



MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

Sample Scholarship Examination Paper

GENERAL PAPER

1½ hours

Answer one question from each section.

You are advised to spend 30 minutes on each section. Each section carries the same mark total.

Answer each question on a separate sheet.

Write your name at the top of every page.

Section One: Theology

Answer **ONE** question from this section only.

Please answer on a separate sheet of paper, and write your name on the answer paper.

1. 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you' (Jesus in Matthew 5:44). **Is this teaching desirable and achievable?**
2. 'The fact that so many thoughtful, intelligent people still believe in God shows that religious belief is reasonable to hold in the 21st Century.' **How far do you agree with this statement?**
3. "The one who has conquered himself is a far greater hero than he who has defeated a thousand times a thousand men." (Siddartha Gautama, The Dhammapada). **What do you think is meant by this statement and do you agree with it?**
4. Is it right to spend money on luxury items we don't really need whilst knowing that such a large amount of the world's population live in extreme poverty? **Write an answer to this question giving your reasoned opinion.**

Section Two: History

Answer **ONE** question from this section only.

Please answer on a separate sheet of paper, and write your name on the answer paper.

Where possible you should try to illustrate your arguments by reference to precise examples, which may be drawn from any period or periods of history.

1. Choose a key historical figure and explain how effective they were.
2. 'Historical biographies are a useful way of approaching history'. How far do you agree?
3. 'British schools should study global rather than British history'. Do you agree?
4. Why is History important?

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Section Three: Geography

Answer **ONE** question from this section only.

Please answer on a separate sheet of paper, and write your name on the answer paper.

1. **Map 1** on the sheet was created by a Year 8 pupil at MCS. It displays data from the 2021 UK census. It shows the nationality of people resident in the UK at the time of the census who were born outside of the UK (data is only shown for the largest 60 origin countries)
 - a. Describe the pattern shown on the map (4)
 - b. Explain one advantage of this technique for displaying the data (2)
 - c. Explain one disadvantage of this technique for displaying the data (2)
 - d. Suggest a range of reasons for the pattern shown (6)
 - e. What might be the impacts on the UK of the migration shown (6)

2. **Map 2** on the enclosed sheet was created by a Year 9 pupil at MCS. It shows the global incidence (number of cases) of Malaria combined with the global biome distribution (type of ecosystem and vegetation)
 - a. Describe the pattern shown on the map (4)
 - b. Explain one advantage of this technique for displaying the data (2)
 - c. Explain one disadvantage of this technique for displaying the data (2)
 - d. Suggest a range of reasons for the pattern shown (6)
 - e. e)What might be the impacts on countries of the pattern shown (6)

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Map 1 (for Geography Question 1)



Map 2 (for Geography Question 2)

