

4. The Competitive Examination will take place in the following branches of knowledge, and in such others as the Civil Service Commissioners may determine :—

	Marks
English Composition (including Précis Writing) ... ..	500
History of England—including that of the Laws and Constitution... ..	500
English Language and Literature ... ..	500
Language, Literature, and History of Greece ... ..	750
Language, Literature, and History of Rome ... ..	750
Language, Literature, and History of France ... ..	375
Language, Literature, and History of Germany ... ..	375
Language, Literature, and History of Italy ... ..	375
Mathematics (pure and mixed) ... ..	1,250
Natural Science : that is (1) Chemistry, including Heat ; (2) Electricity and Magnetism ; (3) Geology and Mineralogy ; (4) Zoology ; (5) Botany... ..	1,000
* * The total (1,000) marks may be obtained by adequate proficiency in any two or more of the five branches of science included under this head.	
Moral Sciences : that is, Logic, Mental and Moral Philosophy ... ..	500
Jurisprudence ... ..	375
Political Economy ... ..	375
Additional subjects (each) ... ..	500

Candidates are at liberty to name, before, any or all of these branches of knowledge. No subjects are obligatory.

A fee of five pounds will be required from every candidate attending this Examination.

5. The merit of the persons examined will be estimated by marks ; and the number set opposite to each branch in the preceding regulation denotes the greatest number of marks that can be obtained in respect of it.

6. No candidate will be allowed any marks in respect of any subject of examination, unless he shall be considered to possess a *competent knowledge* of that subject.

7. The Examination will be conducted by means of printed questions and written answers, and by *vivâ voce* examination, as may be deemed necessary.

8. The marks obtained by each candidate in respect of the subjects in which he shall have been examined will be added up, and the [\* ] candidates who shall have obtained a greater aggregate number of such marks than any of the remaining candidates will be deemed to be selected candidates, and will be entitled to be employed on probation each in one of the [\* ] clerkships or other situations specified in the annexed schedule,\* which are now vacant, or which may next become vacant ; provided that he be duly qualified, according to the special rules prescribed under Clause IV. of Her Majesty's Order in

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Council of 4th June 1870, for the particular situation to which he may be appropriated, as arranged in the following Regulation (9).

9. Subject to the last-mentioned condition, the particular departments and situations to which the selected candidates may be respectively appointed will be determined by their own choice, exercised, while an alternative remains, by each in the order of his position on the List. Vacancies, as they occur, will be announced by the chiefs of the various Departments to the Civil Service Commissioners, who will communicate with the qualified candidates next in order of choice, and report the result to the Departments concerned. In case of a vacancy occurring in a Department for which no one on the list of selected candidates is in all respects qualified, the Civil Service Commissioners may either hold a special open competition for the appointment, or may offer it to the candidate highest at the time on the list of selected candidates, subject to his passing a qualifying examination within such period as they may determine.

10. Every selected candidate, after being assigned to a Department, will enter on a period of probation, and he will not remain in the Public Service after six months from the date of his appointment unless satisfactory proofs of his fitness shall have been furnished to the chief of such Department, and a certificate of his qualification shall have been issued by the Civil Service Commissioners.

SCHEDULE of DEPARTMENTS and SITUATIONS referred to in the preceding Regulations (1).

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II.

REGULATIONS (framed in pursuance of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 4th day of June 1870,) for an Open Competitive Examination for Clerkships, Supplementary Clerkships, and other situations in various Departments, as specified in the Schedule hereto annexed.

N.B.—The Regulations apply only to the Competitive Examination to be held on the [\* ] For any subsequent Examination fresh Regulations will be issued, which may be different from these.

1. On the day of and following days,\* an Examination will be held, in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin,† of candidates for employment as Clerks, and Supplementary Clerks, and in other capacities, in various Departments, as specified in the schedule hereto annexed. [\* ] such situations will be filled up by means of this competition, if so many candidates shall be found qualified according to the rules hereinafter prescribed.

\* The dates of these Examinations, and the numbers and nature of the appointments to be competed for, will be announced as soon as the necessary arrangements have been made.

† On future occasions arrangements may be made, if it prove desirable, for holding these Examinations in other places also.