



KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE

ISLE OF MAN

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PAPER 2025-2026

ANSWERS

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1. Defeat of Cardiff City by Sheffield United in FA Cup Final
2. The birth of their daughter Margaret Roberts, later Thatcher
3. *Carry On Jeeves* (P G Wodehouse)
4. George Bernard Shaw's (Nobel Prize in Literature)
5. Franz Kafka's (*The Trial*, published by Max Brod)
6. Nome (Alaska, The Serum run to Nome)
7. Taunton (Jack Hobbs 127th century, passing the 126 of W G Grace)
8. Rima (Epstein's memorial to W H Hudson)
9. Oslo (had been named Christiania by Christian IV)
10. Cyprus

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1. Lundy (HMS *Montagu*, battleship went aground on Shutter Rock, 30th May 1906)
2. King's Pyland, Dartmoor (Conan Doyle, *The Adventure of Silver Blaze*)
3. The Morte Stone (Henry Williamson, *Tarka the Otter*)
4. Clovelly (Wedgwood)
5. Bideford (Charles Kingsley, *Westward Ho!*)
6. Great Torrington (Battle of Torrington, February 1646)
7. Exeter (John Betjeman)
8. North Tawton (Dr William Budd, Typhoid, 1839)
9. Blundell's School, Tiverton (R D Blackmore, *Lorna Doone*)
10. Wilvercombe (Dorothy L Sayers, *Have His Carcase*)

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1. OK dinghy
2. Albacore
3. Optimist
4. Finn
5. Osprey
6. Flying Dutchman
7. Firefly
8. Bosun
9. Merlin Rocket
10. Flying Fifteen

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1. Oland (North Frisian Islands, Germany)
2. Suomenlinna Church, Helsinki (Finland)
3. Christiansø (Denmark)
4. Kõpu (Hiiumaa, Estonia)
5. Les Casquets (North of Alderney, Bailiwick of Guernsey)
6. Tower of Hercules (La Coruña, Spain)
7. Thridarangar (Iceland)
8. Flamborough Head (Lighthouse built in 1694)
9. Sule Skerry (Scotland)
10. Rathlin West (Northern Ireland)

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1. Dick Emery
2. Tommy Handley (*Murgatroyd and Winterbottom*)
3. Les Dawson (as Ada Shufflebotham. Cissie Braithwaite played by Roy Barraclough)
4. Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett (*Porridge, Sorry!*)
5. Victor Borge
6. Dave Allen
7. Ken Dodd (*Happiness*)
8. Tony Hancock's (*Hancock's Half Hour*)
9. Arthur Askey
10. Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise

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1. Regensburg
2. Bamberg (Pope Clement II)
3. Magdeburg (Eadgyth / Edith, Queen Consort of Otto I)
4. Trier
5. Hildesheim (Thousand Year Rose)
6. Worms (Oppau Explosion, September 1921)
7. Cologne
8. Bautzen
9. Erfurt (Wolfram anthropomorphic candelabra)
10. Passau

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1. Fool's gold (Iron Pyrites)
2. Emmanuel Goldstein (George Orwell, 1984)
3. Lyle's Golden Syrup
4. Golders Green (Spike Milligan, *Death Wish*)
5. *The Golden Legend* (Longfellow)
6. The Field of the Cloth of Gold (June 1520)
7. The Golden Blowpipe (Jungle railway through peninsular Malaysia)
8. The Golden Cross (Dickens, *The Pickwick Papers*)
9. Goldfinger (Ian Fleming, *Goldfinger*)
10. Barry Goldwater (1964 US residential Election, Lyndon B Johnson's landslide victory)

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1. Freddie Mills's (Loss of World Light Heavyweight title to Joey Maxim at Earl's Court, 1950)
2. Frédéric Chopin (*Raindrop Prelude*, Op. 28 No. 15)
3. Freddie Mercury (Biography by Matt Richards and Mark Langthorne)
4. Lord Frederick Verisopht (Charles Dickens, *Nicholas Nickleby*)
5. Fred Nurke (Peter Sellers in *The Goon Show*, TV 1954)
6. Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales (1751)
7. Fred Astaire (Original surname)
8. Captain Frederick Marryat's (*Peter Simple and Mr Midshipman Easy*)
9. Freddy Eynsford-Hill (Lerner and Lowe, *My Fair Lady*)
10. Fred Karno

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1. Melk (Adso of Melk. Umberto Eco, *The Name of the Rose*)
2. Drobeta-Turnu Severin (Trajan's Bridge, 105AD)
3. Budapest (Tierney Clark's Chain Bridge)
4. Ulm (Jules Verne, *The Danube Pilot*)
5. Dürnstein (Richard I and Duke Leopold V, the Virtuous, of Austria)
6. Kelheim (Befreiungshalle)
7. Esztergom (Patrick Leigh Fermor, *Between the Woods and the Water*)
8. Rustchuk (John Buchan, *Greenmantle*)
9. Wörth
10. Ingolstadt (Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*)



