

NAME



BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

**13+ ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP
EXAMINATION**

HEADMASTER'S PAPER

18TH JANUARY 2011

Time Allowed: ONE HOUR

INSTRUCTIONS

The paper consists of 20 General Knowledge questions sub-divided into five parts and an essay question.

Write your answers to the general knowledge questions straight onto the question paper next to the relevant question.

Write your essay on the lined paper provided

1. In what scientific areas did the following people work?

Marie Curie	
Isaac Newton	
William Harvey	
Michael Faraday	
Galileo Galilee	

2. In what sports are the following people famous?

Chris Hoy	
Rebecca Adlington	
Usain Bolt	
Jenson Button	
Venus Williams	

3. In which ancient civilisations did the following live?

Augustus Caesar	
Plato	
Tuthankamun	
Confucius	
Hannibal	

4. What names are given to the following?

Our Galaxy	
The sixth planet from our sun	
The many objects orbiting between Jupiter and Mars	
The star nearest the earth (excluding the sun)	
The largest planet in our solar system	

5. Of which countries were the following people once leaders?

Margaret Thatcher	
John Fitzgerald Kennedy	
Stalin	
Mao Tse Tung	
Nelson Mandela	

6. What do the following initials stand for?

OBE	
CSI	
VC	
CIA	
MTV	

7. In which television programmes do the following appear?

The Daleks	
Captain Kirk	
Tinky Winky	
Del Boy	
Marge	

8. How many sides do the following shapes have?

Heptagon	
Quadrilateral	
Nonagon	
Decagon	
Triangle	

9. Who wrote the following books?

On the Origin of Species	
Twilight	
The Snowman	
Harry Potter and the Order of the Pheonix	
The Old Curiosity Shop	

10. Of which countries are the following capital Cities?

Cairo	
Kuala Lumpur	
Santiago	
Oslo	
Dublin	

11. For what activities are the following people famous?

Darcey Bussell	
Brad Pitt	
Celine Dion	
Steven Spielberg	
Bill Gates	

12. From which countries do the following car companies originate?

Volvo	
Nissan	
Renault	
Jaguar	
Chrysler	

13. In which continents are the following mountain ranges?

Himalaya	
Rockies	
Andes	
Alpes	
Atlas	

14. What kind of animals are the following?

Serval	
Anaconda	
Manta Ray	
Tarantula	
Kite	

15. What do we call somebody who:

Designs Buildings	
Measures Earthquakes	
Makes Maps	
Treats Sick Animals	
Collects Stamps	

16. What kinds of foods are the following?

Skate	
Butternut Squash	
Venison	
King Edward's	
Pak Choi	

17. Complete the names of these pop or rock bands (one word is missing in each case).

Take
The Stones
..... Ferdinand
..... and the Machine
.....Haley and the Comets

18. What animals live in the following groups?

Pod	
Pride	
Flock	
Shoal	
Herd	

19. Which religions use the following Holy Books?

Bible	
Koran	
Torah	
Upanishads	
Tipitaka	

20. What do the following internet slang terms stand for?

LOL	
MOS	
PRW	
BRB	
GTG	

Essay Titles

Write on one of the following:

1. What would happen if the whole country was not allowed to watch television for one year?

or

2. If you had to live alone on a desert island for one year and could only take one book, one piece of music and one luxury item, what would you take? (There is no electricity, no wireless and no mobile phone signal).

or

3. In your opinion, who is the most important person who has ever lived? And why?

End of Examination

