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SOUTH CENTRAL ENGLAND BLUE BADGE TOURIST GUIDE EXAMINATIONS

Thursday, 11th December 2025 at 10:00

PAPER 2 Dorset and Wiltshire

Time allowed: TWO HOURS (120 MINUTES)

This paper is in TWO sections:

SECTION A Comprises 100 questions. Answer **ALL** of them.
(Recommended time 60 minutes)
This section is worth 50%

SECTION B In note form or as bullet points answer **TWO** questions from a choice of four.
Recommended time 60 minutes for both questions
This section is worth 50%

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 sheets 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 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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SECTION A (50 marks)

DORSET

1	The “Save Hardy’s Vale” campaign was formed specifically to campaign against what?	
2	Which king gave Lyme Regis its royal suffix?	
3	Who sculpted “Still Falling” at Tout Quarry Sculpture Park?	
4	What kind of food festival takes place each year in September in Sturminster Newton?	
5	What was the original name of Bournemouth Airport?	
6	What animal appears on the armorial bearings of Dorset County Council?	
7	What is the name of the largest onshore oil field in Europe, found off the southern shore of Poole Harbour?	
8	What property was bequeathed to the National Trust by Thomas Hardy’s sister in 1940?	

9	In which Dorset house did conspirators meet to invite William of Orange to take the English throne?	
10	What is the county flower of Dorset?	
11	Which school did Alan Turing, Cecil Day-Lewis, and Jeremy Irons attend?	
12	What is the highest point in Dorset?	
13	Kingston Maurward Agricultural College lies just outside which town?	
14	By what other name is "Bridport Harbour" known?	
15	What Dorset village gives its name to a type of sedimentary marine clay?	
16	Which museum and art gallery occupies the former East Cliff Hall in Bournemouth?	
17	Who designed Saint Thomas' Church on the Isle of Portland?	
18	Name the hill where the sculpture of The Dorset Martyrs can be found.	

19	Name the Royal Surgeon was born in Dorchester.	
20	Which Bournemouth church includes works by GE Street, Arthur Blomfield and Edward Burne-Jones?	
21	Name the Celtic tribe occupying Dorset and South Wiltshire at the time of the Roman invasion.	
22	Of whom is "The Time Torn Man" by Claire Tomalin a biography?	
23	On what town's relief road would you find the "Jurassic Stones Roundabout"?	
24	Name the TWO rivers which flow into Christchurch Harbour.	a) b)
25	To whom is the church at Corfe dedicated?	
26	Name TWO of the three colours on the flag of Dorset.	a) b)
27	Name the town was rebuilt by the Bastard Brothers following a fire in 1731.	
28	Who wrote the novel "The French Lieutenant's Woman", set in Lyme Regis?	

29	Which heritage railway line runs past Corfe Castle?	
30	Name the small Wiltshire village which was the seat of a bishop in the tenth and eleventh centuries.	
31	Name the Dorset public school attended by Jasper Conran, Emilia Fox and Ben Fogle.	
32	What name is given to the main square in the centre of Poundbury?	
33	Which Dorset village was evacuated in World War II and never re-occupied?	
34	What business was carried on by Eldridge Pope in Dorchester from 1881 until 2003?	
35	Name the TWO French ports to which ferries sail from Poole.	a) b)
36	Mary, Lady Bankes led the defence of which Castle during the English Civil War?	
37	Who was the author of "Moonfleet" who grew up in Dorchester and Weymouth?	
38	How did the architect Francis Rattenbury die in Bournemouth in 1935?	

39	Who landed at Lyme Regis to raise a rebellion against King James II?	
40	Which company produces “Dorset Knob” biscuits?	
41	Who killed Beaduheard, the royal reeve of Dorchester on the Isle of Portland in AD 789?	
42	What military-themed attraction is found near Wool in Dorset?	
43	Who conducted early radio experiments from the Haven Hotel in Sandbanks?	
44	What name is given to the annual street fair held in Sherborne each October?	
45	What is the meaning of the term “Durdle” in “Durdle Door”?	
46	In which month each year do the Abbotsbury Garland Day celebrations take place?	
47	Name a site in Dorset where a beacon was lit to warn of the Spanish Armada in 1588.	
48	Which school sold an Assyrian carving for £7.7 million in 1995?	

49	In which village is the “Royal Portland Arms”, once frequented by King George III?	
50	What are the “Jurassic Coaster” and the “Purbeck Breezer”?	

WILTSHIRE

51	Where in Wiltshire was the future Cardinal Wolsey ordained as a priest in 1498?	
52	What now occupies the former railway works in Swindon?	
53	Name the sculptor of the “Walking Madonna” in Salisbury Cathedral Close.	
54	Which school was attended by John Betjeman, Chris de Burgh and the Princess of Wales?	
55	In the centre of which town are the Abbey House Manor and Gardens?	
56	Where are the main studios of BBC Wiltshire?	
57	In which town is there a monument to Ruth Pierce?	

