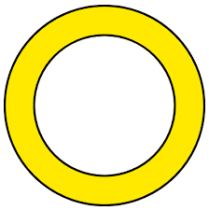
MHS Heraldry Group

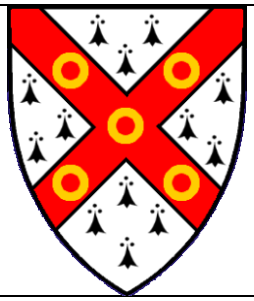
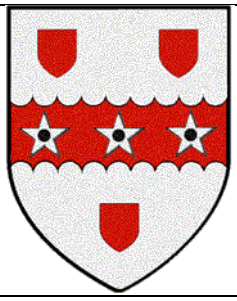
Blazoning – Unit 6

THREE MORE CHARGES TO REMEMBER

		
Martlet Trousers but no feet	**Eagle displayed**	**Annulet**

'ON.....AND BETWEEN'

NB When charges are placed on a bend or bend-sinister they are, by default, rotated to be in line with the bend. Charges on chevron, saltire and cross are, by default, placed vertically.

	Ermine on a saltire gules five annulets or		Argent on a fess engrailed between three escutcheons gules three mullets of the first[1] pierced sable[2]

Notes on the second shield above

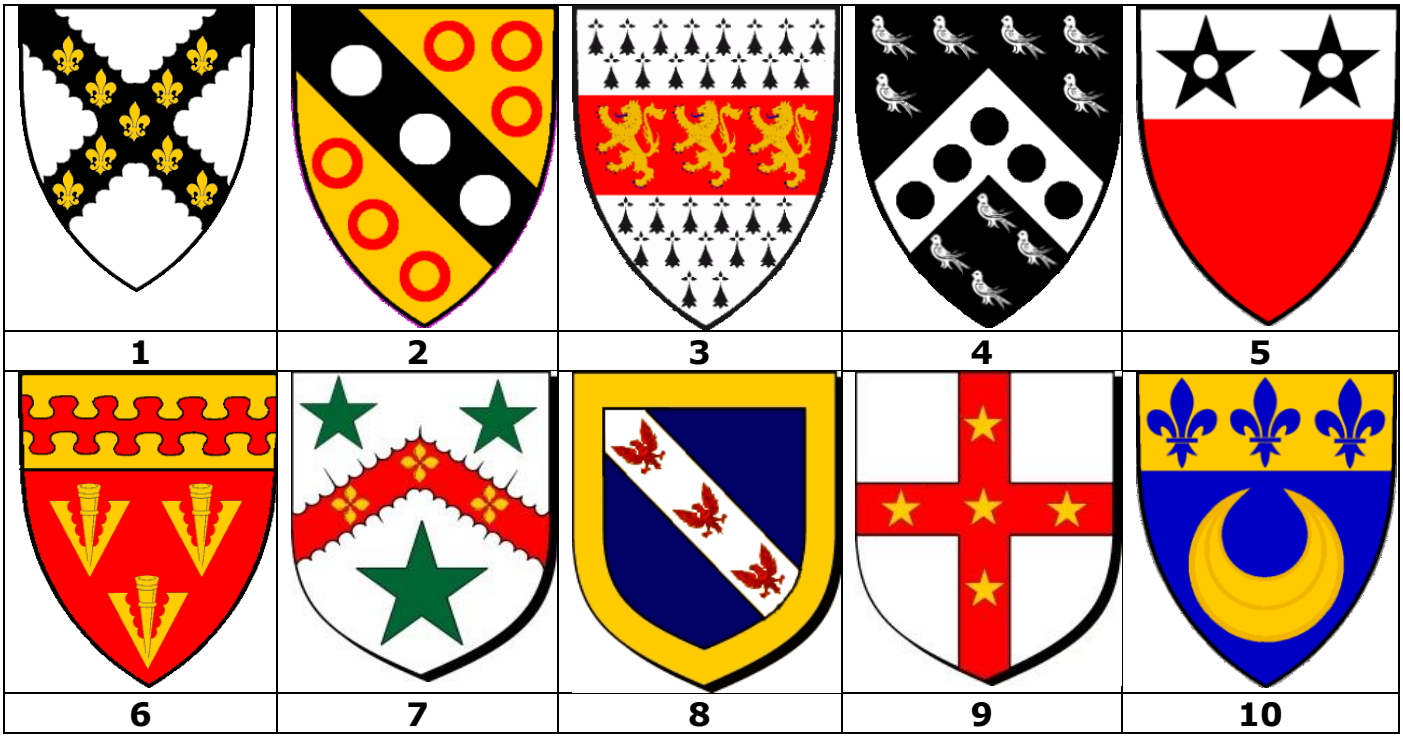
1. Instead of '*of the first*' one could say *argent* or *silver*
2. The tincture of the piercing only needs to be mentioned if it is different from what one would expect, looking through the hole in the mullet.

NOTES ON WRITING A BLAZON

- With a more-complicated coat of arms there is sometimes more than one way of blazoning it correctly.
- There is a widely-used convention to give tinctures a capital letter, thus making a clear distinction between the word or and the metal Or. It is not a convention I use.
- Punctuation is frequently absent from blazonings. Sometimes, when a bordure or chief has to be described, for instance, I have used a comma to help understanding.
- As mentioned earlier, if a tincture occurs twice in quick succession, it is only necessary to mention it after the second occurrence. However, as you will see in the answers, there are occasions, either side of a comma for instance, where it seems more appropriate to repeat the tincture.

