

Candidate No.....



BLUE BADGE TOURIST GUIDE REGISTRATION EXAMINATIONS

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE SAMPLE PAPER

Time allowed: 2 HOURS (120 minutes)

This paper comprises **200** short answer 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 all the rest pages and separate sheets (the invigilator has your number).
2. The answers should be written on the question paper.
3. Unless otherwise specified, names should always be the first name **AND** surname (family name).

Please write legibly in pen

	Architecture & Gardens	15 marks
1	In what type of building would you find reredos and misericords?	
2	Who pioneered Palladian architecture in England?	
3	Name TWO gardens managed by the Royal Horticultural Society.	
4	Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicholson are known for which garden in Kent?	
5	In which century were tulips first introduced into England?	
6	 <p>With which style of architecture would you associate this doorway?</p>	
7	Name the first period of English Gothic architecture.	
8	Name the architect who designed The Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford and Kensington Palace, London.	
9	 <p>What style of classical column is this?</p>	

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	What style of Gothic is this window?	
11	Name the architect who designed Manchester Town Hall and the Natural History Museum in London.	
12	In a motte and bailey castle, what is the motte?	
13	In a gothic cathedral what is the name of the space below the clerestory and above the arcade?	
14	Carl Linnaeus was famous for what?	
15	Who designed the “B of the Bang” in Manchester, the Bombay Sapphire Distillery and the London 2012 Olympic cauldron?	
	Arts: Visual & Applied	15 marks
16	During which century did Sir Joshua Reynolds paint portraits?	
17	In which city is the National Gallery?	
18	For what creation is designer Sarah Burton OBE most well-known?	
19	Name the artist who painted “The Hay Wain” in 1821.	
20	Wood linen-fold paneling in a grand house is typical of which period of history?	
21	Name TWO of the three artists who founded the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.	
22	Apart from London, name ONE town / city that has a Tate Gallery.	
23	Name the British designer, now a Dame, who was associated with Punk and Malcolm McLaren in 1970s.	
24	With what would you associate Thomas Chippendale in the 18 th century?	

25	For what form of creative work are David Bailey, Lord Snowdon and Mario Testino well-known?	
26	In which <u>county</u> was David Hockney born?	
27	Name the artist who was the main court painter to Charles I.	
28	With what “art” movement is William Morris associated?	
29	In art, what / who were the YBAs?	
30	Name the designer who opened the shop Habitat in 1964 and was a driving force behind the Design Museum.	
	Commerce, Industry & Science	13 marks
31	Name the company / organization which is the largest employer in the UK.	
32	In which <u>county</u> is the UNESCO World Heritage Site Ironbridge?	
33	Approximately what percentage of the UK economy is classified by economists as Service Industries?	
34	Apart from cars, name a product produced by Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC.	
35	Give an example of something built / designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel.	
36	With what invention, so important to the Industrial Revolution, do you associate James Watt?	
37	Name the world-renowned British scientist, who wrote “A Brief History of Time”, who died in 2018.	
38	What was England’s main export in 13th Century?	
39	In which decade did the last deep coal mine in Britain close?	
40	Which city in the UK has the largest financial sector?	

41	The Cavendish Laboratory, famous for the discoveries of James Clerk Maxwell and Crick & Watson, is part of which university?	
42	In which city is the National Railway Museum?	
43	In 19 th century, which city dominated the spinning and weaving of cotton?	
	Constitution, Government & Law	13 marks
44	Under the fixed term Parliament Act 2011 what is the maximum term (number of years) that a UK Parliament can sit?	
45	Name the English King responsible for setting up defensible towns named Burghs.	
46	Name the Department of State responsible for the countryside.	
47	Who, officially, appoints the Prime Minister?	
48	Name TWO English cities or towns, apart from London, that have a directly elected mayor.	
49	Name the legal organisation that decides whether a criminal case should be brought to court.	
50	Which is the most senior court located in the UK?	
51	Which of the British Armed Services is considered the Senior Service?	
52	What is the highest award for gallantry 'in the presence of the enemy' in the British Armed Services?	
53	What do the initials SAS stand for?	
54	Name the current Secretary of State for the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (aka The Foreign Secretary).	
55	Why are Police Officers nicknamed "Bobbies"?	

56	In which year did the devolution referendums take place that gave Wales and Scotland their current devolved governments?	
	Cuisine	9 marks
57	At what age can a person legally purchase alcohol in a public house in UK?	
58	What are basic ingredients of a “cream tea”?	
59	If a pub is a “tied house”, what does that mean?	
60	If British food or beverage products hold either PGI status or PDO status, what does this mean?	
61	Give the name of a pub lunch, typically consisting of bread, cheese, pickle, onion and salad.	
62	What is a Farmers’ Market?	
63	What does CAMRA support / promote?	
64	What are Bramleys, Coxes & Russetts?	
65	What sauce is traditionally served with roast lamb?	
	Education in England	7 marks
66	For what is Robert Raikes famous?	
67	What was the main requirement of the 1870 Education Reform Act?	
68	What is currently the school leaving age in England?	
69	In which year were women first granted full degrees at: a) Oxford University b) Cambridge University?	
70	For undergraduate students starting university in 2019 what is the maximum fee they will pay each year for full time study?	
71	What percentage of children in England (under 16 years) attend independent schools?	

