

of service amounts to less than twelve years, or in Section III if they have served for twelve years or more.

8. Examination.

(i) The written examination will consist of papers in English and Arithmetic, two General Papers, and an Intelligence Test.

(ii) Of the candidates who obtain the highest marks in the written examination a certain number, to be fixed by the Commissioners, will be called to interview.

(iii) Each candidate in Section I who is called to interview will be awarded a mark by the Interview Board for his record and personal qualities. The final order of merit among those candidates will be determined by combining the marks for written examination and interview.

(iv) The final order of merit within their Sections of the candidates in Sections II and III who are interviewed will be determined by the mark awarded by the Interview Board (out of a maximum of 300). This will take into consideration the candidate's record, his intelligence and personal qualities, and his work in the written examination.

(v) The quota of vacancies allotted to Sections II and III will be divided between those Sections in proportion to the number of candidates competing in each Section, provided that if the number of candidates of acceptable standard in either Section is insufficient, the remaining vacancies may be transferred to candidates in the other Section.

(vi) In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the Commissioners will decide which to declare successful. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not reach a standard that satisfies the Commissioners.

9. Health and Character.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners on health and character.

10. Candidates Trained as Teachers.

Candidates who have been trained as teachers in Northern Ireland or in the Irish Republic, and upon whose training public money has been spent, cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate education authority has been notified to the Commissioners.

11. Candidates receiving Compensation for Premature Retirement from the Forces.

Candidates who have received, or who may receive, a special capital payment under the terms of the White Paper on Compensation for Premature Retirement from H.M. Forces (Cmd 231) cannot be appointed until the Commissioners are notified that the provisions regarding refund of part of the special capital payment have been satisfied.

12. Refund of Marriage Gratuity.

Married women who have formerly been established civil servants and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who resigned compulsorily on marriage and whose resignation took effect before 15th October, 1946, or who are widowed or divorced, or who are separated from their husbands, or whose husbands suffer without hope of recovery from total physical or mental incapacity) will not be eligible unless they undertake to refund on appointment the marriage gratuity paid. Provided that this undertaking will not be required if the break between the first period of service (including any period of unestablished service immediately following the period in respect of which the gratuity was paid) and the date of re-establishment is more than seven years.

13. 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.

14. Fee.

An application fee of 15s. is payable by all candidates. This must be sent with the application form and is not returnable in any circumstances. A further fee of £1 5s., being the balance of the fee of £2, must be paid by each candidate on admission to the examination.

15. Assignment.

The Commissioners will decide to which Department each successful candidate is to be assigned. A candidate who declines to accept the post offered will have no claim to be assigned to another, but will be regarded as having declined appointment. Assignments will be made in accordance with the needs of the public service, but the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be taken into account.

16. 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 commencing on 24th Jan. 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 1st May, 1958. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary a once.

Civil Service Commission, 8th April, 1958.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, viz.:-

REGULATIONS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF MEN AND WOMEN WITH SERVICE IN H.M. FORCES TO GRADE 5 POSTS IN BRANCH B OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

1. The competition is open to men and to unmarried women and widows. The approval of the Secretary of State is required before a married man takes up appointment.

2. No candidate may compete more than twice under these or similar Regulations.

3. Age.

There is no upper age limit, but in appointing persons to a permanent capacity Departments expect regular and effective service for a reasonable period and the Commissioners will take this requirement into account.

4. Nationality.

A candidate will not be eligible for appointment unless at all times since his birth he has been either a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and was born of parents each of whom is or was at death a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and has or had been one or the other at all times since birth:

Provided that, notwithstanding that the aforesaid conditions are not satisfied, he may, by special permission of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, be admitted to appointment if—

(i) he has at all times since his birth been either a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic, and

(ii) his father is or was at death a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and has or had been one or the other at all times from birth, and

(iii) he satisfies the Secretary of State that he is so closely connected with a country or territory within the Commonwealth either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in his favour.

5. Education.

No precise educational qualifications are prescribed, but candidates will be expected to have attained the standard of education of persons who have had whole-time systematic education up to the age of at least 17 years.

6. Service.

All candidates must on 1st August, 1958, either

(i) be within one year of completing a period of whole-time service in H.M. Forces; or

(ii) have completed a period of such service within the past two years (i.e. not earlier than 1st August, 1956).

7. Sections.

Eligible candidates will be divided into two Sections according to the length of their whole-time service on the termination of such service or on 31st July, 1959, whichever is the earlier:

Section I for those whose total service amounts to, or will amount to, less than three years;

Section II for those whose total service amounts to, or will amount to, at least three years.

Provided that candidates who contracted to complete a period of not less than three years' continuous whole-time service in H.M. Forces, including not less than one year of whole-time voluntary service entered into for a fixed period (including in the case of officers a permanent commission) and who before completing that period have been invalided out or prematurely released from service on other grounds will be placed in Section II.

8. Examination.

(i) The written examination will consist of papers in English and Arithmetic, two General Papers, and an Intelligence Test.