquay suburb currently being built on Duchy of Cornwall land on the edge of the town. | |
| 79 | In mining terms, what is the definition of the word 'lode'? | |
| 80 | Name the children's book by Antonia Barber that tells the story of a feline in a fishing village. | |
| 81 | What is the Cheesewring? | |
| 82 | Where on Bodmin Moor, according to legend, did King Arthur row out to receive the sword Excalibur from the Lady of the Lake? | |
| 83 | Why is Padstow sometimes referred to as 'Padstein'? | |
| 84 | What will you find on top of the granite outcrop Roche Rock, just outside the village of Roche? | |

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| 85 | What is a 'Plain-an-Gwary'? | |
| 86 | Where in Cornwall can you see large structures named Arthur, Merlin and Guinevere? | |
| 87 | On what date is Helston Floral Day and Furry Dance usually celebrated? | |
| 88 | Where, in 1870, did the submarine telegraph cable linking Britain with India come ashore? | |
| 89 | Where in Cornwall can you find a modern and contemporary art gallery that is part of the Tate gallery group? | |
| 90 | What honour is bestowed on a person by Gorsedh Kernow for 'exceptional contributions to Cornish culture, language or identity'? | |
| 91 | According to Arthurian legend, Slaughter Bridge, near Camelford, is the site of which famous battle? | |
| 92 | Where can you see Cornwall's oldest working beam engine still in its original location? | |
| 93 | What is Lanyon Quoit? | |

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| 94 | Which Admiral of the Fleet drowned in 1707 when his flagship HMS Association was wrecked with several other ships on the Western Rocks of the Isles of Scilly with the loss of 2000 lives? | |
| 95 | What is a Cornish gig? | |
| 96 | The Eden Project and the Lost Gardens of Heligan are the brainchild of which man? | |
| 97 | Name the architect who designed Truro Cathedral. | |
| 98 | What is the Cornish term for headland? | |
| 99 | During which centuries was the 'Age of Saints' migration into Cornwall? | |
| 100 | What is the number of the main 'A' road linking Launceston with Penzance? | |
| 101 | In which port was the Harvey and Co foundry and engineering works? | |

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| 102 | Name the Methodist founding father claimed to have preached to a crowd of 32,000 at Gwennap Pit in 1773. | |
| 103 | At nearly 500ft deep, Cornwall's largest slate quarry lies on the edge of which village? | |
| 104 | In which architectural style is the magnificent west doorway to St Germans Priory Church? | |
| 105 | Which coastal town doubled up as the fictional Shipton Abbot in the BBC TV Series 'Beyond Paradise'? | |
| 106 | Where can you see the 8ft high bronze figure 'Gallos', created by sculptor Rubin Eynon? | |
| 107 | In which town is the main bakery for Ginsters Cornish Pasties? | |
| 108 | Name the UK's first lido to be heated by geothermal energy? | |
| 109 | Which Poet Laureate is buried within the churchyard of St Enodoc church on the Camel estuary? | |
| 110 | Where in north Cornwall, according to legend, did a giant use rock stacks (that bear his name today) as stepping stones across a bay? | |

| Devon Questions | | |
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| 111 | Name TWO of the 3 colours found on the county flag of Devon. | 1) 2) |
| 112 | Name the geological period of the Jurassic Coast that is mainly found in Devon. | |
| 113 | In which town can you see the Brutus Stone? | |
| 114 | Where has been the home of the Earls of Devon since the 1300s? | |
| 115 | Name the Plymouth pub thought to be above the original location of the Mayflower Steps. | |
| 116 | Where can you see the Devil's Cauldron and the Whitelady Waterfall? | |
| 117 | Name Devon's highest point. | |
| 118 | Which island was nicknamed 'The Kingdom of Heaven' due to being owned by the Heaven family from 1834 to 1925? | |

