

5. Health and Character.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Commissioners as to their health and character.

METHOD II

6. Education.

(i) Candidates must have, or obtain in 1958, a University degree with first or second class honours.

(ii) A candidate who has served, or is serving, on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement in Her Majesty's Forces may compete, though he does not satisfy sub-paragraph (i), if (a) he is in other respects eligible under these Regulations, and (b) he is recommended to the Civil Service Commissioners by the appropriate Service authority.

7. Competition.

(i) The competition comprises:—

(A) A written examination comprising two papers in English, two General Papers, and an Intelligence Test, each with a maximum of 100 marks (making 500 marks in all).

(B) A series of tests and interviews at the Civil Service Selection Board.

(C) An oral test in a foreign language approved by the Commissioners, but the Commissioners may dispense with this in the case of a candidate who satisfies them that he possesses adequate ability to speak a modern foreign language.

(D) An interview before the Final Selection Board.

(ii) Candidates who reach a qualifying standard in the written examination under (i) (A) will be invited to the Civil Service Selection Board. Of those who fail narrowly to reach this standard, the Commissioners may select for the Civil Service Selection Board a number whose records and reports give evidence of strong claims to further consideration.

(iii) The Commissioners will subsequently select, in the light of the candidates' performance at the Civil Service Selection Board and of their records, those who will be admitted to interview by the Final Selection Board.

(iv) Each candidate's place in the final order of merit will be determined by the mark awarded by the Final Selection Board out of a maximum of 300. This mark will take into account his intelligence, personal qualities, and language ability as shown both by his record and in his performance throughout the competition.

(v) The Commissioners may exempt from the written examination under (i) (A) a candidate who has previously obtained good marks for it, or for the compulsory papers in the Method I examination, and in the same competition has also been awarded a mark of more than 200 by the Final Board. The previous competition must have been a recent open competition for the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service or the Administrative Class.

(vi) The Commissioners may exempt from (i) (B) a candidate who has appeared at the Civil Service Selection Board before, and applies for such exemption.

METHODS I AND II

8. Vacancies.

The number of vacancies to be filled from the competition as a whole, and the number to be filled by Method I and Method II respectively, will be decided by the Commissioners.

9. Candidates Trained as Teachers.

Candidates who have been trained as teachers, elsewhere than in England and Wales, and upon whose training public money has been spent, cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate education authority (e.g., the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

10. Canvassing.

Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons, except as referees to be named by them in their application forms, will disqualify them for appointment.

11. Fee.

The total fee payable by all candidates is £4 for either Method separately and £6 for both Methods. Of this £2 must be paid on application.

12. The Commissioners' decision will be final in all matters concerning this competition.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competition will be held under the above Regulations, the written examination under Method II commencing on 3rd January, 1958, and that under Method I on 1st July, 1958.

Applications on the prescribed form for admission to the Competition should be received by the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission on or before 30th November, 1957, for candidates competing under Method II, or 28th February, 1958, for candidates competing under Method I. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

STATEMENTS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE CORN RETURNS ACT, 1882, THE CORN SALES ACT, 1921, AND THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1943.

STATEMENT showing the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRICES OF BRITISH CORN per cwt. of 112 Imperial pounds computed from returns received by the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD in the week ended 5th October, 1957, and based on sales during the week ended 28th September, 1957.

BRITISH CORN	Quantities Sold		Average Price per cwt.	
	cwt.		s. d.	
WHEAT	858,382		19 1	
BARLEY	1,268,212		21 9	
OATS	85,158		21 4	

STATEMENT showing the QUANTITIES SOLD and AVERAGE PRICES OF BRITISH CORN per cwt. of 112 Imperial pounds for the QUARTER ENDED MICHAELMAS, 1957, with comparative figures for the three earlier years:—

Quarter ended Michaelmas	Quantities Sold		
	Wheat	Barley	Oats
	cwt.		
1954	4,583,977	14,630,451	771,682
1955	7,489,536	16,734,713	907,686
1956	4,844,908	14,250,925	803,207
1957	7,761,117	16,418,463	877,402

Quarter ended Michaelmas	Average Price per Cwt.		
	Wheat	Barley	Oats
	s. d.		
1954	24 11	24 2	21 2
1955	22 1	24 2	25 2
1956	25 7	25 2	24 10
1957	20 1	22 8	21 4

NOTE.—The above statements are based on returns received and are the averages for all sales at the prescribed towns in England and Wales. They include transactions between growers and merchants and between merchants.

On 9th May 1954, the number of towns prescribed under the Act was increased from 108 to 174.

P. G. ELLIS.

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