

the number of qualified candidates for any city is insufficient to fill the vacancies in that city, appointments may be offered to candidates who have been unsuccessful for appointments in other cities in examinations held at the same time. Such appointments will be offered to candidates in their order of merit in the competitions. Even if there are unfilled vacancies, no candidate will be appointed who does not obtain a total which satisfies the Civil Service Commissioners.

#### 6. 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 central education authority (e.g., the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

#### 7. 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.

#### 8. Fee.

No fee is required.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competition will be held under the above Regulations, commencing on 22nd January, 1957.

Applications on the prescribed form for admission to the Competition should be received by the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission on or before 22nd November, 1956. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

### Civil Service Commission.

26th October, 1956.

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.:-

#### RECRUITMENT TO THE SENIOR BRANCH OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

1. No candidate may compete more than twice.

#### 2. Age.

Candidates must be at least 20½ years and under 24 years of age on the 1st August, 1957. But a candidate who has served or is serving in H.M. Forces may deduct from his actual age the period of such service rendered before the 1st August, 1957.

#### 3. Marriage.

Both men and women may compete under these Regulations; but

(a) every woman candidate must be unmarried or a widow;

(b) women will normally be required to resign their appointments on marriage.

The approval of the Secretary of State is required before a successful male candidate who is married takes up appointment.

#### 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, 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. Health and Character.

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

#### 6. Education.

(i) Candidates must either (a) have obtained at least second class honours in a full honours degree examination at a recognised university, or (b) be in the last year of a full course for an honours degree at a recognised university. A candidate declared successful will not be appointed unless, not later than 1st September of the year in which he competes, he produces evidence that he has obtained at least second class honours in his degree examination, or has satisfied the Commissioners under (ii) below.

(ii) Candidates who do not obtain a degree with at least second class honours may qualify if they take optional subjects up to a total of 700 marks in the written examination under Method I for the Administrative Class of the Home Civil Service and reach a standard satisfactory to the Commissioners.

(iii) A candidate who has served, or is serving, on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement in Her Majesty's Forces may be admitted to compete, notwithstanding that he fails to satisfy either sub-paragraph (i) or sub-paragraph (ii) if (a) he is in other respects eligible under these Regulations to compete, and (b) he is recommended to the Civil Service Commissioners by the appropriate Service authority as warranting consideration for appointment to the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service by reason of his record, education, intelligence, and personal qualities.

#### 7. Examination.

The examination consists of the following:—

(a) A written examination comprising two papers in English, two General Papers, and a test of General Intelligence, for 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 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 in the written examination under (i) (a) reach a certain standard (to be determined by the Commissioners) will be invited to the Civil Service Selection Board. Of those who fail by a narrow margin to reach this mark, the Commissioners may select a further number for the Civil Service Selection Board, after considering their records.

(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) The final order of merit will be determined by the mark awarded by the Final Selection Board out of a maximum of 300. This will take into account the candidate's record, intelligence, personal qualities, and language ability. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates the Commissioners will decide which to declare successful. The Commissioners may, at their discretion, 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, at their discretion, exempt from the written examination under (i) (a) anyone who has previously been a candidate for the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service and has been awarded a mark of more than 200 by the Final Selection Board, provided he applies for such exemption on his application form.

(vi) The Commissioners may, at their discretion, exempt from (i) (b) anyone who has appeared at the Civil Service Selection Board before, provided he applies for such exemption on his application form.

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