72	Which English university considers itself the third oldest, after Oxford & Cambridge?	
	Finance & Taxation	5 marks
73	What is the current hourly minimum wage for workers aged 25 and over?	
74	What is the current full rate of VAT?	
75	What position is currently held by Mark Carney?	
76	To the nearest 1%, what is the current rate of inflation?	
77	What is the current highest rate of income tax in England?	
	Health, Social Services & Voluntary	7 marks
78	For what medical discovery is William Harvey (1578-1657) best known?	
79	Approximately what proportion of the UK population is over the age of 65?	
80	In what year was the NHS founded?	
81	Name the combined benefit system introduced in 2017 that combined many social benefits including sickness benefit and housing benefit.	
82	After October 2020 what will be the age at which men and women receive a state pension?	
83	What is the phone number for NHS medical advice? (Not life threatening which is 999)	
84	For what / whom does The Royal British Legion raise money with its Poppy Appeal?	
	History	22 marks
85	The inclusion of "Chester", Cester" or "Caster" within a town's name indicates what?	

86	Name the queen of the Iceni tribe of eastern Britain who led a rebellion against the Romans (circa AD60).	
87	Name the monk responsible for writing "The Ecclesiastical History of the British People" in 731AD.	
88	What is the town of "Jorvik" called today?	
89	Approximately what percentage of the population died during the Black Death in England in 1348/49?	
90	During the Wars of the Roses what was the colour of the rose used by the Lancastrians?	
91	The remains of which English king were found under a car park in Leicester in 2013 and reinterred in Leicester cathedral?	
92	A "roundhead" was a supporter of which organisation or person?	
93	During the Civil War, in which city/town did King Charles I establish his headquarters?	
94	"Remember, Remember the 5 th of November; gunpowder, treason and plot" What event does this rhyme commemorate?	
95	Name the first person to have the status of 'Prime Minister'.	
96	The Spanish Armada occurred in the reign of which English monarch?	
97	Who worked as a secretary in the Admiralty and kept a personal diary of his life between 1660 and 1669?	
98	Which monarch was deposed in the "bloodless / glorious" revolution?	
99	In which decade of the 19 th century was Queen Victoria declared Empress of India?	
100	In which year did Britain vote to join the EEC (European Economic Community)?	
101	In which year was the Royal Air Force started?	

102	In which year did the law change to give women (over 30 years) the right to vote?	
103	Who was the British Prime Minister when Britain declared war on Germany in September 1939?	
104	In which year was the treaty signed dividing Ireland into the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland?	
105	Name the king who abdicated in December 1936.	
106	In which year was the first female Prime Minister appointed?	
	Infrastructure, Housing, Transport & Energy	12 marks
107	In which decade was a Housing Act passed allowing people the 'right to buy' their council house?	
108	What proportion of UK householders currently own their own home?	
109	Who decides on the granting of listed building status?	
110	During which century was James Brindley involved in building canals?	
111	Speed limiters fitted to all new coaches restrict the vehicle to what maximum speed on British roads? (in mph or kph)	
112	Name ONE port from where you could catch a ferry to The Netherlands.	
113	Which London railway terminus would you use for a journey: a) from London to Liverpool b) from London to Southampton?	
114	Name the UK's busiest and biggest container port.	
115	Name the UK's first operational nuclear power station.	
116	Where is the UK's largest off-shore wind farm located?	
117	What percentage of the UK's energy supply comes from natural gas?	

118	Name the organisation that manages the national network of electricity lines and gas pipes.	
	Language & Literature	15 marks
119	Name the current Poet Laureate.	
120	Name the novelist who is currently shown on the reverse side of a £10 note.	
121	Name the children's novelist who wrote "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory".	
122	What was the real surname of the three sisters who wrote novels under the names Acton, Ellis and Currer Bell?	
123	Name the author who wrote, "Tess of the d'Urbervilles" and "Far from the Madding Crowd"	
124	What is the estimated percentage of people speaking English as their <i>first</i> language around the world?	
125	Name the cities usually associated with these dialects: Geordie Scouse.	
126	Which of Michael Malpurgo's children's novels has been adapted to a highly successful play with puppets as animals?	
127	Which author lived at Hill Top, Sawrey in Cumbria?	
128	Who wrote the sonnet beginning with the words, "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"	
129	Where <i>exactly</i> is Charles Dickens buried?	
130	Name the first Harry Potter book (by its English publication title).	
131	With what specific topic would you associate the poets Rupert Brooke & Wilfred Owen?	
132	Why is Geoffrey Chaucer known as "the father of English literature"?	

