

(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, including

(a) a preliminary interview by a single interviewer whose function is to make a report 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 candidates' total marks in the whole competition.

#### METHOD II.

#### 3. Competition.

(i) The competition comprises:—

(A) A written examination comprising two papers in English, two General Papers, and an Intelligence Test, each with a maximum of 100 marks (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 reach a qualifying standard in the written examination under (i) (A) 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 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) Each candidate's place in the final order of merit will be determined by the mark awarded by the Final Selection Board out of a maximum of 300. This mark will take into account his intelligence and personal qualities as shown both by his record and in his performance throughout the competition.

(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 or the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service.

(vi) The Commissioners may exempt from (i) (B) a candidate who has appeared at the Civil Service Selection Board before, and applies for such exemption.

#### 4. Education.

(i) Candidates must have, or obtain in 1958, a University degree with first or second class honours.

(ii) A candidate who has served or is serving on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement in H.M. Forces may compete, though he does not satisfy the requirements of sub-paragraph (i), if (i) he is in other respects eligible under these Regulations, and (ii) he is recommended to the Civil Service Commissioners by the appropriate Service authority.

#### METHODS I AND II.

5. 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.

#### 6. Age.

Candidates must be at least 20½ years and under 24 years of age on the 1st August, 1958; 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, 1958.

#### 7. Nationality.

To be eligible for appointment 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.

#### 8. Health and Character.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Commissioners on 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 decided 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 education authority (e.g. the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland) has been notified to the Commissioners.

#### 11. Assignment.

The Commissioners will decide to which Service or Department each successful candidate is to be assigned. 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.

#### 12. Canvassing.

Any attempt on the part of candidates to enlist support for their applications through Members of Parliament or other influential persons, except as referees to be named by them in their application forms, will disqualify them for appointment.

#### 13. Fees.

The total fee payable by all candidates is £4 for either Method separately and £6 for both Methods. Of this £2 must be paid on application.

14. The Commissioners' decision will be final in all matters concerning this competition.

The Civil Service Commissioners further give notice that an Open Competition will be held under the above Regulations, the written examination under Method II commencing on 3rd January, 1958, and that under Method I on 1st July, 1958.

Applications on the prescribed form for admission to the Competition should be received by the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission on or before 30th November, 1957, for candidates competing under Method II, or 28th February, 1958, for candidates competing under Method I. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

*Civil Service Commission, 8th October, 1957.*

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. There are two methods of entry: Method I and Method II. Candidates who wish to compete for entry to the Foreign Service by Method I should enter for the Method I competition for the Administrative Class of the Home Civil Service, expressing their preference for the Foreign Service in their application. Successful candidates who have expressed this preference will be considered for assignment to the Foreign Service provided that they are eligible for appointment to the Foreign Service under paragraphs 2 to 5 and 8 to 12 and satisfy paragraph