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CITY AND DISTRICT OF ST ALBANS
GREEN BADGE TOURIST GUIDE EXAMINATIONS

Saturday 30th May 2026

WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER

Time allowed: TWO HOURS (120 MINUTES)

This paper is in TWO sections:

SECTION A Comprises 100 questions. Answer **ALL** the questions.
Recommended time 60 minutes.
This section is worth 50%

SECTION B In note form or as bullet points answer **THREE** questions from a choice of six.
Recommended time 60 minutes for three 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 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 family name, unless otherwise specified.
5. Please write legibly in pen.
6. Please deposit your completed paper as instructed by the Invigilator.

SECTION A – 50%

100 questions. Answer ALL the questions in this section.

1	What is the name of the saint whose bones were found in Redbourn?	
2	Which duke built a hunting lodge in Redbourn?	
3	What is the popular name of the disused railway line that runs through Redbourn?	
4	In which century was the Priory of Redbourn founded?	
5	In which decade did the Wheelers excavate Verulamium?	
6	Who excavated the Roman theatre at Verulamium?	
7	Which museum did the Princess Royal open in 1939?	

8	In archaeology, what does GPR stand for?	
9	What is the name of the Iron Age tribe who occupied the St Albans area?	
10	Which local village is associated with Devil's dyke?	
11	What is a Macellum?	
12	In what year did the Boudiccan rebellion occur?	
13	Name **ONE** of the main gates of Roman Verulamium.	
14	What was the function of the Basilica in Verulamium?	
15	When did the Antonine fire occur at Verulamium?	
16	Which local river formed the boundary between Danelaw and Saxon controlled England?	

17	Give **ONE** of the two Saxon names for the Roman town of Verulamium.	
18	Which Mercian king founded (or re-founded) the Abbey in 793 AD (CE)?	
19	Which building in St. Albans is said to be the only building in England built as a direct consequence of the Peasants' Revolt?	
20	In which year did the Black Death arrive in St. Albans?	
21	Give the English **AND** the papal name of the only Englishman to have become Pope.	a) b)
22	Which king was on the throne when the Peasants' Revolt occurred?	
23	What is the name of the bell housed in the Clock Tower?	
24	Where in St. Albans were fairs held in the period after the Dissolution of the Monastery?	

25	Which gate was the usual access for pilgrims visiting the shrine of Saint Alban?	
26	What does Sumpter (as in Sumpter Yard) mean?	
27	On which corner of the Abbey was St. Andrew's chapel located?	
28	In which year did the first Battle of St. Albans take place?	
29	Which nobleman was killed at the Castle Inn in the first Battle of St. Albans? (Give first name, family name and title).	
30	Who was Abbot of St. Albans Abbey at the time of both Battles of St. Albans?	
31	In which year was the dissolution of the monastery in St. Albans?	
32	In which year did St. Albans Abbey become a Cathedral?	
33	What is the name of the first Bishop of St. Albans?	

34	Who has been appointed as the new Bishop of St. Albans?	
35	What is the name of the current Dean of St. Albans?	
36	On which day is the martyrdom of Saint Alban commemorated in St. Albans?	
37	Which royal person is buried next to Saint Alban's shrine in the Abbey church?	
38	Which Abbot started rebuilding the Abbey church in 1077?	
39	In which month of the year is the International Organ Festival held?	
40	Who designed the Victorian West Front on the Cathedral?	
41	What is a 'rood' in a church?	
42	What is the purpose of a piscina?	

43	What is kept in an aumbrey?	
44	What event does a doom painting depict?	
45	In the Middle Ages, in which part of the church did marriages normally take place?	
46	Which is the most used wood in timber framed buildings?	
47	What is the name of the Protestant martyr burnt at the stake in 1555 in St. Albans?	
48	What position of state did Sir Nicholas Bacon hold?	
49	Which family owns Gorhambury estate today?	
50	Which Tudor monarch granted St. Albans its first charter?	
51	How much did the townspeople of St. Albans pay for the purchase of the Abbey church after the Dissolution?	

52	Who was granted Sopwell Nunnery after the Dissolution?	
53	Who was the first mayor of St. Albans?	
54	After the closure of the monastery what was the Lady Chapel used for?	
55	Why did Francis Bacon lose his positions of state and have to move to St. Albans?	
56	Which species of birds have nested on the roof of the south transept of the Abbey church?	
57	What position in parliament did Sir Harbottle Grimston hold at the time of the Restoration of Charles II?	
58	Who founded Rothamsted Research Station?	
59	On which side in the Civil War was Sir John Wittewrong?	
60	Whose 400th anniversary is being marked with an exhibition in the Cathedral?	