133	How many plays is it generally agreed that Shakespeare wrote (including as a joint author)?	
	Monarchy	12 marks
134	In which of her residences does the Queen normally spend Christmas?	
135	What is the name of the ceremony to celebrate the Queen's official birthday in June?	
136	<p>If this sign is seen on a shop, what does it signify?</p>  <p>By Appointment to HM The Queen</p>	
137	Which member of the Royal Family is the founding patron of the Invictus Games?	
138	Who has the title The Princess Royal?	
139	Which king started the Order of the Garter?	
140	Give the TWO times of the year when the Honours' List is announced.	
141	Who is currently fourth in line to the throne?	
142	In which year was Queen Elizabeth II born?	
143	What is the Sovereign Grant (introduced in 2011)?	
144	How many countries are currently in the Commonwealth?	
145	Where exactly is Diana, Princess of Wales, buried?	
	Performing Arts & Media	10 marks

146	Which printed newspaper currently has the highest circulation in the UK?	
147	Name the author of the play "Pygmalion" which was adapted for the stage as the musical "My Fair Lady".	
148	Name the German composer who came to England in 1712, whose works include "Zadok the Priest" written for George II's coronation.	
149	Name the author of "The Mousetrap," the world's longest-running play.	
150	With which British composer would you associate Aldeburgh, Suffolk?	
151	Land of Hope & Glory is sung to the music of which composer?	
152	How much is the current television licence fee?	
153	Where in England could you visit The Beatles Story?	
154	In which month does the Hay-on-Wye literature festival take place?	
155	Name the actor famous for playing "Mr Bean".	
	Physical Geography, Landscape, Countryside, Coast	24 marks
156	In which part of the UK would you find the Giant's Causeway?	
157	Drumlins, moraines and hanging valleys are evidence of what natural feature having influenced the landscape?	
158	Granite is what type of rock?	
159	What is the population of the United Kingdom in 2019 (to the nearest two million)?	
160	The South Downs of Southern England are composed of which sedimentary rock?	
161	Name the area of hills running from South Warwickshire to North Somerset.	

162	Name the Atlantic Ocean current that often influences the British climate.	
163	Name the National Parks located in: a) Norfolk and Suffolk b) North West Wales.	
164	Name the river upon which the city of Nottingham is located.	
165	What is the name given to tracks previously used by farmers to take livestock to market?	
166	The Angel of the North statue commemorates which industry?	
167	What percentage of UK GDP comes from fishing/ fish processing?	
168	Under what name are eggs marketed that have been produced by chickens that are allowed to roam out of doors?	
169	What is the main use of silage?	
170	What do the letters AONB stand for?	
171	What is the name given to field boundary walls built without mortar?	
172	Name one of the months when winter wheat is usually harvested.	
173	Gloucester Old Spot is a breed of which animal?	
174	In 2000 the "right to roam" became law. What does this allow?	
175	Name one animal / creature that has a legally protected status	
176	What is the most widely grown arable crop in the UK?	
177	Name the TWO counties associated with The Jurassic Coast.	
178	Name the breed of cow that makes up nearly 90% of the UK dairy industry.	

179	<p>On an Ordnance Survey map, what do these symbols indicate?</p> <p>a) </p> <p>b) </p>	
Religion & Multiculturalism		7 marks
180	Which office is held by John Sentamu?	
181	<p>Name the Faith groups that celebrate:</p> <p>a) Hanukkah</p> <p>b) Wesak.</p>	
182	Which event in the Christian calendar is celebrated on Good Friday?	
183	Who is considered to be the first recorded British Christian martyr?	
184	In what year was the Act of Supremacy passed?	
185	In the 2011 census what percentage (to nearest 5%) stated they had no religion?	
186	Why did many Asian migrants arrive from Uganda in 1972?	
Sport		7 marks
187	The Oval and Edgbaston are major venues in which sport?	
188	What is Sport England's primary function?	
189	In which month does the Wimbledon tennis tournament take place?	

190	Name the famous horse race that takes place at Aintree each April.	
191	Which City will host the 2022 Commonwealth Games?	
192	With what sport do you associate William Webb Ellis?	
193	How many football teams compete in the English Premier League?	
	Tourism	7 marks
194	What is the main role of Visit Britain?	
195	Explain briefly the difference between Incoming and Domestic tourism.	
196	In 2018 what percentage of UK GDP is the Tourism industry?	
197	After London, which region of England receives the most incoming visitors?	
198	What does DMO stand for in a tourism context?	
199	Which government department is responsible for Tourism?	
200	Name the UK's City of Culture in a) 2017 b) 2021.	