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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
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THE Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations have been approved by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, viz. :—

SPECIAL REGULATIONS (Supplementary to the General Regulations issued 8th April 1872, and amended by subsequent notices in the London Gazette), respecting Open Competitive Examinations for Assistant Examinerships in the Patent Office.

N.B.—These Regulations are liable to alteration for future examinations.

I. The limits of age for these situations are 21 and 25, and candidates must be of the prescribed age on the first day of the competitive examination.

II. At the competitive examinations exercises will be set in the following subjects only :—

1. Précis.
2. Geometry (Elementary and Practical).
3. Mechanical Drawing.
4. Mechanics and Mechanism.
5. Chemistry.
6. Electricity and Magnetism.
7. Hydrostatics, Hydraulics, and Pneumatics.

Candidates must pass to the satisfaction of the Civil Service Commissioners in one of the subjects numbered 4 and 5 according to the nature of the situation vacant, *i.e.*, according as the duties to be performed render a knowledge of Mechanics and

Mechanism, or of Chemistry absolutely necessary. The remaining subjects are optional.

III. No candidate can be admitted to the competition who has not previously satisfied the Civil Service Commissioners that he possesses the requisite amount of proficiency in the following subjects :—

1. Handwriting.
2. Orthography.
3. Arithmetic (to Vulgar and Decimal Fractions).
4. English Composition.

With this view, preliminary examinations in these subjects will be held at such times and places as the Commissioners may appoint.

Application for permission to attend one of these preliminary examinations must be made in the writing of the candidate, at such times and in such manner as may be fixed by the Commissioners.

IV. A fee will be required from each candidate attending the examination, according to the scale laid down under the Order in Council of 22d March 1879, by notice in the London Gazette of 29th April 1881.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice, that an Open Competition for Assistant Examinerships in the Patent Office will be held in London, under the above Regulations, on Wednesday the 19th December 1883, and following days.

A preliminary examination will be held in London on Saturday the 15th December 1883.