

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

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