



MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

Sample Academic Scholarship Paper

GENERAL

30 minutes

Answer one question on either Theology or Geography or History

You will be given a short time to read the questions before deciding which to answer.

Please write your name at the top of your answer sheet(s).

Option 1: Theology

If you choose Theology, please answer one question from the options below.

1. ‘Lots of people claim to experience the presence of God, and this is good evidence that God exists.’ **How far do you agree with this statement?**
2. “Conquer the angry person by not getting angry; conquer the wicked by goodness; conquer the stingy by generosity, and the liar by speaking the truth. Hatred does not cease by hatred, but only by love; this is the eternal rule.” (Siddhartha Gautama, The Dhammapada). **Assess whether this the right approach to dealing with other people.**

OR

Option 2: Geography

If you choose Geography, please answer the following questions.

The map on the opposite page was created by a Year 8 pupil at MCS. It displays data from the 2021 UK Census.

It shows the nationality of people resident in the UK at the time of the census who were born outside of the UK (data is only shown for the largest 60 origin countries).

- a) Describe the pattern shown on the map (4 marks)
- b) Explain one advantage of this technique for displaying the data (2 marks)
- c) Explain one disadvantage of this technique for displaying the data (2 marks)
- d) Suggest a range of reasons for the pattern shown (6 marks)
- e) What might be the impacts on the UK of the migration shown (6 marks)



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OR

Option 3: History

If you choose History, please answer one question from the options below.

Where possible you should try to illustrate your arguments by reference to precise examples, which may be drawn from any period or periods of history.

1. Choose a key historical figure and explain how effective they were.
2. 'British schools should study global rather than British history'. Do you agree?

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