


 KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE
ISLE OF MAN

 General Knowledge Paper
2008-2009

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

15 Who:

- 1 was morally pure in EC2?
- 2 shot Buffalo Bill at Belvedere, Ohio?
- 3 went to the wrong church for her wedding?
- 4 believed, erroneously, that Byron murdered Ezra Chater?
- 5 killed Lord Frederick in a duel, following his return from Belgium?
- 6 possessed nothing but the contents of his wallet, the clothes he stood up in, the hare-lip, the automatic he should have left behind?
- 7 was as little interested in love as in the habits of Trematodes?
- 8 wore white for her immolation on October 27th?
- 9 advocated unlimited slaughter of bluejays?
- 10 posed as Doctor Copernicus?

16 Following my leader, who or what:

- 1 is a Hampshire jewel?
- 2 decorated Findlater's label?
- 3 is meteorologically striking?
- 4 houses Colum Cille's shrine?
- 5 could be wild duck washed down with Ch. Latour?
- 6 might refer to poor Sarah's biliary obstruction?
- 7 is absolutely necessary to a ram?
- 8 was Anastasia's great aunt?
- 9 could have been a crusader?
- 10 is a musteline appendage?

17 In which town:

- 1 did prisoner 24601 steal the episcopal silver?
- 2 did Lady de Winter poison the novice at the convent?
- 3 was the Cathedral like a vast boudoir prepared for Emma?
- 4 did Jake, dining alone, drink a bottle of Ch. Margaux for company?
- 5 did Duhamel ask that the crayfish should be very lightly boiled – just seized?
- 6 did la Baronne de la Chalonnaise encounter Alexander Duggan at the Hôtel du Cerf?
- 7 did Holmes spend some months in a research into coal-tar derivatives?
- 8 were plum-coloured shoes removed to expose red stockings?
- 9 did Harry urge his uncle to enter and fortify the town?
- 10 did Hannay receive hellish news from Laidlaw?

18 During 2008:

- 1 which gartered kiwi was laid to rest?
- 2 which fine food has gained PGS in Leicestershire?
- 3 who, following 2nd at 2K with 3 others, got 1st at 3K alone?
- 4 which sometime bulbous plant would seem to be involved with 'arthrology'?
- 5 who made successive day trips to Abergele, Fountains Abbey and Mugdock?
- 6 where has the pancake bell ceased to signal the start of a race owing to health and safety issues?
- 7 where did a giant arachnid briefly invade an apparently coleopteran habitat?
- 8 what legendary diamond fell to the successors of the fictitious Misson?
- 9 who got six months for dishonesty at White Plains?
- 10 whose jobcentre manager fetched £17.2 million?

1 During the year 1908:

- 1 who announced T?
- 2 who finished at 59 with 15 and 25?
- 3 what confectionery was inspired by Shaw?
- 4 who gained her second first at an old east coast fort?
- 5 where did the Thomas Flyer arrive on the Asiatic mainland?
- 6 whose birthday present was cut into nine pieces for the family headdress and other equipment?
- 7 whose resignation pre-empted his demise by just 16 days?
- 8 which tale launched a nouveau riche boy-racer?
- 9 for whom was Lord Hugh Best Man?
- 10 what event elevated Manuel?

2 Who began what by:

- 1 recalling unusual citrus abundance?
- 2 describing his subject's physiognomy with a succession of v's?
- 3 justifying the creation of a short palindromic nickname for 'himself'?
- 4 describing the emergence at dawn of a moustached little man with bow-legs?
- 5 recalling melancholy inspiration from early evening sights and sounds in a rural churchyard?
- 6 suggesting that it was generally accepted that a well-heeled loner must be looking for a lady?
- 7 describing a studio filled with the scents of roses, lilac and pink-flowered thorn?
- 8 describing his hero facing execution and recalling the discovery of ice?
- 9 recalling a send-off from family and friends at Charing Cross?
- 10 providing an alibi for the white kitten?

3

- 1 whose ground-breaking effort quoted *Numbers XXIII, 23*?
- 2 who wired who confirming worst fears and requesting gumboots?
- 3 whose telegram caused Dew to hasten westward on the *Laurentic*?
- 4 who, on sighting the enemy, urgently requested a firearm and 300 bullets?
- 5 whose expression of delight was accompanied by a request for a patent oil cooking stove?
- 6 with what single word did the defeated Governor allegedly advise cancellation of the papal travel arrangements?
- 7 who described a suave, Bohemian, elderly, storekeeper in the Commercial Road?
- 8 which repetitious message prompted the query 'Does that mean Yes?'
- 9 who discovered a crumpled telegram '*Suivez à Bokhare Saronov*'?
- 10 on what occasion was the Royal wrath not expressed in code?

4

- 1 what is the Island of Sheep?
- 2 where did the sea cave inspire Op. 26?
- 3 where was Magnus Erlendsson executed?
- 4 what was David's gift to the Berkshire monks?
- 5 where did an amputated digit earn its owner the right to build a monastery?

The answers will be printed in *The Guardian newspaper* towards the end of January 2009 and will also be posted on King William's College website: www.kwc.im

- 6 where did the great grandson of King John III make his first British landfall?
- 7 where is the unique mutton derived from a diet of *Laminaria*?
- 8 where was quarantine enforced for 48 years?
- 9 to what was Meg's deafness compared?
- 10 where was Andie Dale the Prefect?

