



WINCHESTER

COLLEGE

Election 2021

General Paper II (A7)

Monday 26th April 1605 - 1735

Time allowed: 90 minutes

Candidates should attempt all three questions. The marks available for each question are indicated on the paper.

Begin each question on a new sheet of paper. Remember to write your name and candidate number on each one.

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The questions in this paper were inspired by photographs in the College archives and the papers of former Collegemen.

1.



In the Fellows' Library at Winchester College is a copy of the first Western-language version of Confucius' sayings, the Analects. This book, *Confucius Sinarum Philosophus* ('Confucius the Philosopher of China'), was published in Paris in 1687. Confucius (551-479 BC) was a teacher and government official, who lived in the northern Chinese state of Lu. The Analects is a collection of his teachings on various moral questions. Suggest the meaning of **one** of the following sayings:

6.23 The Master said, 'The wise find joy in water; the benevolent find joy in mountains. The wise are active; the benevolent are still. The wise are joyful; the benevolent are long-lived.'

7.20 The Master said, 'I was not born with knowledge but, being fond of antiquity, I am quick to seek it.'

15.24 Tzu-kung asked, 'Is there a single word which can be a guide to conduct throughout one's life?' The Master said, 'It is perhaps the word "shu".¹ Do not impose on others what you yourself do not desire.'

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¹ Empathy or consideration of others.

2.

Fancy Dress Leaving Sport, Cloister Time 1919.



standing, l. to r.: Hornby, Gates, Radice, Ramsey, Birkbeck, Mallett, Gibson, Boileau, Brown, Thring, Chitty.
seated, middle row: Forbes, Barker, Shirley, Watt, Sandars, Overton, Vinogradoff, Duff, Foot: on ground, Campbell, Constable, Bates, Monypenny

This photo was taken in Cloister Time (summer term) 1919 and shows Collegemen in fancy dress. Among them is Frank Ramsey, a brilliant philosopher and mathematician who died in 1930.

Ramsey was a keen debater during his time at the school. The headmaster praised him for his 'eager intellectual outlook and genuine concern for social questions'. One motion he debated addressed attitudes towards immigration and asylum: 'That the late press agitation on aliens is to be regretted.' This followed concern in some newspapers at the arrival of refugees from Europe after the First World War.

Questions of immigration and asylum remain divisive in 2021. Recent UK government proposals have been criticized as 'incoherent, unworkable and inhumane' by the *Guardian* and described as 'long overdue' by the *Daily Mail*.

Will immigration and asylum still be politically divisive in 2121? If so, why? In your answer, you should consider attitudes in Britain and at least one other country.

3.



This photograph shows the costumed cast of a WinColl production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

'The fact that Shakespeare should have been, of all things, a *dramatist* is one of the great cosmic jokes of all time,' writes Martin Amis. All a playwright does, he suggests, is to 'finish the dialogue', and a finalised play-text is no more than 'the equivalent of note form', waiting to be completed in performance.

In light of Amis's provocation, evaluate the relationship between the text of a play and its performance. In your answer, you should consider:

- Play texts that you have studied at school and performances of plays that you have seen in the theatre or on film
- Whether a play's meaning is better represented in the written words of the script or in their performance in the theatre
- Whether you would prefer to read a play or see it in the theatre, and why