

Human Anatomy and Health in Heraldry

Heraldry · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. In heraldry, what does the depiction of a 'dexter hand' specifically refer to in anatomical terms?

- A) The left hand
- B) The right hand
- C) A hand holding a weapon
- D) A severed hand

2. Which part of the human anatomy is represented by the heraldic term 'couped at the shoulders'?

- A) The head
- B) The torso
- C) The arms
- D) The legs

3. In blazonry, what is a 'human heart' typically depicted as when it is shown with drops of blood, a status known as 'goutté de sang'?

- A) A diseased organ
- B) A wounded heart
- C) A heart with wings
- D) A stylized heart shape

4. When a heraldic achievement features 'proper' human eyes, what does this indicate regarding their color?

- A) They must be painted blue
- B) They must be painted brown
- C) They must be painted in their natural color
- D) They must be painted gold

5. The heraldic 'maunch' is a stylized representation of what clothing item that covers the human arm?

- A) A glove
- B) A sleeve
- C) A cloak
- D) A breastplate

6. When a 'skull' appears in heraldry, it is most commonly intended to serve as a symbolic reminder of what biological inevitability?

- A) Human mortality
- B) A medical discovery
- C) The strength of bone
- D) Ancestral lineage

7. What does the term 'habited' mean when describing a human figure in a coat of arms?

- A) The figure is nude
- B) The figure is wearing clothing
- C) The figure is holding a shield
- D) The figure is depicted in profile

8. In heraldic terms, an 'arm embowed' describes an arm bent at which specific joint?

- A) The wrist
- B) The shoulder
- C) The elbow
- D) The knuckles

9. What is a 'human head' called in heraldry when it is depicted with a wreath around the temples?

- A) A crowned head
- B) A wreathed head
- C) A bound head
- D) A capped head

10. What does the 'hand of justice' (main de justice) in heraldic iconography typically symbolize?

- A) The surgeon's skill
- B) Divine authority and law
- C) A gesture of healing
- D) A prayer for health

11. A 'leg coupé at the thigh' is a specific heraldic charge. What does 'coupé' mean in this anatomical context?

- A) Cut off cleanly
- B) Twisted
- C) Bent at the knee
- D) Enlarged

12. When a human figure is depicted as 'incarnate' in heraldic blazon, what color is the flesh usually painted?

- A) White
- B) Pinkish or natural flesh tone
- C) Red
- D) Yellow

13. The 'teeth' of a human skull depicted in a crest are often specified in blazon when they are of what color?

- A) Black
- B) Silver
- C) Gold
- D) Red

14. What does the term 'dexter' represent in relation to the human body when looking at a shield from the bearer's perspective?

- A) The right side
- B) The left side
- C) The bottom side
- D) The top side

15. In heraldry, what is a 'bearded man's head' often referred to as if the beard is of a contrasting color?

- A) A marked head
- B) A masked head
- C) A bearded head
- D) A proper head