ANSWERS

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1. Bernebéu Stadium (Real Madrid)
2. The Bear and the Strawberry Tree (Statue in Puerta del Sol)
3. El Retiro (El Ángel Caído, The Fallen Angel, *Paradise Lost*)
4. Museo Reina Sofia (Codename of bombing operation, 1937. Pablo Picasso, *Guernica*)
5. Botin (Ernest Hemingway, *The Sun Also Rises*)
6. Plaza de España (Cervantes, Don Quixote and Sancho Panza)
7. Café Gijón (El Premio Café Girón)
8. Calle de Alcalá (Painting in Museo del Prado)
9. Neptune Fountain (Atlético Madrid, Plaza de Cánovas del Castillo)
10. Casa de Campo (C J Sansom, *Winter in Madrid*)

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1. Samlesbury (Campbell's *Bluebird*)
2. Bury St Edmunds/St Edmundsbury
3. Amesbury (Archer)
4. Canterbury Cathedral (Murder of Thomas à Becket, 1170)
5. Tilbury (Queen Elizabeth I's rallying call in August 1588)
6. Charlbury (John Buchan, *Midwinter*)
7. Glastonbury (Hawthorn, Holy Thorn)
8. Tewkesbury (4th May 1471)
9. Malmesbury (King Athelstan)
10. Dewsbury

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1. Canaan (Sons of Ham, second son of Noah, *Genesis* 10:6)
2. Hutton (Archbishops of Canterbury)
3. Mary (14th century Scottish queens consort)
4. Benny the Dip (Derby Winners, 1994-1997)
5. Dhoby Ghaut (Singapore MRT)
6. Bragg (Presidents of the Royal Society)
7. Marga (Four Noble Truths of Buddhism)
8. Wojtyła (Popes)
9. Lovett (Amadeus String Quartet)
10. Rooster (Chinese Years)

13 All doctors

1. Campbell Mellis Douglas (7th May 1867)
2. John Crimmin (1889)
3. William Job Mailland (6th September 1898)
4. Henry Edward Manning Douglas (1899)
5. Thomas Crean (18th December 1901)
6. Arthur Martin-Leake (February 1902 and November 1914)
7. John Alexander Sinton (Orah Ruins, 21st January 1916)
8. Noel Godfrey Chavasse (August 1916 and August 1917)
9. Harold Ackroyd (31st July 1917. Proceeds of the sale of his medals have endowed a medical scholarship at his alma mater, Gonville and Caius College Cambridge.)
10. John Fox Russell (November 1917)

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1. Calgary (Alberta. Eddie the Eagle, Olympic ski-jumper)
2. Prince Rupert (British Columbia. Son of Elizabeth Stuart, Queen of Bohemia)
3. Edmonton (Alberta. William Cowper, *The Diverting History of John Gilpin*)
4. Tantramar (New Brunswick. Charles G D Roberts, *By the Winter Tide in The Watchers of the Trails*)
5. Grand Pré (Nova Scotia. Longfellow, *Evangeline*)
6. Brantford (Ontario. Joseph Brant, aka Thayendanegea)
7. Regina (Saskatchewan. Louis Riel, 1885, shooting of Thomas Scott, 1870)
8. A village by the Great Slave Lake (Northwest Territories. Jack London, *White Fang*)
9. Lake Lebarge (Yukon. Robert W Service, *The Cremation of Sam McGee*)
10. Halifax (Nova Scotia. Patrick O'Brian, *The Surgeon's Mate*)

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1. James Joyce (1941)
2. Edward Jenner (1823)
3. Archibald Knox (1933)
4. Henrik Ibsen (1906)
5. Unity Mitford (1948)
6. Robert Burns (1796)
7. Friedrich Engels (1895)
8. Dylan Thomas (1953)
9. George Washington (1799)
10. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson (1917)

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1. Red Admiral (Vanessa *atalanta*)
2. Duke of Burgundy Fritillary (Hamearis *lucina*)
3. Wall Brown (Pararge *megea*)
4. Peacock (Nymphalis *io*)
5. Monarch/Milkweed (Danaus *plexippus*)
6. White Admiral (Limenitis *camilla*)
7. Gatekeeper/Hedge Brown (Maniola *tithonus*)
8. Grayling (Eumenis *semele*)
9. Silver-studded Blue (Plebejus *argus*)
10. Purple Emperor (Apatura *iris*)

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1. Wilhelm Lohrman (Lunar Map, 1821)
2. A E Douglass
3. Sir William Herschel (Uranus, 1781)
4. Sir George Airy's (6.566 g/cm³. Harton Pit, Co. Durham, 1854)
5. Sir Norman Lockyer (Helium, 1868)
6. Aristarchus's (pre. 250 BC, cf. Copernicus c. 1514)
7. John Goodricke (Copley Medal, 1783)
8. Edmond Halley (St Helena)
9. Jeremiah Horrocks (1639)
10. Georges Lemaître

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1. Chris 'Swampy' Garrett (Bomb disposal volunteer in Ukraine)
2. Senator Cory Booker (March 31st-April 1st)
3. Nick Rockett (Grand National)
4. Zara Lachlan (Epic rowing from Europe to South America)
5. Duchess of Kent's (taught music there for ten years as Mrs Kent)
6. Dennis Bell's (Antarctica)
7. John Cruickshank VC (Aged 105)
8. Pope Leo XIV's (Robert Prevost – Abbé Prévost, Author)
9. Mike Tindall (Guest editor of Beano)
10. Flamstead (Herts. Aggressive Harris's Hawk)