

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE PAPER: CONTENT AND ALLOCATION OF QUESTION CATEGORIES

Short answer questions in the following subject proportions. To ensure conformity with the European standard CEN15665, all subject categories should where possible be placed in the European context and the intercultural dimension should be explored.

1. **Geology, Geography and Environment (18)**
To cover climate, land formation & landscape, land use & agriculture, population, flora & fauna. Conservation initiatives. Map reading
2. **History (25)**
To cover main periods from pre-history to present day, including major events and personalities.
3. **Architecture (12)**
To cover architectural styles and periods from pre-history to present day. Chief building materials. Major architects, their significant works and key associated sites. Gardens: history of garden development to the present day.
4. **Literature (10)**
To cover development of literature in the U.K. Major writers, their biographical details, significant works and key associated sites. Understand importance of Celtic, Nordic, early Christian & classical writings and stories.
- 5 **The Arts**

Visual Arts (15) - To cover development of painting, sculpture, furniture, fashion and interior decoration (to include European influences and foreign artists who worked in the U.K. or whose work may be seen in this country. Major artists/craftsmen/designers, their biographical details and key associated sites.

Performing Arts (10) - To cover development of theatre, music (classical and 'pop') and dance, film, radio and television. Major figures and their work (performers and writers/composers), their biographical details and key associated sites. Important arts venues, festivals. Funding.
6. **Monarchy & Government (10)**
To cover history of monarchy and government to the present day. Royal ceremonial occasions, parades and customs. Present Royal Family. Parliaments & Assemblies. Electoral systems. Role of Civil Service. Structure of local government.
7. **Religion - Growth of Christianity and Comparative Religion (7)**
To cover development of Christianity and pattern of change over the centuries. Main religious beliefs and philosophies. Major figures and key associated sites. Current situation covering all significant faiths practised in the U.K.
8. **Industry, Science & Commerce (7)**
To cover development and pattern of change in manufacturing, trade, commerce &

industry. Employment. Settlement & urbanisation. Ports and transport networks. Scientific and industrial heritage.

9. Finance and Taxation (3)

To cover development of banking, taxation & insurance. Present day systems and importance.

10. Law (5)

To cover development of legal system: civil and criminal justice, role & structure of the Courts. The Police. Administration of the law. Awareness of legal systems within the British Isles.

11. Education, Health and Social Services (5)

To cover the historical background and present-day systems for the provision of education from pre-school to university. Independent and State school systems. Further education and professional training. Awareness of different educational systems within the British Isles.

12. Sport (4)

To cover the British sporting calendar with background information about specific sports, key venues and competitions. Significant personalities.

13. Tourism (6)

To cover the development of the tourism industry and its importance to the British economy. Organisation and components of the industry including the structure of the tourist guide profession. Principal tourist destinations in the U.K. Sustainable tourism.

14. Current Affairs (10)

To cover all topical issues.

15. EU Knowledge (3)

To cover the legal and political system of the EU and EU institutions.

Total marks = 150