58	In what Forest is Wulfhall?	
59	Who suffered a nosebleed which allegedly altered the course of English history?	
60	Where is the Wiltshire Music Centre?	
61	What was attacked but not damaged in Salisbury Cathedral in October 2018?	
62	Name the large country house built by William Beckford in Wiltshire?	
63	What is the name of the largely Saxon church in Bradford-on-Avon?	
64	What is the name of the earthwork connecting Stonehenge with the Avon?	
65	Who when out hunting, saw the stones at Avebury and declared himself “wonderfully surprised” at them?	
66	What TWO colours appear on the flag of Wiltshire?	a) b)
67	What is the name of the former home of Sir Edward Heath in Salisbury?	

68	What is the name of the National Trust owned garden at Holt, near Bradford on Avon?	
69	Name the Wiltshire house which is home to the Earls of Pembroke.	
70	Who was mauled to death by a tiger in Malmesbury in 1703?	
71	Which Wiltshire stately home has been used for location filming "Mrs Brown", "Bridgerton", "Pride & Prejudice" and "The Young Victoria"?	
72	What is the name of the Neolithic causewayed enclosure on Salisbury Plain 2.5 miles north west of Stonehenge?	
73	What happened to the skeleton of a child found buried in the centre of Woodhenge?	
74	Where was said to have been the inspiration for Thomas Hardy's "Melchester"?	
75	In which Jane Austen novel is Wiltshire Loaf Cheese mentioned?	
76	Two local authorities cover the ceremonial county of Wiltshire. One is "Wiltshire Council"; what is the name of the other?	

77	Which Wiltshire Roman Villa was discovered by William George in the 1720s?	
78	Who designed the gardens at Iford Manor in the early twentieth century?	
79	In the valley of which river are the villages of Codford and Heytesbury?	
80	Name the almshouses in Salisbury founded by Bishop Seth Ward	
81	Which house is the home of James Methuen-Campbell?	
82	On what canal is the "Caen Hill Flight" of locks?	
83	Who was the founder of the Imperial War Graves Commission, recalled by a monument in the cloisters of Salisbury Cathedral?	
84	Name the monument investigated by Professor Richard Atkinson between 1968 and 1970?	
85	What name is given to the "blocks" that make up the city plan of Salisbury?	

86	The Battle of Roundway Down was fought during which conflict?	
87	What local department store chain took over the old Debenham's store in Salisbury in 2023?	
88	Which archaeologist carried out extensive work at Avebury in the mid twentieth century?	
89	What National Trust owned property can be found in the Cathedral Close in Salisbury?	
90	In which Wiltshire village was the 1967 film "Doctor Doolittle" partly made?	
91	Which MP for Malmesbury perished in a ballooning accident in 1881?	
92	In which National Trust property is there a museum of photography?	
93	Name the brewery based in Devizes.	
94	Near which Iron Age hill did the Britons and Saxons fight a battle in AD556?	
95	Name the set of legislative procedures passed by Henry II from a now ruined palace in Wiltshire.	

96	Which railway company once had its main workshops in Swindon?	
97	The memorial window to James Harris, First Earl of Malmesbury in Salisbury Cathedral includes six what?	
98	The fourteenth century High Cross from which city now be found in Stourhead Gardens?	
99	What name is given to the line of stones running 1½ miles from the Avebury Stone Circle?	
100	Near which Wiltshire village are a series of regimental badged carved into a chalk hillside?	

Now turn to Section B

SECTION B (25 marks for each question)

In note form or as bullet points answer TWO questions from this Section

B1. Prepare notes for a presentation on the "Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites" UNESCO World Heritage Site. This should include:

- Background on the major points of interest in the area and a selection of the lesser-known ones
- A historical timeline, in order to give context
- Details of what can and cannot be seen or visited
- Details of what the World Heritage Site listing means, why it applies here and of and its management
- The purpose, meaning and responsibilities of the World Heritage Site designation.
- A historical timeline to give context

B2. You have been asked to plan a 90-minute walking tour of ONE of the following towns:

- Poole
- Malmesbury
- Sherborne
- Salisbury (not including the cathedral)
- Marlborough

For this walking tour, prepare notes for at least **EIGHT** stops (including start and finishing points). Remember to include:

- Practical and safety information
- An introduction to the town
- Notes on what can be seen or needs to be explained at each point
- Logical links between stops
- A brief conclusion.

B3. Explain briefly in note form the history and development of a variety of different transport in Wiltshire AND Dorset, from the earliest routes used by prehistoric people to the modern road network and including roads, railways, canals and coastal shipping.

In particular explain:

- The reason or need for individual routes
- When and why particular towns developed
- Different forms of transport and technology
- Transport today.

You will need to include at least **THREE** different types of transport.

B4. Using bullet points, prepare notes for a short talk on ONE of the following topics:

EITHER:

Prepare notes for a presentation on the Dorset stretch of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. This should include:

- Geology (including a timeline)
- Landscape
- Nature
- Site Management

OR:

Roman, Saxon and Norman Wiltshire and Dorset. This should include:

- An overview of the history of the period
- The long-term legacy and significance of these peoples and the period to the area today
- Locations particularly associated with the topic
- Any significance to the UK as a whole.

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ANSWERS TO SECTION B

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