

No. 49.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Regulations for an Examination of Candidates for the Civil Service of India, to be held in London in the month of June or July, 1864 and 1865, are published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15thth March, 1864.

EXAMINATIONS FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE OF INDIA.

REGULATIONS

For the Open Competition of 1864, and the Further Examination of 1865.*

1. In June or July 1864, an Examination of candidates will be held in London. Not less than candidates will be selected, if so many shall be found duly qualified. Of these, will be selected for the Presidency of Bengal, [for the Upper Provinces, and for the Lower Provinces,] for that of Madras, and for that of Bombay.†—Notice will hereafter be given of the days and place of examination.

2. Any natural-born subject of Her Majesty, who shall be desirous of entering the Civil Service of India, will be entitled to be examined at such Examination, provided he shall, on or before the 1st May 1864, have transmitted to the Civil Service Commissioners, Dean's Yard, London, S.W.—

- (a) A certificate of his birth, showing that his age on the 1st May 1864 will be above eighteen years and under twenty-two years;
- (b) A certificate, signed by a physician or surgeon, of his having no disease, constitutional affection, or bodily infirmity, unfitting him for the Civil Service of India;
- (c) Satisfactory proof of good moral character;
- (d) A statement of those of the branches of knowledge herein-after enumerated in which he desires to be examined.

3. In any case in which a doubt may arise as to the eligibility of a candidate in respect of age, health, or character, such inquiries as may be necessary will be instituted by the Civil Service Commissioners.

4. The Examination will take place only in the following branches of knowledge‡:—

	Marks.
English Language and Literature.—	
Composition,	500
English Literature and History, including that of the Laws and Constitution,	1,000
	1,500
Language, Literature, and History of Greece,	750
" " Rome,	750
" " France,	375
" " Germany,	375
" " Italy,	375
Mathematics, Pure and Mixed,	1,250
Natural Science; that is, (1.) Chemistry, (2.) Electricity and Magnetism, (3.) Natural History, (4.) Geology, and (5.) Mineralogy,	500
** No candidate will be allowed to be examined in more than three of the branches of knowledge included under this head, and the total (500 marks) may be obtained by adequate proficiency in any three.	
Moral Sciences; that is, Logic, Mental and Moral Philosophy,	500
Sanskrit Language and Literature,	375
Arabic Language and Literature,	375
	7,125

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.||

* The Regulations are liable to be altered in future years.

† The number of appointments to be made, and the number in each Presidency, and each division of the Presidency of Bengal, will be announced hereafter.

‡ It should be understood that candidates are at liberty to name at their pleasure any or all of these branches of knowledge (subject to the restriction above mentioned as to Natural Science), and that no subjects are obligatory.

|| No candidate will be considered to "possess competent knowledge" unless he obtain

in Mathematics, Pure, ONE TENTH of the maximum.	
" Mixed, ONE TENTH of the maximum.	
" English,	}
" Classics,	
" Oriental Languages,	
" Moral Science,	}
" Natural Science,	
" Chemistry,	
" Geology,	
" Mineralogy,	
" Natural History,	}
" Electricity and Magnetism,	
" Modern European Languages, ONE HALF of the maximum.	

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 each of the subjects in which he shall have been examined, will be added up, and the names of the candidates who shall have obtained a greater aggregate number of marks than any of the remaining candidates will be set forth in order of merit, and such candidates shall be deemed to be selected candidates for the Civil Service of India. They shall be permitted to choose, according to the order in which they stand, as long as a choice remains, the Presidency (and in Bengal, the division of the Presidency) to which they shall be appointed.

9. In June or July 1865, a further Examination of the selected candidates will take place in the following subjects:—

	Marks.
1. { Sanskrit,	500
{ Vernacular Languages of India (each),	400
* * Each candidate may name one or two languages; but he must pass either in Sanskrit or in a vernacular language current in the Presidency or division of Presidency which he has selected.	
2. The History and Geography of India,	350
3. The General Principles of Jurisprudence and the Elements of Hindu and Moham- medan Law,	1,200
4. Political Economy,	350

In this, as in the preceding Examination, the merit of the candidates examined will be estimated by marks, and the number set opposite to each subject denotes the greatest number of marks that can be obtained in respect of it. The Examination will be conducted by means of printed questions and written answers, and by vivâ voce Examination, as may be deemed necessary.

10. No candidate will be permitted to proceed to India until he shall have passed the Further Examination, or after he shall have attained the age of twenty-four years.

11. The selected candidates who at the Further Examination shall be found to have a competent knowledge of the subjects specified in Regulation 9, shall be adjudged to have passed, and to be entitled to be appointed to the Civil Service of India.

12. The seniority in the Civil Service of India of the selected candidates shall be determined according to the order in which they stand on the list resulting from the Further Examination.

13. No person will, even after passing the Further Examination, be allowed to proceed to India unless he shall comply with the regulations in force, at the time, for the Civil Service of India, and shall be of sound bodily health and good moral character.—The Civil Service Commissioners will require such further evidence on these points as they may deem necessary before granting their Certificate of Qualification.

14. Applications from persons desirous to be admitted as candidates are to be addressed to the Secretary to the Civil Service Commissioners, Dean's Yard, London, S.W.

NOTE.—(1.) *All persons appointed to the Civil Service will be required to attend at the India Office, to make the necessary arrangements for entering into covenant, and for giving a bond for 1,000l., jointly with two sureties, for the due fulfilment of the same. The stamps payable by civilians on their appointment amount to 3l. 10s.*

(2.) *The Secretary of State for India in Council has authorized the Civil Service Commissioners to state that, with the view of meeting the expenses to be incurred by selected candidates during the interval which must elapse before they can proceed to India, it is his intention to allow the sum of 100l. to each selected Candidate who shall have passed the Further Examination in 1865 to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, and shall have complied with such rules as may be laid down for the guidance of selected candidates.*

(3.) *Candidates are at liberty to send in their names and evidence of age as soon as they think fit to do so; but evidence of health and character must bear date not earlier than the 1st March 1864.*

(4.) *Candidates rejected at the Further Examination of 1865 will in no case be allowed to present themselves for re-examination in 1866.*

No. 50.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that in consequence of the Water supply at present provided being sufficient for the service of Victoria Proper only, the Water Rate will not be levied on Premises situate Northward of the Wanchai Market and East of Albany Street till further notice.

On the South side of the road, the Police Station will be the Boundary.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th March, 1864.

No. 51.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR has been pleased to recognize, provisionally, Don Ramon de Orbeta, H. C. M.'s Vice-Consul at Macao, as in Charge of the Spanish Consulate at this Port, during the temporary absence of Don José de Aguilar from the Colony.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th March, 1864.