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| 119 | What is a 'Devon Red Ruby'? | |
| 120 | What happened in Lynmouth on the night of 15 th - 16 th August 1952? | |
| 121 | Formerly head chef at Gidleigh Park, who is now the chef and owner of the Michelin starred Lypstone Manor Hotel? | |
| 122 | What is 'The Box' in Plymouth? | |
| 123 | Which author has one of his charity's 'Farms for City Children' at Nethercott House between Okehampton and Torrington? | |
| 124 | Which sitcom was inspired after John Cleese and wife Connie Booth's stay at the Gleneagles Hotel in Torquay? | |
| 125 | Name the famous portrait painter born in Plympton in 1723. | |
| 126 | What name is often given to the prominent granite outcrops found on the summits of hills on Dartmoor? | |
| 127 | Name Isambard Kingdom Brunel's failed venture that ran between Exeter and Newton Abbot. | |

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| 128 | Which Devonian became the first Englishman to circumnavigate the globe between 1577 – 1580? | |
| 129 | Which novel by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is set on Dartmoor? | |
| 130 | Which place name with an exclamation mark was inspired by a Charles Kingsley novel? | |
| 131 | Which Elizabethan statesman, soldier and explorer was born at Hayes Barton farmhouse near the village of East Budleigh? | |
| 132 | Which famous rock group front man is said to have discovered his passion for music whilst attending Exeter Cathedral School in the late 1980s? | |
| 133 | What is the name of the ancient oak wood (a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest) located a mile north of the Two Bridges Hotel on Dartmoor? | |
| 134 | What annual event is held at the Westpoint Arena and Showground at the end of May? | |
| 135 | Name the town where William of Orange stepped ashore in 1688 in what has become known as the Glorious Revolution. | |

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| 136 | Where is the home port for fishing boats with the registration code SE? | |
| 137 | Which island will you be going to if you catch the sea tractor to the Pilchard Inn? | |
| 138 | Which seafarer gives his name to a late 16 th century watercourse constructed to link the River Meavy on Dartmoor to the city of Plymouth? | |
| 139 | In which town, on 5 th November, can you see the Tar Barrels event, where flaming barrels are carried on the shoulders of the participants? | |
| 140 | Where in Devon can you visit a garden run by the Royal Horticultural Society? | |
| 141 | Name Devon's TWO unitary authorities. | 1) 2) |
| 142 | Name TWO of Devon's four stannary towns. | 1) 2) |
| 143 | What was the full Roman name for Exeter? | |
| 144 | Honiton has been renowned for the production of which decorative fabric since the late 16 th century? | |

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| 145 | Which manufacturer is Torrington's largest employer? | |
| 146 | In 2026, an exhibition in Plymouth will be celebrating the centenary of the birth of which local artist, famed for her paintings of 'curvaceous, glammed-up women'? | |
| 147 | Why is Dartmoor Prison currently closed to prisoners? | |
| 148 | Name the 'ghost' fishing village just to the north of Start Point, destroyed in a storm during January 1917 after coastal dredging left it exposed to the elements. | |
| 149 | Name the disastrous D-Day rehearsal in Lyme Bay from which a Sherman tank was recovered from the seabed in 1984. | |
| 150 | Representing Plymouth Sutton, who, in 1919, became the first woman to sit as an MP in the House of Commons? | |
| 151 | Where in the county is the Met Office HQ? | |
| 152 | Name the author of Seven Dials, the subject of a new Netflix series on TV. | |

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| 153 | What is the significance of the Geoneedle at Orcombe Point? | |
| 154 | Name the heritage railway that runs between Buckfastleigh and Totnes. | |
| 155 | Built between 1068 and 1086, just after the Norman Conquest, in what form of construction was Okehampton Castle originally built? | |
| 156 | Which architect designed Castle Drogo, the last castle to be built in England, for wealthy businessman Julius Drewe? | |
| 157 | Name the 'Hunting Parson of Devon' buried at Swimbridge near Barnstaple, who first bred the terrier that is now named after him. | |
| 158 | Name the ruined church, next to the Drake Circus shopping centre in Plymouth, that has been left as a memorial to the 1,200 civilian deaths suffered in the Plymouth Blitz during WW2. | |
| 159 | Where, in 1939, was the first significant meeting between Queen Elizabeth II and her husband-to-be Prince Philip? | |
| 160 | Which ship 'beached' at Branscombe during a huge storm in 2007, leading to an army of modern-day wreckers making off with everything from wine barrels to BMW motorbikes? | |

