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2025 Scholarship Examination Paper

COMMON PAPER

History – 30 minutes

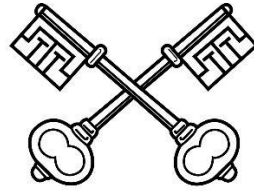
Geography – 30 minutes

Religious And Ethical Studies – 30 minutes

26 February 2025

Time allowed – 90 minutes

This paper is split into 3 sections, please clearly read each paper instructions



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HISTORY

26 February – 27 February 2025

Time allowed – 30 minutes

The paper consists of three primary sources and two questions.

The Paper is worth a total of 9 marks.

You are expected to be able to write accurate, grammatical, well-punctuated prose throughout this paper.

Instructions

You will be awarded:

- Up to three marks for inference (points that you are able to pick out from the source);
- Up to three marks for explanation (how your inferences/points can be supported with evidence/quotation from the text);
- Up to three marks for evaluation (reflect on the source's provenance: who wrote it; what type of document it is; when it was published - to reach a judgement on whether it would be useful as a piece of evidence).

Study the extracts before answering the two questions below.

Police report to Napoleon, 8 May 1809

In the town of Toulon, following the rumour of a next call of conscripts, there has been a resort to marriage as a means for young men to avoid being conscripted. On 27 April, the chief commissioner wrote that marriages had never been so numerous in this town.

Police report to Napoleon, 16 October 1809

The Prefect [Police chief] writes that, with the intention of hiding him from conscription*, a father came to the mayor of his town with the intention of registering as a *girl*, the son to whom his wife had just given birth. The Prefect notes that, within the existing laws, this is not against the law.

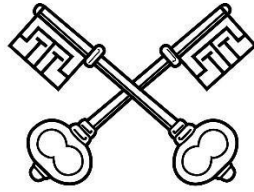
Police report to Napoleon, 18 October 1811

A conscript in Münster has cut off his finger to avoid military service. Questioned by the chief commissioner, he said that a relative advised him to do this and carried out the amputation. The relation of the conscript is being sought; they are both the sons of artisans.

What do these sources reveal about Napoleon's efforts to keep his armies supplied with recruits through conscription?

Would these sources be useful for a historian studying this question? Explain your answer.

*conscription is forced enrolment in military service



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GEOGRAPHY

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Time allowed – 30 minutes

Instructions:

There are six questions to choose from and you should **answer three**. Spend the same amount of time answering each one. You are expected to be able to write accurate, grammatical, well-punctuated prose throughout this paper.

Choose three of the questions below to answer.

Each question is worth **8 marks**. There are 24 marks available in total.

For 8 marks, you should aim to write $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 side of an A4 page.

Credit will be given for referring to examples and knowledge of current affairs.

Question 1

Explain why some countries are more vulnerable to the effects of climate change than others. (8 marks)

Question 2

Explain why the effects of coastal erosion differ between locations. (8 marks)

Question 3

Explain why deforestation has both local and global consequences. (8 marks)

Question 4

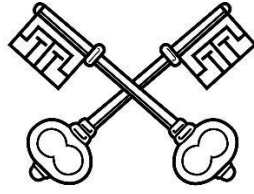
Explain why managing waste effectively in cities is challenging. (8 marks)

Question 5

Explain how agricultural practices can lead to desertification. (8 marks)

Question 6

Explain why the impacts of volcanoes can vary between different places. (8 marks)



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RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL STUDIES

26 February 2025

Time allowed – 30 minutes

There are three questions on this paper.

Candidates must answer one question only.

There are 25 marks available for this paper.

5 of these are for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Candidates should leave time at the end to check through their work.

Answer **ONE** of the following questions, either a), b) or question c).

Do not answer more than one question.

Each question is worth 25 marks. (5 marks are awarded for spelling, punctuation and grammar.)

EITHER:

- a. **‘The overwhelming evidence of suffering in the world proves that God does not exist’.**

How far would you agree with this statement?

Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You must refer to religion in your answer.

(25)

OR

- b. **‘There is no justification for legalising medical assisted dying in the UK, even if the patient is terminally ill’.**

How far would you agree with this statement?

Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You must refer to religion in your answer.

(25)

OR

- c. **What is the most important event in the history of Christianity?**

Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view. You must refer to religion in your answer.

(25)

End of Paper