

KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE ISLE OF MAN

General Knowledge Paper

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*"Scire ubi aliquid invenire possis
ea demum maxima pars eruditionis est"*

1 During 1922 :

- 1 what name was adopted by Siciliano?
- 2 where, following an election, did XI replace XV?
- 3 in what, was one of the protagonists' inappropriate liking for offal, and especially grilled mutton kidneys, revealed?
- 4 how might one have justified $0 \times 8 + 11 (+4) = 15$ and a most improbable result?
- 5 who started a six-year sentence for sedition, but would be released after two years owing to appendicitis?
- 6 whose unnatural death is perhaps recalled by airline passengers changing trains when heading for the Tafelhalle?
- 7 which prize winner gained a son who would in due course be similarly rewarded?
- 8 and who faced the firing squad five decades before his son was elected President?
- 9 who was gunned down outside No. 36 Eaton Place?
- 10 how did the Seine cause 86 people to drown?

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- 1 where did the Aston Martin become entangled with Tilly's TR3?
- 2 where did Jake, Robert and Bill buy a pretty good rod cheap and two landing-nets?
- 3 which city sent the most insurrectionary tune into the world that was ever composed?
- 4 where was the portable guillotine put to good use in the town square following its transfer from *Sophia*?
- 5 where, thinking of dinner, did Christy-Pallière anticipate Hébert's fish soup followed by langouste in court-bouillon?
- 6 what little place is noted for the making of lace, for drunkenness, for freedom of language and for unparallel political discussion?
- 7 where did the wine merchant receive a gunshot wound, leading to a request for the Inspector to visit from Rennes?
- 8 where did des Grieux meet the prospective nun, following her arrival on the Arras coach?
- 9 where was Bibi and his beloved daughter rescued by those demmed English spies?
- 10 where was the Lord Primate's costly turquoise found in a corvid nest?

3 In what:

- 1 yarn did the narrator champion a charismatic but doomed colonial ivory trader?
- 2 did the ship-wrecked Caucasian émigré wed the serving girl with a 'heart of gold'?
- 3 story did the Eurasian daughter of the eponymous subject elope with the Raja's son?
- 4 simple tale did an accident spare the Greenwich Observatory but result in the fragmentation of the bomb-carrier?
- 5 tale did the junior partner relate how he was wrapped in a hammock and stitched up from the feet to the throat as if he had been a corpse?
- 6 romance was an ancient, beached schooner, used as an arsenal, fired by the old Norwegian 'caretaker', enabling the escape of the hostages?
- 7 confession was it supposed that the ship's entire supply of quinine had been sold in Haiphong for about fifteen pounds?
- 8 narrative did a cargo of coal suffer spontaneous combustion to the south of Java Head?
- 9 did the eponymous hero recall repeatedly "Eight hundred people and seven boats"?
- 10 preferred sub-titled maritime story was the dying subject accused of malingering?

4 Who:

- 1 was 'sense' if Marianne was 'sensitivity'?
- 2 thanks to Longshanks, is remembered at Geddington?
- 3 adopted a disguise whose gender deceived Rocca's daughter?
- 4 stood in after the Frederikshald tragedy before handing over to her husband?
- 5 according to legend, murdered the King's mistress, in her Woodstock 'prison'?
- 6 anticipated the RSPB by 500 years and is remembered in the name of a migratory raptor?
- 7 likened her sex to a teabag, with an ability to get stronger with increasing heat?
- 8 exchanged poetry with Amory one year after her attempted suicide?
- 9 wears the face that she keeps in a jar by the church door?
- 10 as Florimel, impressed the celebrated diarist?

5 Who:

- 1 could liquidise one like a carrot in a kitchen blender?
- 2 received a version of *Agamemnon* as a leaving present?
- 3 was associated with corporal punishment by the celebrated Venusian poet?
- 4 was a most come-at-able lady, who would dress the children's chilblains in winter?
- 5 was the one-armed art master, who had lost the contents of his left sleeve in the Great War?
- 6 was reprimanded by his wife for reading a disguised copy of *Lives of the Great Poisoners* at table?
- 7 took Old Pompous's umbrella without permission, and with disastrous consequences?
- 8 after wrongly pronouncing *butter*, was accused of making fritters of English?
- 9 was run over by a tram in Stoke-on-Trent when one-over-the-eight?
- 10 made the most dismal sounds when playing his flute?

