

Regulations will be issued, in which the particular conditions of the competition will be specified. At each examination such a number of candidates will be selected as may be necessary to fill the situations which may have been reported to the Civil Service Commissioners as vacant up to the date at which the result of the examination is declared.

2. These examinations will be open, with such exceptions and under such conditions as may be laid down, to all natural-born subjects of Her Majesty, being of good health and character.

3. Persons actually serving in the Army or Navy will not be admitted to compete for situations in the Civil Service.

4. Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary of less than 12 years' service will not be admitted to any open competition until they have resigned their appointments in that force, unless the Inspector-General of Constabulary shall otherwise recommend.

5. Any person who, after succeeding in any examination held under these Regulations, may have declined to accept the situation offered him in accordance with their provisions, or who may have accepted such a situation and passed into actual employment in the Civil Service, will be disqualified for admission to any subsequent competition for the same situation or class of situations.

6. Candidates who have served as pupil teachers or schoolmasters in schools under inspection by the Committee of Council on Education, England, or by the Commissioners of National Education, Ireland, will be reported specially to those Departments; and such of them as have been trained in normal schools, at the public expense, will not be qualified to receive appointments in the Civil Service until the consent of those Departments, given in conformity with rules sanctioned by the Lords of the Treasury, has been notified to the Civil Service Commissioners.

7. In reckoning their age, members of the Military and Naval services (whether commissioned or non-commissioned) will, for the purpose of competition for appointments in the Civil Service, be considered to have on leaving their former service the same age as when they entered it; and, for the purpose of competition, but always subject to the foregoing regulation (5), persons who have been employed for two full consecutive years in the Civil Service, or as temporary clerks or registered writers in connection therewith, may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding five years which they may have spent in such employment.

8. If at any examination two or more situations, whether in the same or in different departments, shall be offered for competition, the successful candidates will be permitted to choose in their order as determined by the competitive examination among the situations offered for competition; provided that they 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 situations to which they may severally be assigned. If there be a vacant situation for which no one of the selected candidates is duly qualified, the Civil Service Commissioners 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; or they may reserve it to be filled by means of a subsequent open competition, or otherwise, as they may see fit, in accordance with the Order in Council of 4th June, 1870.

*Civil Service Commission,
April 8, 1872.*

THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that the following Special Regulations, supplementary to the General Regulations of the 8th April, 1872, respecting Open Competitive Examinations for Clerkships (Class II), Supplementary Clerkships, &c., in the Civil Service, have been approved by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury:—

SPECIAL REGULATIONS (supplementary to the General Regulations of 8th April, 1872), respecting Open Competitive Examinations for Clerkships (Class II), Supplementary Clerkships, &c., in the Civil Service.

N.B.—*These Regulations are liable to alteration.*

1. The limits of age for these situations are 16 and 20, and candidates must be of the prescribed age on the first day of the competitive examination.

2. At the competitive examinations exercises will be set in the following subjects only; 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

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

3. No candidate can be admitted to the competition who has not previously satisfied the Civil Service Commissioners that he possesses the requisite amount of proficiency in the following subjects:—

1. Handwriting.
2. Orthography.
3. Arithmetic (to Vulgar and Decimal Fractions.)

With this view, preliminary examinations in these subjects will be held at such times and places as the Commissioners may appoint.

Application for permission to attend one of these preliminary examinations must be made in the writing of the candidate, at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners.

4. A fee of 10s. will be required from every candidate attending a preliminary examination, and a further fee of 1l. from every candidate who may be admitted to the competition.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice, that an Open Competition for Clerkships (Class II), Supplementary Clerkships, &c., in the Civil Service, will be held in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, under the above Regulations, on Tuesday, the 14th May, 1872, and following days.

Preliminary examinations will be held in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, on Friday, the 26th of April, and Friday, the 3rd of May.

* * Any person wishing to be admitted to either of these preliminary examinations must fill up a form, which may be obtained from the Civil Service Commissioners, and return it so as to reach the Civil Service Commission ten days at least before the day selected for examination.