61	Why did Count Esterhazy change his name to Count de Voilemont when he lived in Harpenden?	
62	Which Harpenden artist painted several American presidents as well as the passing of Queen Eleanor which was later stolen?	
63	To the nearest 1,000, what is the population of Harpenden?	
64	Who founded the silk mill at the Abbey mill?	
65	What colour would you get from using woad to dye fabric?	
66	Who was nicknamed the Orchid King?	
67	Who founded the firm Heath and Heather?	
68	What was the profession of Arthur Melbourne Cooper?	
69	Which was the first railway station to open in St. Albans?	

70	Where was the straw plait market in St. Albans?	
71	Which artist, known for his cat paintings, was in a mental hospital in London Colney?	
72	In which road in St. Albans are Richard Raynshaw's almshouses?	
73	Who was the architect of Mrs Worley's fountain?	
74	Who was the architect of the Samuel Ryder hotel?	
75	Which engineer was involved in the building of Verulam Road in the 1820's?	
76	What is the architectural style of the Odessey cinema in St. Albans?	
77	What was the population of St. Albans in 1901 (to the nearest 1,000)?	
78	Who is the current MP for St. Albans?	

79	Where does the University of Hertfordshire hold its graduation ceremonies?	
80	Where is the nearest hospital to St. Albans which has an A&E department?	
81	When was the date the Corn Exchange in St. Albans was built?	
82	Which museum did Sir John Evans help to found in 1898?	
83	Who was the first female Mayor of St. Albans?	
84	Where is St. Albans Football Club based?	
85	In which year was the Chapter House of St. Albans cathedral opened by Queen Elizabeth II?	
86	Which sport is associated with the Ryder Cup?	
87	Who designed the mosaic on the wall of Forrester House?	

88	Where is the Crown Court in St. Albans?	
89	Which polar explorer on Captain Scott's expedition has a statue in St. Helen's church, Wheathampstead? (full name required)	
90	What are tesserae?	
91	To which order did the monks of St. Albans monastery belong?	
92	Who planted the cedar tree on the south side of the Abbey and when?	
93	Who planted the cedar tree on the north side of the Cathedral and when?	
94	In which book did Charles Dickens immortalise Elizabeth Wilson?	
95	Which royal duke officially opened Clarence Park?	
96	What are the constituents of Pudding stone?	

97	Why did St. Albans lose the franchise in 1851?	
98	When was the Act of Parliament to unite the parliaments of Engand and Scotland?	
99	In which month does the ceremony of Beating the Bounds take place?	
100	Name the Abbey's most well known chronicler in the 13th century.	

Now turn to Section B

SECTION B (50 %)

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

B1. What evidence is there to indicate the people of 'Verlamio' welcomed the Romans?

You should include:

- *Relations between Rome and Verlamio before the Claudian invasion*
- *Development of Romanised buildings*
- *Boudiccan rebellion*
- *Was Verulamium fortified?*
- *What happened to the invasion army?*

B2. Analyse the consequences of the dissolution of the monastery on the town and district of St. Albans

You should include:

- *effect on the Abbot and monks*
- *effect on local employment, pilgrims*
- *loss of health facilities, social services*
- *scriptorium*
- *art and culture of the Abbey church*

B3. Discuss how changes in education theories, policies and practices during the twentieth century affected the design of school and college buildings in the St Albans area.

You should include:

- *Priorities for education buildings at the beginning of the twentieth century*
- *Changes in the interwar years.*
- *Effect of World Wars I and II*
- *Hertfordshire schools programme – design features*
- *Widening of education post school and higher education.*

B4. What effect did the coming of railways have on the development of St. Albans?

You should consider:

- *Private enterprise*
- *Main line links*
- *Line to Hatfield and new industries*
- *Development of printing etc. as relocated industries*
- *Leisure and sports facilities*

B5. You are giving a lecture on green spaces in St. Albans and District.
Describe **TWO** suitable examples, and say why you have chosen them and set out your notes for the commentary.

You should include:

- *Early twentieth century green spaces*
- *Sports facilities created by local authorities*
- *Children's play areas*
- *Verulamium Park*
- *Biodiversity, rewilding and space for wildlife*

B6. You are preparing a tour for a group of architects interested in the work of Percival Blow.

List **FIVE** locations you would visit to demonstrate the development of his architectural styles. Say why you chose to visit them and use bullet point notes to list the commentary points you would present.

You should include:

- *An introduction and conclusion to the tour.*
- *Influences from school days*
- *Prevailing architectural styles*
- *Ryder House and the Exhibition Hall*
- *Department stores and main shopping areas*

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ANSWERS TO SECTION B

(Please start each question on a new page and write on **both** sides of the lined pages)

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