

METHOD II.

3. Examination.

(i) 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 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' 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 out of a maximum of 300. This will take into account the candidate's record, intelligence, and personal qualities. 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 exempt from the written examination under (i) (A) 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 competition for the Administrative Class of the Home Civil Service or for the Special Departmental Classes.

(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.

4. Education.

(i) Candidates must either (a) have obtained a degree at a recognised university, or (b) be in the last year of a course for a degree at a recognised university. In the latter case they will not be appointed (if declared successful) unless they produce evidence, not later than 1st September of the year in which they compete, that they have obtained the degree.

(ii) A candidate who has served or is serving on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement in H.M. Forces may be admitted to compete, notwithstanding that he fails to satisfy the requirements of sub-paragraph (i), 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 Special Departmental Classes by reason of his record, education, intelligence, and personal qualities.

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5. 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 1st August, 1957.

6. Sex.

Both men and women are eligible, except that posts of Probationary Assistant Postal Controller are open to men only.

7. Nationality.

(1) To be eligible for appointment (other than to a situation in the Ministry of Defence) a candidate must be a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic and in addition satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) if he was a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic at birth—

(i) at least one of his parents must be, or have been at death, a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic, or

(ii) the candidate must have resided in a country or territory within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown or partly have so resided and partly been so employed for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of his appointment:

(b) if he was not a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic at birth, he must have resided in a country or territory within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown or partly have so resided and partly been so employed for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of his appointment:

(c) if not qualified under sub-paragraph (a) or sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph, he must satisfy the Commissioners 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.

(2) A candidate will not be eligible for appointment to a situation in the Ministry of Defence unless (i) at all times since his birth he has been either a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic and (ii) he was born in a country or territory which is (or then was) within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic and (iii) each of his parents was born in a country or territory which is (or then was) within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic and 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:

Provided that, notwithstanding that the aforesaid conditions are not satisfied, he may, if the conditions specified in paragraph (1) of this Regulation are satisfied, be admitted to appointment by special permission of the Minister of Defence.

8. Health and Character.

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

9. Vacancies.

The number of vacancies to be filled from the competition as a whole, and the number to be filled by Method I and Method II respectively, will be determined by the Commissioners.

10. 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.

11. Assignment.

The Interview Board will assess candidates' suitability for all the posts for which they are eligible under these Regulations; candidates will, however, be asked to state on their application forms their preferences among the four Departments. The Commissioners will decide to which Department each successful candidate is to be assigned. Assignments will be made in accordance with the needs of the public service and the candidates' suitability for particular Departments, but the wishes of candidates will, where possible, be taken into account.

The names of the successful candidates will be issued in four lists according to the Departments to which they are assigned; a candidate who declines to accept the post for which he is declared successful will have no claim to be assigned to another.

A candidate cannot be considered for appointment as J.L.B. Officer, Grade III, in the Ministry of Defence unless

(a) as a Method I candidate he includes in his optional subjects one or more of the following: (9) European History, Period III, (28) History of Political Thought, (29) Political Theory, (30) Political Organisation, (31) Modern British Government, (32) International Relations, (33) General Economics, (34) Industry and Trade, (35) Money, Banking, and Exchange, (36) Public Finance, (37) Social Economics, (38, 39) Economic History, (40) Economic Statistics, (54, 55) Geology, (58) Physical Geography, (59) Human Geography, (60) Geography of the British Isles, (96) Russian Language, (97, 98) Russian Civilisation; or

(b) as a Method II candidate his degree course has included the study of one or more of the above as a main subject.