

2. This competition will, subject to the payment of the fees hereinafter mentioned, be open to all persons, being natural-born subjects of Her Majesty, who, on or before the day of the Examination, shall have produced evidence prima facie satisfactory to the Civil Service Commissioners, showing—

- (a.) That their age, on the first day of the Examination, will not be less than 16 nor more than 20 ;
- (b.) That their health and character are such as to qualify them in these respects for the employment which they seek ;
- (c.) That they have passed the preliminary Examination prescribed in Regulation 3.

3. Preliminary Examinations, for the purpose of deciding who shall be admitted to the subsequent competition, will be held by the Civil Service Commissioners in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin,† on the following days,* viz., [] in the

following subjects —

1. Handwriting ;
2. Orthography ;
3. Arithmetic (to vulgar and decimal fractions) ;

and no candidate who fails to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners of his competence in each of these subjects will be admitted to the next Competitive Examination, or to any similar preliminary test Examination which may be held within a period of three months.

Application for permission to attend one of these preliminary Examinations must be made to the Civil Service Commissioners by letter, in the writing of the candidate, a fortnight at least before the day on which he wishes to attend.

A fee of 10s. will be required from each candidate attending this Examination.

4. At the Competitive Examination exercises will be set in the following subjects, and in such other subjects as the Civil Service Commissioners may determine ; and the candidates' performances will be valued in marks according to their relative merit ; the maximum of marks for each subject being fixed as follows, viz. —

Handwriting	...	...	...	...	400
Orthography	...	...	...	...	400
Arithmetic	...	...	...	...	400
Copying MS. (to test accuracy)	...	...	...	...	200
Indexing or Docketing	...	...	...	...	200
Digesting Returns into summaries	...	...	...	...	200
English Composition	...	...	...	...	200
Geography	...	...	...	...	200
English History	...	...	...	...	200
Book-keeping	...	...	...	...	200
Additional subjects (each)	...	...	...	...	200

Candidates will be at liberty to offer themselves for examination in any or all of these subjects. No subjects are obligatory.

A fee of one pound will be required from each candidate attending this Examination.

5. The marks obtained by each candidate will be added up, and the [] candidates, who shall have obtained a greater aggregate number of

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

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 [] 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 Council of 4th June 1870, for the particular situation to which he may be appropriated, as arranged in the following Regulation (6).

6. 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 candidate 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.

7. 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 (II).

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BANKRUPTS

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

BANKRUPTCIES AWARDED.

William James Scott, of 56, Fenchurch Street, London, general merchant and importer.

Robert Brown, of 53, Smith Street, Mile End, Middlesex, draper.

George Dunkley, of Highgate Street, Birmingham, Warwick, builder.

Henry Wightman Harvey, of Albert Works, West Gorton, near Manchester, Lancaster, baize and leather cloth manufacturer, trading under the firm of H. W. Harvey & Co., and residing at the Bush Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester aforesaid.

John Gladwin Dickinson, of Violet Cottage, New Wandsworth, Surrey, auctioneer.

George Short, of Church Street, Warrington, Lancaster, builder.