

have served for two full consecutive years (a) in any Civil situation to which they were admitted with the certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners; or (b) as Registered Boy Clerks or Registered Boy Copyists in connection with the Civil Service, may, if their service commenced before the 20th April, 1900, deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding five years which they may have spent in such service; if their service did not commence before the 20th April, 1900, they may deduct only two years.

3. The limits of age are 17 and 20. Candidates must be of the prescribed age on the first day of the Examination.

4. The subjects of Examination will be as follows:—

1. Handwriting and Orthography, including Copying Manuscript.
2. Arithmetic.
3. English Composition.
4. Précis, including Indexing and Digest of Returns.
5. Book Keeping and Shorthand Writing.
6. Geography and English History.
7. Latin, or French, or German (translation from and into the language).
8. Elementary Mathematics, viz.:—Euclid, Books I-IV, and Algebra up to and including the Binomial Theorem.
9. Inorganic Chemistry, with Elements of Physics.

Not more than four of the subjects numbered 4 to 9 may be offered.

5. Service marks for each full period of three calendar months of actual approved service, subject to a maximum of eight of such periods, may be allowed to Registered Boy Clerks, or Boy Copyists, attending an Examination.

6. Application for permission to attend an examination must be made at such times and in such manner as the Civil Service Commissioners may appoint.

7. A fee of £2 will be required from every Candidate attending an Examination.

Civil Service Commission,

September 19, 1902.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that the following Regulations have been approved by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, viz.:—

SPECIAL REGULATIONS respecting Open Competitive Examinations for Situations as Assistant Clerks (Abstractors) in Departments of the Civil Service (supplementary to the General Regulations respecting Open Competitive Examinations for situations in the Civil Service included in Schedule A of the Order in Council of 4th June, 1870).

N.B.—These Regulations are liable to alterations for future Examinations.

1. The limits of age for this situation are 19 and 21, and Candidates must be of the prescribed age on the 1st of January or 1st of July of the year in which they are examined, according as the Examination is held in the first or second half of the year.

2. No Candidate will be eligible who has not before the date of the Competition—

(a.) Been certificated by the Civil Service Commissioners as a Boy Clerk in the Civil Service, or placed on the Civil Service Commissioners' Register of Boy Clerks or Boy Copyists; and

(b.) Actually served in one or more of the Government Departments as Certificated Boy Clerk, or as Registered Boy Clerk or Boy Copyist for the following period, viz.: for two years if his service commenced before he was 17½ years of age, or for one year if his service did not commence until he was over 17½.

Evidence on these points must be sent in at such times and in such manner as the Civil Service Commissioners may appoint.

3. The Examination will be in the following subjects:—

1. Handwriting.
2. Orthography.
3. Arithmetic (including Vulgar and Decimal Fractions).
4. English Composition.
5. Digesting Returns into Summaries.
6. Geography.

Candidates who fail to obtain such an aggregate of marks as may indicate in the judgment of the Civil Service Commissioners a competent amount of general proficiency will not be regarded as qualified.

4. Application for permission to attend an Examination must be made at such time and in such manner as the Commissioners may appoint.

5. Persons actually serving as Boy Clerks or as Boy Copyists, must produce to the Civil Service Commissioners the written permission of the authorities of their Department to attend the examination, dated before the commencement of the competition.

6. A fee of 10s. will be required from every Candidate attending the Examination.

Council Office, Whitehall,

September 18, 1902.

HIS MAJESTY has been pleased by His Order in Council of the 11th day of August, 1902, to direct that new Letters Patent (to be made and sealed for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Isle of Man) be granted to James Coulthred Thompson, of Hazeldean, Crescent-road, Brockley, S.E., for the term of seven years, for the invention of "a mechanical fuze for causing the explosion of shells and indicating the number of revolutions performed and distances traversed by projectiles," in extension of Letters Patent (No. 15159) granted to the said James Coulthred Thompson, for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Isle of Man, and bearing date the 22nd day of October, 1888.

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Monday, the 22nd instant, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Acts 40 Vic., cap. 2, 52 Vic., cap. 6, and 2 Edward VII, c. 27, to the amount of £2,000,000.