

1. The limits of age for this situation are 25 and 36, and Candidates must be of the prescribed age on the first day of the Examination.

2. Candidates will be required to show what preliminary training or technical education they have undergone to qualify themselves for a situation of this nature, and they must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners that they possess the special qualifications necessary for the office. They must have served the usual apprenticeship to the Trade of Binding, and must have been a sufficient time in actual employment. Evidence on these points must be sent in at such times and in such manner as the Civil Service Commissioners may appoint. If such evidence should prove *prima facie* satisfactory, the Candidate will be admitted to examination, subject, in the case of his being successful in the competition, to such further inquiry, and the production of such further evidence, as may be necessary.

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

1. English Composition, including Handwriting and Orthography.
2. Arithmetic.
3. Knowledge of Binding. (Candidates must have a thorough knowledge of good work, and the materials required to produce it; they should consequently be able to detect defective work or inferior materials.)
4. Estimating. (Candidates must be able readily to calculate the quantity of paper required for any number of books, in the different sizes of folio, quarto, octavo, &c., and to cast up an account with ease.)

No Candidate will be eligible who fails to pass in subjects 1 and 2.

4. A fee of £1 10s. will be required from every Candidate attending an Examination.

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

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice, that an Open Competitive Examination for the situation of Extra Assistant Examiner of Binding in Her Majesty's Stationery Office will be held in London, under the foregoing Regulations, commencing on the 22nd February 1898.

The number of situations to be filled will be the number vacant at the time of the Examination.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 4th February, an application in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

January 4, 1898.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that an Open Competitive Examination for situations as Male Learner in London in the Department of the Postmaster-General will be held in London, on the 15th February 1898, under the Regulations dated 15th October 1897, and published in the London Gazette of the same date,

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 28th January 1898, an application in the Candidate's own handwriting, on a prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

January 4, 1898.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the consent of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, viz. :—

REGULATIONS respecting Open Competitive Examinations for the situation of Male Learner in Edinburgh, Dublin, Birmingham, Liverpool, Glasgow, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Cardiff, and Belfast, in the Department of the Postmaster-General.

These Regulations are liable to alteration for future Examinations.

1. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners—

- (a) That their age on the day of the Examination is not less than 15 nor more than 18.
- (b) That they are duly qualified in respect of health and character.

2. At each Examination the number of Candidates to be selected will be such as the Postmaster-General may from time to time fix.

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

1. Handwriting.
2. Orthography.
3. English Composition, to be tested by a short essay or letter on a simple subject.
4. Arithmetic, including Vulgar and Decimal Fractions and Percentages.
5. Geography (general).

4. Candidates must be at least 5 feet in height, and no officer will be retained in the Service who does not attain the height of 5 feet 4 inches before completing his nineteenth year.

5. No Candidate will be admitted to Examination who does not, at such time as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners, produce an undertaking, signed by his parent or guardian, that he will, if successful, reside within a suitable distance from the Post Office, either with his parents or guardians, or with relations or friends approved by them.

6. Persons holding situations in the Civil Service, Engineer Students in the Navy, and Apprentices in Her Majesty's Dockyards, will not be eligible unless they 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.

7. Application for permission to attend an Examination must be made at such times and in such manner as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners.