



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"*

13. *Who or what:*
- 1 – is Hydrargyrum?
 - 2 – lost out to *Bubo* at Castle Frank?
 - 3 – was formerly farmed by Sigewulf?
 - 4 – is the bristletail of the kitchen cupboard?
 - 5 – are seen as a harvest mouse goes scampering by?
 - 6 – was rusticated for painting the Dean's house red?
 - 7 – did I catch when moths were on the wing?
 - 8 – was commemorated with a £1 blue?
 - 9 – was frustratingly unwheelable?
 - 10 – was Harry Heegan's reward?
- 14.
- 1 – who imposed a levy on beards?
 - 2 – who described a multinidal growth?
 - 3 – whose father had pigmented dentition?
 - 4 – what is also identified by Jack's midday bedtime?
 - 5 – which bearded and bright-eyed old tar delayed a wedding guest?
 - 6 – who suffered his beard to grow until it was about a quarter of a yard long?
 - 7 – what indignity did Hunan inflict on the suspected spies?
 - 8 – how did an old Grenadier address his statistician?
 - 9 – who had a beard of burnt-up black?
 - 10 – what was ignobly done by Regan?
15. *Who:*
- 1 – claimed to eat cowdung for salads?
 - 2 – was offered a pigeon dish by the clown's father?
 - 3 – was described as the sweet marjoram of the salad?
 - 4 – had a bill amounting to 2s. 6d. for a capon and sauce?
 - 5 – threatened his daughter's suitor with a diet of bivalves?
 - 6 – asked the quarrelsome captain to eat the emblem on his cap?
 - 7 – urged against eating certain bulbs to avoid halitosis?
 - 8 – expounded on the virtues of pancakes and mustard?
 - 9 – required crocus stamens to flavour the pear pies?
 - 10 – indicated a preference for conserve of beef?
16. *Which manufacturer's product is:*
- 1 – waxed?
 - 2 – a whorl of petals?
 - 3 – a Brahmin genealogist?
 - 4 – a pendulant tropical climber?
 - 5 – surely of very limited horsepower?
 - 6 – a blessed lottery of beauty, wisdom and modesty?
 - 7 – an American jazz saxophonist?
 - 8 – by the same token *msupial*?
 - 9 – an absurd pretence?
 - 10 – palindromic?
17. *Who:*
- 1 – was nicknamed Toddy?
 - 2 – had a bottled Arabian dormouse in his holster?
 - 3 – gave Clara a pair of sunglasses from Gruber's?
 - 4 – was accused of improper behaviour during a cave trip?
 - 5 – had never heard of Bernard Shaw, but supposed he was a Methodist preacher?
 - 6 – was mollified with a donation of a lightweight aluminium collapsible garden chair?
 - 7 – used astrology to choose a favourable time for treatment?
 - 8 – was brought to safety by Murray on a packhorse?
 - 9 – threatened to cut the throat of a Welsh parson?
 - 10 – assisted Clarice in her search for Gumb?
18. *During 2006:*
- 1 – who won at 16 despite losing a 9 at 7?
 - 2 – which Voice in the Wilderness is now silent?
 - 3 – what has been dwarfed through orbital overlapping?
 - 4 – where was the result decided by glass balls ringing bells?
 - 5 – whose suggestion of a golden handshake was speedily revealed?
 - 6 – which exceptionally hardy annual has finally been gathered after 27 years?
 - 7 – who pronounced herself ready for Mr Prescott at Scunthorpe?
 - 8 – where was the theft of an Elizabethan reticule enacted?
 - 9 – where was revealed, a Day to remember at 1450?
 - 10 – whose anniversary recalled a sixties hit?

1. *In the year 1906:*
- 1 – which *bedstefar* was mourned multinationally?
 - 2 – which fruity concoction rivalled the first all-big-gun ship?
 - 3 – who benefited, through his far eastern mediation, from a Nordic inventor's bequest?
 - 4 – who emerged for a journey, which would eventually take him to join the Iron Age dead?
 - 5 – which emasculated beverage received 1,3,7 trimethylxanthine as an alternative stimulant?
 - 6 – what named vehicle, having set off from Paris, arrived victoriously on the North York Moors?
 - 7 – what addition to the English language was introduced by a popular daily on 10th January?
 - 8 – which vessel paid the ultimate penalty for cutting the corner off the coast of Murcia?
 - 9 – who was reinstated and decorated following the annulment of his guilty verdict?
 - 10 – which association agreed on a downsizing to 13?
2. *Who is or was:*
- 1 – the guy, who went for his entire bundle on *Apparition*?
 - 2 – the clubman, found at *Blimp's* when game is in season?
 - 3 – the foundling, whose amorous adventures finally led him to Wisdom?
 - 4 – the actress, having a familial connection with Douglas and parts of Kirkmichael?
 - 5 – the painter, who introduced *The Sleeping Beauty* into a country house salon with the aid of four thorny scenes?
 - 6 – the player, who started, but later terminally departed from, a Sisyphian project, which proverbially failed to accumulate?
 - 7 – the clothmaker's son, who built a barn, and an eating house which was later the scene of a public execution?
 - 8 – the very stout, portly man, credited by the *Standard* with energy and sagacity?
 - 9 – the diarist, for whom consumption was a matter of daily concern
 - 10 – the composer, who wrote an opera eponymously featuring one of the above, but made himself ineligible to appear here?
3. *Chronologically:*
- 1 – which man in holy orders had a first edition of his own revolutionary theory of the heavens presented to him on his deathbed?
 - 2 – whose seventeenth century *sidereal herald* did Rome find unwelcome?
 - 3 – whose Jovian satellite timekeeping led him to a measurement of the ultimate speed?
 - 4 – who gained posthumous and eponymous recognition for his prediction of a return visit?
 - 5 – whose puzzlement at nineteenth century darkness was explained by a twentieth century American stargazer?
 - 6 – which Anglo-French duo helped find a heavenly incarnation of a sea-god?
 - 7 – which apparently unreliable wanderer made two crossings within the space of eight years during the nineteenth century, none at all in the twentieth, but is expected to complete another two in the twenty first?
 - 8 – in which year did a seven-part wartime composition become incomplete?
 - 9 – which two telephonists were at first irritated, but later gratified by the background noise from an explosion?
 - 10 – which gravitational phenomenon has recently provided a focus on new worlds?

4. *What:*
- 1 – is the drain?
 - 2 – is a mighty good road?
 - 3 – has restricted loads for 130 years?
 - 4 – might a dentist see in copper poisoning?
 - 5 – was the third and better known name of Wilhelmine Dorothea?
 - 6 – embraces Cheshire, Kent, Lancashire and Oxfordshire under three legs?
 - 7 – generated a false sense of Gallic security?
 - 8 – separated the free and the enslaved?
 - 9 – secures a non-slip loop?
 - 10 – was breached by Haig?
5. *Where:*
- 1 – did scissors counter subsidence?
 - 2 – does a phoenix oversee my rising again?
 - 3 – is a divorcee's grave marked with pomegranates?
 - 4 – do the lines 'Repentance is the Station then
Where Passengers are taken in' appear?
 - 5 – did Sue frequently attend the fictionalised Cathedral-church?
 - 6 – does a surrealist's creation depict praise with various instruments?
 - 7 – does he remain, unspoken to, for days and days and days?
 - 8 – is a cross-legged gnome found among the angels?
 - 9 – might eider ducks have joined the pilgrims?
 - 10 – was she called to praise and pray...
while the choir sang Stanford in A?
6. *Where:*
- 1 – is there a through-otherness?
 - 2 – does a cold old black wind blow?
 - 3 – did Napper receive his death sentence?
 - 4 – do the donkeys equate to the unpaid flunkies?
 - 5 – have the fair maids left, in a body, their weebegone swains?
 - 6 – should the lost comet be visible at sunset like a glimmer of haws and rose hips?
 - 7 – was the dredger grumbling all night in the harbour?
 - 8 – do the sons defy Pope, traitor or defender?
 - 9 – was the town famed for lovely Kitty?
 - 10 – did feline combat end in a draw?
7. *Which:*
- 1 – first was a loathsome Lackwit?
 - 2 – second is sans everything?
 - 3 – third is also first?
 - 4 – fourth would be breached by Aurora?
 - 5 – fifth suffered episcopal impugment of his pedigree?
 - 6 – sixth involved the location of China in Snowdonia?
 - 7 – seventh enters the aqueductus fallopii?
 - 8 – eighth is wholly philatelic?
 - 9 – ninth was for Victoire?
 - 10 – tenth was Too?
- 8.
- 1 – who saw the light?
 - 2 – what folds to make 36 pages?
 - 3 – what might be described as *florless*?
 - 4 – who was a noble duke, in nature as in name?
 - 5 – who, in modern parlance, was a hideous giant all horrible and high?
 - 6 – what did Conrad describe as an Arab steed in a string of carthorses?
 - 7 – in which city did Signorelli depict the Last Judgement?
 - 8 – to which city did the Chaste transfer his court?
 - 9 – what was formerly Urbis Tellus?
 - 10 – who was the voice?
9. *Where:*
- 1 – did the ass-cart fail to turn up?
 - 2 – was Sixpenny warned to keep down the blind?
 - 3 – did Lady Diana give Prince Séliman a last kiss?
 - 4 – was a fat fool called Bhansi Lall the stationmaster?
 - 5 – did I get a luncheon-basket, which I shared with the fat woman?
 - 6 – did a line of stiff sedate men in black broadcloth and women in black veils wait along the platform?
 - 7 – did the narrator buy a pocket ordnance map of Friesland?
 - 8 – was 'native rabbit' later described as 'jungle rabbit'?
 - 9 – is the stationmaster greeted with feline elation?
 - 10 – did the narrator accidentally steal a bicycle?
10. *Which decorative plant owes its name to:*
- 1 – an Essex rector?
 - 2 – King James I's physician?
 - 3 – a Royal Commissioner in Santo Domingo?
 - 4 – a Quaker Professor of Anatomy, albeit misspelt?
 - 5 – Linnaeus's honouring of which Moravian Jesuit missionary?
 - 6 – the recognition by a Danish botanist of the gardener to a Hanoverian King?
 - 7 – a Spanish abbot's memorial to which Swedish botanist?
 - 8 – a pioneer, who discovered the lymphatic system?
 - 9 – his country's first round-the-world sailor?
 - 10 – an ophthalmic anatomist?
- 11.
- 1 – who found the breath of Jupiter sulphurous?
 - 2 – who had more of gravy than of grave about him?
 - 3 – what Indian souvenir brought £200 and a fatal industrial accident?
 - 4 – what had particular qualities of silence, power and trustworthiness?
 - 5 – which invited dinner guest returned the invitation before guiding his host to Hell?
 - 6 – who, following a terminal fever, now offers shellfish from streets of varied dimensions?
 - 7 – who appeared as a gaunt vision, with icy glare and stern relentless brow?
 - 8 – who broke his arm, wrestling with a slippery, oozy, horrible thing?
 - 9 – what grey, now ghastly white, appears in cold, windy weather?
 - 10 – who do the sentries confuse with Alec James?
12. *What:*
- 1 – was mark'd with permanent ink?
 - 2 – shared its fate with an auld body astride of a gate?
 - 3 – was produced as evidence of Wallace's impromptu meal?
 - 4 – provided nesting opportunities for the rodents of Lower Saxony?
 - 5 – was worn by the woman with the slender jewelled hand when greeting the narrator in Constantinople?
 - 6 – was the receptacle in which the narrator placed a stone, following a meal of Bologna sausage and chocolate, washed down with neat brandy?
 - 7 – Amazonian apparel was worn with brown shirts and blue knickerbockers?
 - 8 – did Mr Alexander Holder take as security for a £50,000 loan?
 - 9 – do the simple creatures hope to see impaled upon a tree?
 - 10 – are in contrast to a stiff upper lip?

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