Advanced Principles of Heraldry

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

A) Argent
B) Or
C) Gules
D) Sable

2. Which rule of heraldry prohibits placing a colour upon a colour or a metal upon a metal?

A) The Rule of Tincture
B) The Law of Ordinaries
C) The Principle of Marshalling
D) The Canon of Differencing

3. In the system of marks of cadency, which symbol is used to denote the fourth son of an armiger?

A) Label
B) Crescent
C) Martlet
D) Martel

4. What is the heraldic term for a field that is divided by a diagonal line running from the sinister chief to the dexter base?

A) Per fess
B) Per pale
C) Per bend sinister
D) Per chevron

5. Which of the following is considered an 'honourable ordinary' in classical heraldic design?

A) A lozenge
B) A fess
C) A bezant
D) A trefoil

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6. What is the primary function of a 'crest' within a full achievement of arms?

A) To identify the family lineage in place of the shield
B) To sit atop the helmet above the wreath
C) To denote the specific rank of the bearer
D) To act as a supporter for the shield

7. What does the term 'dexter' signify when describing the positioning of elements on a coat of arms?

A) The viewer's right side
B) The bottom third of the shield
C) The bearer's right side
D) The centre point of the shield

8. In blazoning, what term is used to describe a shield that is divided into two equal vertical halves?

A) Party per pale
B) Party per fess
C) Quarterly
D) Tierced