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- 1 where are the Pumas caged?
- 2 whose break is less destructive than Rolando?
- 3 what had a Sandhurst interlude lasting for 37 years?
- 4 what passed from Britain to the Netherlands in 1824?
- 5 where did the two enjoy coffee and kümmel with von Brüning in a dingy inn-parlour?
- 6 after which conflict did Alfred show compassion for the defeated leader's wife and his two sons?
- 7 in what do everlasting praise and magnification appear repeatedly?
- 8 where did Charles Edward adopt a disguise as Betty?
- 9 which Girl of my Heart perished at Kastellorizo?
- 10 which brewery owed its origin to a Pope?

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- 1 what is liable to herniation?
- 2 what was the haunt of the Tom Puddings?
- 3 where is Juno still working after more than 140 years?
- 4 which canal is carried over another by a unique swing bridge?
- 5 on which canal did Cressy find a lock full of the bloated, putrifying bodies of rats?
- 6 on which canal did Arethusa find the water at about the drinking temperature of tea?
- 7 where did the club-footed poet succeed, while Scott and Mengaldo failed?
- 8 where can you darn your socks when it's still in its locks?
- 9 which two canals are linked by a rotating boat lift?
- 10 what was the target of Garlic?

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- 1 who practised the 'so easy' sidestroke in the turbid Amazon?
- 2 which Torpedo pioneered the swim from Donaghadee to Portpatrick?
- 3 who swam to Safety Bay beside the Swiss pastor's makeshift vessel of eight tubs?
- 4 who escaped entanglement with a cephalopod during a 300 yards swim in Shark Bay?
- 5 who was reduced to a mass of blue-grey mottled flesh after skinny-dipping between Old Mill Road and Scotch?
- 6 after an epic Manhattan swim, which Olympian made a trail-blazing crossing of the English Channel the following year?
- 7 whose parent did the son of Ecgtheow decapitate, having swum to the bottom of the monster-infested lake?
- 8 whose swim through the Iron Curtain received praise from Gorbachev and Reagan?
- 9 which Salopian failed, terminally, to swim through the Whirlpool Rapids?
- 10 who faintly stretched his dripping limbs, having swum for Glory?

9 Which:

- 1 plotter composed an Elegy on the eve of his execution?
- 2 traitor was sympathetically described in poetry by a Nobel laureate?
- 3 Irish officer in the British Army was executed for leading his eponymous Plot?
- 4 couple were, according to another Nobel laureate, 'sacrificial lambs in the marketplace sold'?
- 5 Dutch suicide's embalmed body was posthumously executed by hanging in its coffin from a gibbet?
- 6 black sheep from an eminent political family pleaded guilty to treason in a trial lasting eight minutes?
- 7 RAF pilot stole a *Hurricane* and later infiltrated resistance groups on behalf of the enemy?
- 8 sometime Governor was executed close to the present site of a noted island school?
- 9 bellicose abolitionist's soul is still mobile 160 years after his execution?
- 10 vulpine traitor lost his head after capture beside Loch Morar?

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- 1 with what does a sharp play on an untrue cloth?
- 2 who invited Frederic Henry to play billiards at Stresa?
- 3 at what was Felson opposed by Findley during the Kentucky Derby?
- 4 what islet did Mr Anthony Hurrell describe as being as bare as a billiard-table?
- 5 why did Charmian decline the queen's demand that they play billiards, suggesting that she play with the eunuch instead?
- 6 which six times World Champion claimed that snooker would prevail if a choice was to be made between marital constancy and snooker?
- 7 where were Harris and his friends denied overnight accommodation on the billiard-table?
- 8 which sovereign's body was temporarily shrouded in her own billiard cloth?
- 9 to what did the Billiard-marker apply chalk with quivering hand?
- 10 to what were the sleeping Platypus family likened?

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- 1 where are they urged to serve to lead?
- 2 and where should I do as much as I can?
- 3 where was the French Prince, killed in the Zulu War, initially laid to rest?
- 4 where are two holders of the VC entombed in the Church of St John the Baptist?
- 5 where does the prominent octagonal water tower offer a distant view of a Royal residence?
- 6 where was accommodation provided for Young, Sutcliffe, Clark and many others of similar persuasion?
- 7 what insular trading post was named after the Secretary of State for War and the Colonies?
- 8 where was the great novelist's return from Paris interrupted by a fatal derailment?
- 9 where is it thought that the infant Taxus started life around 2,000 BC?
- 10 where do the Verderers hold Court in the Queen's House?

