

Advanced Heraldry Studies

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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