



WELLINGTON COLLEGE

16+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

HUMANITIES

Time allowed: 40 minutes

Special Instructions:

- There are **two/three** questions set for each category of the Humanities: Classical Civilisation, Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy and Religion, and Politics.
- **Choose a category and answer one question.**

Classical Civilisation and Ancient History

1. How can we decide which are the great Classical (ie Greek and Roman) works and authors?
2. What did it mean to be 'Greek' in Classical times (ie 5th century BC)?
3. How was the political world of the ancient Roman Empire similar to ours today?

Economics

1. Are increases in income taxes the most efficient way to increase government revenue?
2. For a product of your choice explain how price changes affect the quantity demanded and supplied.

Geography

1. "Population change presents the greatest challenge to humanity in the next century". To what extent do you agree? Justify your answer.
2. With reference to one named place or area you have studied, explain how and why it is of interest to a Geographer.
3. "Using one or more examples, discuss the extent to which human activities influence different landscapes".

History

1. With reference to any leader you have studied, evaluate the extent to which they achieved their aims after coming to power.
2. "The charm of history and its enigmatic lesson consist in the fact that, from age to age, nothing changes and yet everything is completely different." (Aldous Huxley) Discuss.
3. Explain the main aspects of either communism or fascism, and show what impact they had on a country you have studied.

Philosophy and Religion

1. “God is the highest ideal that humans have imagined”. To what extent do you agree with this statement?
2. How do you know that you exist?
3. Is it ever right to tell a lie?

Politics

1. How successful has coalition government been in the UK?
2. To what extent is there a ‘participation crisis’ in UK democracy?
3. Is America now ungovernable?