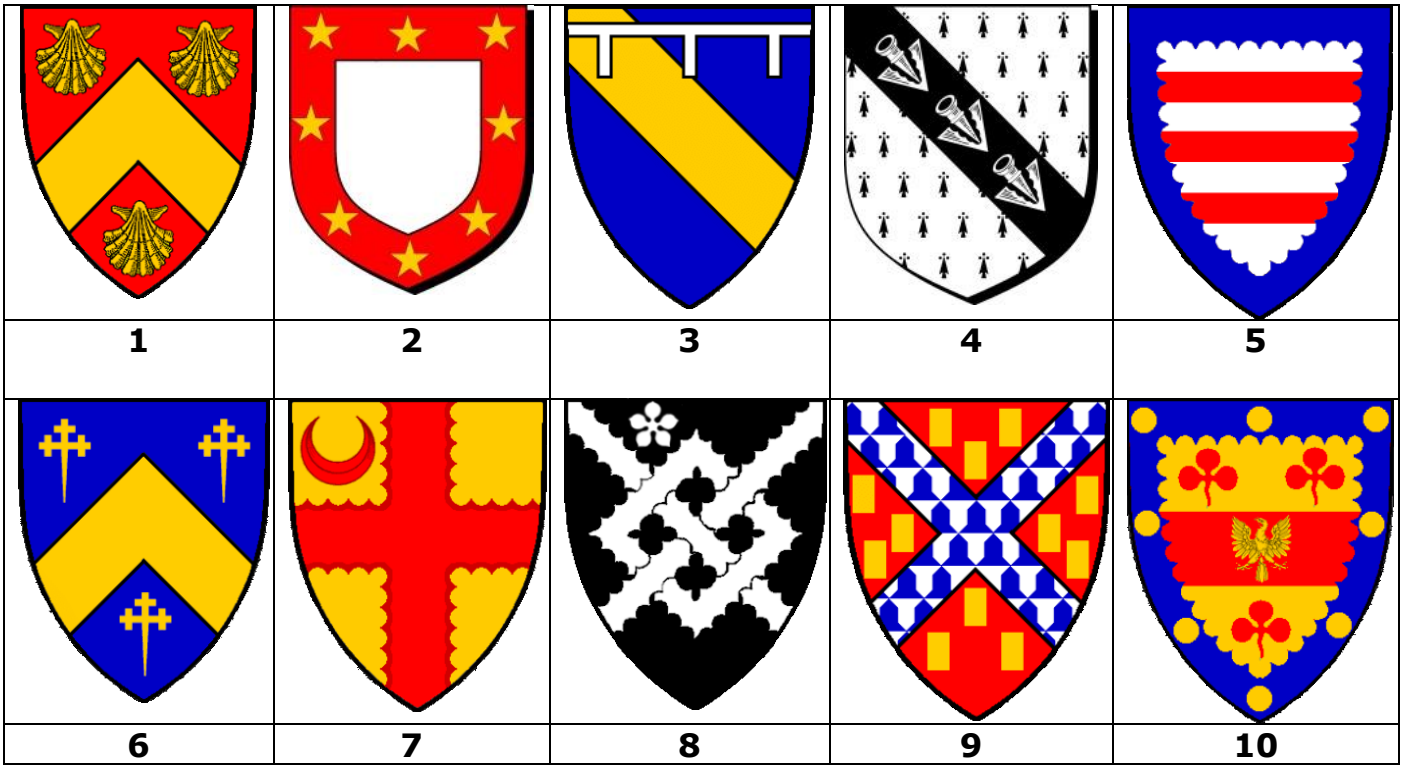
EXERCISE 1

Only mention the distribution of charges if it is illogical or unclear (eg q.4)



1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

EXERCISE 2 - MISCELLANEOUS



1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

ANSWERS TO EXERCISE 1

1. Argent on a saltire engrailed sable nine fleurs-de-lys or
2. Or on a bend sable between six annulets gules three plates
3. Ermine on a fess gules three lions rampant or
4. Sable on a chevron between 10 martlets argent 6 and 4 five pellets
5. Gules on a chief argent two mullets sable pierced
6. Gules three pheons or, on a chief of the second a fess nebuly of the first
7. Argent on a chevron engrailed gules between three mullets vert three quatrefoils or
8. Sable on a bend argent three eagles displayed gules, a bordure or
9. Argent on a cross gules five mullets or
10. Azure a crescent or on a chief of the second three fleur de lys of the first – or other variations!

ANSWERS TO EXERCISE 2

1. Gules a chevron between three escallops or
2. Argent on a bordure gules eight mullets or
3. Azure a bend or, overall a label of three points argent
4. Ermine on a bend sable three pheons argent
5. Argent three bars gules, a bordure engrailed azure
6. Azure a chevron between three cross crosslets fitchy or
7. Or a cross engrailed gules, in dexter chief a crescent gules (or of the second))
8. Sable a fret engrailed argent, in dexter chief a cinquefoil silver (or argent, or ‘of the second’)
9. Gules a saltire vair between 12 billets or
10. Or on a fess between three trefoils slipped gules an eagle displayed of the first, on a bordure engrailed azure eight bezants