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- 1 who started quite simply in Pimlico?
- 2 whose popular show lacked the anticipated nudity?
- 3 which fraternity started with a street urchin in Mayfair?
- 4 who graduated from a passage in N1 to a stately home in Suffolk?
- 5 who barbecued marinated puffin, but also had a life-threatening fall into the sea?
- 6 who could produce crisp sausages and fragrant shavings of bacon, and shapely poached eggs?
- 7 who, despite her limitations, prepared curried chicken for Mr Phelps's breakfast?
- 8 who prepared roasted grasshopper with ladybird sauce?
- 9 which pioneer produced menus for Le Diable Boiteux?
- 10 who found the sandwiches fatally unpalatable?

13 Where:

- 1 was *Goblin's* home port?
- 2 was grain milled under lunar influence until 1957?
- 3 does a plaque on the inn refer to a famously willing carrier?
- 4 was a *Scene on a Navigable River* captured by the East Bergholt master?
- 5 did the threat of invasion necessitate evacuation of the boys to Derbyshire?
- 6 did Magnus's dinner companion suffer postprandial confusion and enter the bedroom of his prospective bride?
- 7 was the famed Glaswegian architect and artist arrested as a German spy?
- 8 did spontaneous combustion of nitrocellulose cause 28 deaths?
- 9 did *The Building of the House* launch the new venue?
- 10 is there a lighthouse in Stradbroke Road?

14 In which letter did the writer:

- 1 employ Phebe as postman?
- 2 address the recipients as foolish?
- 3 regard charity as superior to both faith and hope?
- 4 uniquely address his message to a lady and her children?
- 5 emphasise the superiority of Christ over the angels and Moses?
- 6 anticipate his own demise, and urge his 'beloved son' to bring books and the parchments?
- 7 urge consideration of things honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report?
- 8 allude to the recipient being his representative in Crete?
- 9 reveal Enoch's relationship to Adam?
- 10 provide marriage guidance?

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- 1 where is the city's leaning tower?
- 2 from what did Sarah parachute to a muddy landing?
- 3 where did the Second Master describe grinding at the mill for 27 years?
- 4 which famous vessel's return home from Stanley was initiated by a Manxman?
- 5 what did the precocious teenager describe as the pride of Bristowe and the western land?
- 6 where does a Saxon carving represent the interlude between crucifixion and resurrection?
- 7 from where did the Squire write in duplicate to the Doctor regarding his recent purchase?
- 8 who found the stairs and basement kitchen in Pembroke Road too much?
- 9 which centre takes its name from a 15th century masterpiece?
- 10 where did Mr Winkle take up quarters?

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- 1 who spent four years in Bath in the 1930s?
- 2 which Countess enjoyed holidays on the Côte d'Azur?
- 3 whose heir was killed in a colonial war in southern Africa?
- 4 who worked in a botanical garden after his return home from Russia?
- 5 who had to pay compensation for the damage he did during a visit to Deptford?
- 6 who was accorded full military honours when he arrived in Paris in 1976, centuries after his death?
- 7 who was rescued from a Black Sea port in a ship belonging to her nephew?
- 8 who spent his final days in the US, Panama, and finally Egypt?
- 9 who was fatally stabbed on the shore of Lake Geneva?
- 10 who spent his final years in exile in Rangoon?

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- 1 who failed to survive her tenth confinement?
- 2 who greeted premiers past and present two days before she died?
- 3 whose shared tomb bears the epitaph describing half-sisters *In Spe Resurrectionis*?
- 4 on the anniversary of the death of which like-named ancestor did her late Majesty pass away?
- 5 who provided the ancestral link between the Houses of Stuart and Hanover and 'ended her unfortunate life' in Leicester House?
- 6 following whose death did the King ensure that Masses were said in the Auld Kirk in gratitude for the parishioners' treatment of her mortal remains?
- 7 for which popular princess was court mourning interrupted by celebrations of the marriage of her niece?
- 8 who died tragically, aged 4 months, and is remembered with Scoular's poignant statue?
- 9 who died on her 37th birthday, nine days after her seventh confinement?
- 10 who was placed upon the bier in happier times than on the throne?

18 During 2022:

- 1 how was Charlotte devastated by Ian's behaviour?
- 2 how has Neanderthal facilitated which prize winner?
- 3 whose statue recalls His Majesty's grandmother's greatest racing disappointment?
- 4 which two countries have agreed on an international border dividing which islet equally?
- 5 which former President survived an assassination attempt, thanks to a malfunctioning firearm?
- 6 justifying her name, which Framnæs product has been viewed for the first time after almost 107 years?
- 7 which soubriquet applied to Der Alte Fritz, was suggested in Parliament for her late Majesty?
- 8 at what prestigious ceremony did an oblique reference to alopecia lead to an assault?
- 9 whose round was painfully terminated at the 3rd at Pannal?
- 10 whose *Slow Death* has very sadly been accelerated?