

Advanced Heraldry Studies

History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. In heraldry, what is the specific term for the metal colour represented by yellow or gold?

A) Gules

B) Or

C) Argent

D) Sable

2. What is the 'tincture' rule that prohibits placing a metal on a metal or a colour on a colour?

A) The Rule of Tincture

B) The Law of Arms

C) The Ordinance of Heraldry

D) The Principle of Blazon

3. Which term describes the horizontal band occupying the upper third of an escutcheon?

A) Fess

B) Bend

C) Chief

D) Chevron

4. What is the term for the 'fur' tincture created by a pattern of small, bell-shaped silhouettes?

A) Vair

B) Ermine

C) Potent

D) Plumetty

5. Which part of the achievement of arms is the decorative fabric draped from the top of the helmet?

A) Torse

B) Crest

C) Mantling

D) Supporter

6. What is a 'cadency mark' used for in a coat of arms?

- A) To show a family's trade
- B) To distinguish different members of the same family**
- C) To indicate a royal grant
- D) To identify the geographic origin

7. In heraldry, what is the 'dexter' side of a shield?

- A) The viewer's left
- B) The bearer's right**
- C) The bottom center
- D) The top right corner

8. Which geometric shape in heraldry is known as a 'chevron'?

- A) A vertical stripe
- B) An inverted V-shape**
- C) A diagonal band
- D) A cross with equal arms

9. What is the name of the formal written description of a coat of arms?

- A) Manifesto
- B) Blazon**
- C) Transcript
- D) Register

10. What object sits directly above the helmet in a full achievement of arms, usually holding the crest?

- A) The Mantling
- B) The Torse**
- C) The Escutcheon
- D) The Motto scroll

11. Which of the following is considered a 'fur' tincture in heraldry?

- A) Gules
- B) Sable
- C) Ermine**
- D) Azure

12. What is the term for a shield that is divided into four equal quarters?

- A) Quarterly**
- B) Tierced
- C) Gyronny
- D) Pall

13. In blazonry, what does the term 'rampant' describe regarding a beast?

- A) Lying down
- B) Walking on three legs
- C) Standing on its hind legs**
- D) Curled in a circle

14. Which heraldic charge is represented by a vertical band in the center of the shield?

- A) Pale**
- B) Bend
- C) Fess
- D) Bar

15. What is the 'torse' in an achievement of arms?

- A) The shield frame
- B) The wreath of twisted silk**
- C) The helmet plume
- D) The scroll containing the motto