

Provided that the Commissioners may, at their discretion, waive the upper age limit in favour of a candidate who

(a) has been employed by his Department overseas; or

(b) was, although eligible, prevented from attending an earlier examination as a result of his having been recalled from the Reserve for a period of service or training with H.M. Forces;

if they are satisfied in either case that he would otherwise be deprived of one of the two attempts which he might normally have made.

(Note.—It is expected that these concessions will apply in future Limited Competitions.)

### 3. Service.

Candidates must have had at least two years' service immediately prior to 1st August, 1956, in either

(a) an established situation in the Home Civil Service to which they were admitted with a certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners. Service on established conditions of service except for sick leave and pension may count towards the whole or part of this period in the case of candidates who on medical grounds were not accepted for fully established appointment or were notified by the Commissioners that a decision as to physical eligibility had been deferred; or

(b) a situation in the Office of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, the Office of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, the Office of the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations, the Forestry Commission, or Trinity House, after having been appointed to a post in one of those Offices as a result of a competition held by the Civil Service Commissioners.

Periods of service in the Armed Forces (other than periods covered by annual leave or by the grant of special leave with pay) may not reckon towards the two-year period. Civil servants who have been established under a scheme in which established conditions of service reckon from a common date earlier than the date of issue of the certificate of qualification may reckon towards the two-year period any service actually rendered in a non-industrial capacity after the common date and before the issue of the certificate of qualification.

### 4. Sex.

Both men and women are eligible, but women will not ordinarily be appointed to posts in the Ministry of Defence, Admiralty, War Office, or Air Ministry.

### 5. Method I.

(i) The examination consists of the following:—

(A) A written examination in

(a) three compulsory subjects, namely, Essay, English, and Present Day, to each of which a maximum of 100 marks is allotted;

(b) a selection from the optional subjects set out in the Appendix. Subject to the provisions in the Appendix candidates may take optional subjects up to a total of 700 marks (making 1,000 marks in all for the written examination).

(B) Interview, comprising

(a) a preliminary interview by one or more interviewers, who will supply reports for the information of the Final Interview Board;

(b) an interview before the Final Interview Board, which will award a mark out of a maximum of 300 for the candidate's record, intelligence, and personal qualities.

(ii) The final order of merit will be determined by the total marks gained in the whole examination. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates the Commissioners will decide which to declare successful. The Commissioners may require a candidate to attend a second time before the Final Interview Board if they consider it necessary to enable them to reach a decision.

### 6. Method II.

(i) The examination consists of the following:—

(A) A written examination comprising an Essay, English, Present Day, a General Paper, and a test of General Intelligence, to each of which a maximum of 100 marks is allotted (making 500 marks in all).

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

(C) An interview before the Final Selection Board.

(ii) Candidates who in the written examination under (i) (A) reach a standard determined by the

Commissioners 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 further 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' performances at the Civil Service Selection Board and of their records those who will be admitted to interview by the Final Selection Board.

(iv) The final order of merit will be determined by the mark awarded by the Final Selection Board. This will take into account the candidate's record as well as his intellectual and personal qualities as shown throughout the Competition. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates the Commissioners will decide which to declare successful. The Commissioners may require a candidate to attend a second time before the Final Selection Board if they consider it necessary to enable them to reach a decision.

(v) The Commissioners may exempt from the written examination 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 or limited competition for the Administrative Class or Senior Branch of the Foreign Service.

### 7. Health and Character.

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

### 8. Assignment.

The Commissioners will decide to which Department each successful candidate is to be assigned; this will normally be a Department other than that in which the candidate has been serving.

### 9. Fees.

The total fee payable by all candidates is £4 for either Method separately or £6 for both Methods. Of this, £2 must be paid on application and the balance on admission to the examination. (Candidates exempted from the Method II written examination must pay the balance of the total fee when called upon to do so.) Candidates who are eligible for the Open Competition for the Administrative Class may compete in that competition (by either or both methods) in the same year as they compete in the Limited Competition. But those who do so will be required to pay two separate fees in the manner prescribed for each competition, except that a candidate who competes by Method I in the Open Competition and pays the fee prescribed will not be required to pay any further fee for a concurrent candidature by Method I in the Limited Competition.

### APPENDIX.

(See Regulation 5 (i) A.)

1. The following are the optional subjects in the examination for Method I, and the maximum marks allotted to each:—

History.	Maximum marks
4. British History, Period I ... ..	200
5. British History, Period II ... ..	200
6. Scottish History ... ..	200
7. European History, either Period I or Period II ... ..	200
8. European History, Period III ... ..	200
9. History of the United States of America ...	100

### Law, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

10. Private Law, Part I ... ..	100
11. Private Law, Part II ... ..	200
12. Scots Law, Part I ... ..	100
13. Scots Law, Part II ... ..	200
14. Jurisprudence ... ..	100
15. Constitutional Law ... ..	100
16. Roman Law ... ..	100
17. International Law ... ..	100
18. Metaphysics, Paper 1 ... ..	100
19. Metaphysics, Paper 2 ... ..	100
20. Metaphysics, Paper 3 ... ..	100
21. Moral Philosophy, Paper 1 ... ..	100
22. Moral Philosophy, Paper 2 ... ..	100
23. Logic ... ..	100
24. Psychology ... ..	200