

one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Acts 40 Vic., cap. 2, and 52 Vic., cap. 6, to the amount of £1,720,000, in replacement of Bills falling due on the 30th instant.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1,000, £5,000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 30th instant, and will be payable at three months, or six months, or twelve months, after date (at the option of the persons tendering), viz.:—on the 30th June, 1899, or 30th September, 1899, or 30th March, 1900, respectively.

3. The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for; and the Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Saturday, the 25th instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock, on Thursday, the 30th instant.

6. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, March 17, 1899.

India Office, March 18, 1899.

RULES PUBLICATION ACT, 1898.

IN conformity with the provisions of the Statute 56 and 57 Victoria, cap. 66, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for India in Council proposes, with the advice and assistance of the Civil Service Commissioners, at the expiration of forty days from the date of this Gazette, to make alterations, as shown below, in the Regulations for the Admission of Candidates to the Civil Service of India, under section 32 of the Statute 21 and 22 Victoria, cap. 106.

I. For Regulation 9, which at present stands as follows:—

"9. Selected Candidates, before proceeding to India, will be on probation for one year, at the end of which time they will be examined with a view of testing their progress in the following subjects:—

<i>Compulsory:</i>	Marks.
1. Indian Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code	500
2. The principal Vernacular Language of the Province to which the Candidate is assigned ...	400
3. The Indian Evidence Act and the Indian Contract Act	500

Optional (not more than two of the following subjects, of which one must be either the Code of Civil Procedure or Hindoo and Muhammadan Law. Candidates offering one subject only, are restricted to a choice between the two Law subjects specified):

	Marks
1. The Code of Civil Procedure	400
2. Hindoo and Muhammadan Law ...	450
*3. Sanskrit	400
*4. Arabic	400

*These subjects may not be offered by any Candidate who has offered them at the Open Competition.

	Marks.
5. Persian	400
6. History of British India	350
7. Chinese (for Candidates assigned to the Province of Burma only) ...	400

In this Examination, as in the Open Competition, the merit of the Candidates examined

will be estimated by marks (which will be subject to deductions in the same way as the marks assigned at the Open Competition, 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 on paper and *viva voce*, as may be deemed necessary. This Examination will be held at the close of the year of probation, and will be called the 'Final Examination'—

it is proposed to substitute the following, that is to say:—

"9. Selected Candidates, before proceeding to India, will be on probation for one year, at the end of which time they will be examined, with a view of testing their progress in the following subjects (a.):—

<i>Compulsory—</i>	Marks.
1. Indian Penal Code	250
2. Code of Criminal Procedure	250
3. Indian Evidence Act	250
4. The principal Vernacular Language of the Province to which the Candidate is assigned*	400

Optional.—Not more than two of the following subjects:—

1. The Code of Civil Procedure and the Indian Contract Act	400
2. Hindoo and Muhammadan Law	450
†3. Sanskrit	400
†4. Arabic	400
5. Persian	400
6. History of British India	350
7. Chinese (for Candidates assigned to the Province of Burma only)	400

*The principal Vernacular Language prescribed for each Province to which Candidates are assigned is as follows:—

For the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab, and the Central Provinces	Hindustani.
For Burma	Burmese.
For Bombay	Marathi.
For Madras—Tamil or Telugu	} At the option of the Candidate.
For the Lower Provinces of Bengal	

In Hindustani the Candidate will be required to be acquainted with both the Persian and the Nagari character; and in the case of the last two Provinces mentioned above a Candidate whose Vernacular Language is either of the languages shown against his Province, must offer the other for examination.

† These subjects may not be offered by any Candidate who has offered them at the Open Competition.

In this Examination, as in the Open Competition, the merit of the Candidates examined will be estimated by marks (which will be subject to deductions in the same way as the marks assigned at the Open Competition), 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 on paper and *viva voce*, as may be deemed necessary. This Examination will be held at the close of the year of probation and will be called the 'Final Examination.'

If any Candidate is prevented by sickness or any other adequate cause from attending such examination, the Commissioners may