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| 161 | What is the name of the Roman road linking Exeter with Lincoln? | |
| 162 | Name TWO of the 3 neighbouring towns amalgamated in 1914 to create the enlarged borough of Plymouth. | 1) 2) |
| 163 | Who was born in Tavistock in approximately 1540 and is celebrated with a statue in the town? | |
| 164 | Name the fishing village with steep cobbled streets that has been owned by the Hamlyn family since 1738. | |
| 165 | Which tourist attraction in the village of Beer has announced that it has closed and will not reopen in 2026 after 50 years in business? | |
| 166 | According to the song, where are 'Uncle Tom Cobley and all' heading to? | |
| 167 | Which TWO French ports can you sail to by Brittany Ferries from Plymouth? | 1) 2) |
| 168 | What are the oldest visible features of Exeter Cathedral when viewed from the outside? | |

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| 169 | In which seaside town did Queen Victoria's father, the Duke of Kent, die? The town also has gardens named after Victoria's son Arthur, Duke of Connaught. | |
| 170 | What will you find on top of Brent Tor? | |
| 171 | Which town hosts the annual Agatha Christie Festival? | |
| 172 | Which seaside town, at the mouth of the River Otter, is famed for its shoreline pebble beds? | |
| 173 | In which town was Sir Richard Grenville born? | |
| 174 | Where will you find the largest concentration of cobbled streets in the county? | |
| 175 | Name the largest sand dune system in the South West. | |
| 176 | In 1927, which Torbay cave unearthed a jawbone thought to be at least 40,000 years old, making it the oldest fossil of a modern human in North-West Europe? | |

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| 177 | Hembury Hillfort is an example of habitation from which age of prehistory? | |
| 178 | Name TWO of the three main sources of employment in the village of Beer during the 19 th century. | 1) 2) |
| 179 | Which sport is played by the Exeter Chiefs? | |
| 180 | Recently, in Plymouth, there have been demands to remove Sir Francis Drake's statue from the Hoe and rename Sir John Hawkins Square. What is the reasoning behind this? | |
| 181 | Where, on the Exe estuary, is the principal training centre for the Royal Marines? | |
| 182 | Now a tourist attraction, what was the original reason for creating the network of medieval underground passages in Exeter? | |
| 183 | Which artist created Verity, a 20 meter tall bronze sculpture, on Ilfracombe harbourside? | |
| 184 | Name the annual two-day event organised by the army, that takes place on Dartmoor in early May, where 14 to 19 year-olds navigate themselves across rugged terrain via nominated checkpoints. | |

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| 185 | Where is Henry Williamson, author of Tarka the Otter, buried? | |
| 186 | In which village, that claims to have one of the longest village high streets in the county, will you find the quirky Pack o' Cards Inn? | |
| 187 | What is the name of Agatha Christie's holiday home on the banks of the River Dart now in the ownership of the National Trust? | |
| 188 | In which town will you find the Pannier Market, Butchers Row and Long Bridge over the River Taw? | |
| 189 | Name TWO places in Devon where you can ride on a cliff railway. | 1) 2) |
| 190 | What is the name of the ship that has been transporting passengers to Lundy Island since 1986? | |
| 191 | Where was the original location of Smeaton's Tower on Plymouth Hoe? | |
| 192 | Replacing St Petroc, who was officially adopted as Devon's new Patron Saint by Devon County Council in 2019? | |

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| 193 | In 2021, as part of the government's 'Restoring your Railway' programme, the Dartmoor Line reconnected Exeter to which Devon town for passenger travel? | |
| 194 | Which former Poet Laureate lived in North Tawton and has a memorial stone, marking where his ashes were scattered, in a remote part of Dartmoor near the source of the River Taw? | |
| 195 | Which property is home to the National Trust's largest fashion collection comprising of 20,000 items of historic clothing and accessories? | |
| 196 | Over the years, which former Cistercian monastery has been home to both Sir Richard Grenville and Sir Francis Drake? | |
| 197 | For what are Bideford ladies Temperance Lloyd, Susannah Edwards and Mary Trembles remembered? | |
| 198 | Name 'the world's narrowest street' that can be visited in Exeter. | |
| 199 | What opened in 1970, linking Seaton with Colyford extending to Colyton in 1980? | |
| 200 | What were created in Ilfracombe during the 1820s with the assistance of Welsh coalminers? | |

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