5 Travelling from Nordic lands, try unravelling:

- 1 the eponymous traitor,
- 2 then Merrill's famed fisherman partner
- 3 and a misplaced cygnet,
- 4 contrasting with a little anser,
- 5 thousands of whose elders visit a Waddensee barrier island,
- 6 while in Belgium, memories of Ursula are awakened by a Flemish Primitive,
- 7 and in the Amblève, or perhaps the Lesse, one might confusingly make geometry a sport
- 8 and try to catch a little trout
- 9 or even its seemingly lepidopteran relative
- 10 before celebrating in Germany with Piesport's speciality

6 Who:

- 1 was Foolish?
- 2 was Rodrigo de Borja y Borja?
- 3 invested Henry Sinclair as Earl of Orkney?
- 4 had a half-sister sired by his father's physician?
- 5 founded a Siamese school, which was later named in his honour?
- 6 was born on the 34th anniversary of the death of his great grandfather and the 17th of that of his great aunt?
- 7 was the offspring of parents sharing the same grandmother?
- 8 was the 36th and last in a line started in 1299?
- 9 was blinded by his mother Irene?
- 10 was tripartite?

7

- 1 which language was developed by a Polish ophthalmologist?
- 2 which language of the Romance group has a definite article suffix?
- 3 of which European language is the origin unknown, even to the experts?
- 4 which geographically Scandinavian language is not linguistically Scandinavian?
- 5 which European language is the only survivor of its branch of the Indo-European group?
- 6 which Slavonic language is spoken in a country whose national language is not Slavonic?
- 7 which European language is spoken by about 1% of the population of Switzerland?
- 8 which European language has a past tense form which looks like a future?
- 9 which Slavonic language has done away with the case forms of nouns?
- 10 which European national language still retains the dual number?

8 What:

- 1 is also a game using 28 marbles?
- 2 formed part of a linear horticultural decoration?
- 3 are typically preserved in seasoned butter in Lancashire?
- 4 when released in America, suggested involvement with Christine Keeler?
- 5 are geographically confusing names of what is neither one thing nor the other?
- 6 pelecypod was perhaps familiar to the pupils (and their successors) of Rev. Thomas Langhorne?
- 7 did the man from the Borough regard as the invariable accompaniment of poverty?
- 8 legs are found in unbaled water together with tangled lines?
- 9 nominally, has blue representatives in another kingdom?
- 10 when baked too brown, must sugar his hair?

9 Journeying on what, between which termini, might one's thoughts turn to:

- 1 sleepwalking?
- 2 elliptical orbits?

- 3 the quintessential libertine?
- 4 a soldier without a passport?
- 5 the founding father of the EU?
- 6 the royal prisoner of Sönderborg?
- 7 Judith and three mute wives?
- 8 clothed and naked versions?
- 9 the mount of Bellerophon?
- 10 melting clocks?

10 Which river:

- 1 received the defeated Aunus?
- 2 floats laden barges by banks of myosote?
- 3 was central to the non-payment of a mayoral debt?
- 4 was identified without doubt by the discovery of the initials AD?
- 5 saw Captain Schenk acquire an engineer to replace the deceased Walter?
- 6 despite being in flood, could be crossed dry-shod following clerical plantar immersion?
- 7 provided drinks for kine, and horses, and little humorous donkeys?
- 8 along with Cairo was passed unnoticed by the raft in the fog?
- 9 was a source of shelly snails and green lettuces?
- 10 witnessed a case of unwitting filicide?

11 Who or what:

- 1 had instinct?
- 2 reds started as Villa?
- 3 uniquely, got three in whose match?
- 4 claimed continuing labial adhesiveness?
- 5 was formerly William and succeeded Louis?
- 6 in repetitive utterances, anticipated Glyn Daniel et al?
- 7 described a small arm accident on 17/6/15?
- 8 was executed at Bolton after Worcester?
- 9 was targeted by Nat and Dermot?
- 10 was presumptuous?

12 Where:

- 1 was the mistress leguminous?
- 2 were the Harmonic Meetings regularly held?
- 3 was Rogue resuscitated after his prolonged immersion?
- 4 did the circus manager point out that "People must be amuthed"?
- 5 did the curate speak for one hour and twenty five minutes at an anti-slavery meeting?
- 6 did a little, yellow high-shouldered man, with a fixed grim smile, tell about a queer client?
- 7 did the landlord report that Phil was so drunk that a boy might take him?
- 8 did the Yorkshire schoolmaster interview tutors and pupils?
- 9 did the strange man stir his rum-and-water with a file?
- 10 did the hangman bind the old man to his chair?

13

- 1 who remained a bachelor?
- 2 who had been ADC to Mad Anthony?
- 3 who was described as a withered little apple-john?
- 4 whose nickname was perfect for a slogan of approval?
- 5 who enlisted as a private, but came out as a brevet major?
- 6 who maintained that silence ensured no need for repetition?
- 7 who, in his youth, admitted to cutting down a cherry tree?
- 8 who compared his strength to that of a male cervid?
- 9 who is remembered, nominally, in West Africa?
- 10 which two died on the same day?

14 Within the capital of which member state of the United Nations will you find:

- 1 calluna?
- 2 3.14159?
- 3 that its alright?
- 4 a Windermere resident?
- 5 a West Country watercourse?
- 6 a pudding distinguished by ladies' fingers?
- 7 a simian representative?
- 8 a Tibetan monk?
- 9 a semi-metal?
- 10 nothing?