

2. Shorthand and Maori have been added as optional subjects to the Junior Examination, but candidates will not be obliged to take up either of these subjects in order to qualify themselves for entrance into the Civil Service.

The following, however, has been added to the regulations :—

“ Although shorthand is not a compulsory subject, great importance will be attached to a knowledge of it in the selection of candidates for the Civil Service. Officers already in the Service may be separately examined in shorthand, and a special certificate given accordingly.”

3. In the Senior Examination, Latin has been taken out of the compulsory and placed among the optional subjects, to which Italian has also been added.

To pass the Senior Examination a candidate must pass in English, Arithmetic, and Geography, and three or more of the following, one of which must be a language : Latin, Greek, French, German, Italian, Maori, Plane Trigonometry, Algebra, Geometry, Physical Science, History, Book-keeping, Shorthand.

Candidates for cadetships in the engineer's branch of the Public Works Department will not be exempted from the necessity for taking up a language.

The Board will select the Latin and Greek authors, and will give due notice in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the portions in which they will examine candidates.

It is proposed to fix Virgil's *Æneid*, Books VI. and X., and Cæsar's *De Bello Gallico*, Books V. and VI., as the Latin subjects, and Xenophon's *Anabasis*, Books IV. and V., as the Greek subject, for the year 1881.

Candidates who take up Latin will have to pass in both prose and verse author.

4. Examinations will be held in April and October, instead of June and December, and candidates will have to send in their applications, accompanied by the fee of half a guinea, and by certificates of age and character, by the 1st March and the 1st September, for these examinations respectively.

EXAMINATION PAPERS.

Copies of the papers used at the December and June examinations are attached.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Moiety of annual vote by Parliament	100	0	0	Preparation of examination papers, and valuation of candidates' work	35	10	0
Examination fees and fees for certificates	44	3	0	Supervision of candidates during work	53	9	0
				Attendance fee of member of Board, not being a member of the Civil Service	12	10	0
				Clerical assistance	3	18	9
				Stationery, hire of rooms, furniture, &c.	14	7	10
				Messenger	2	0	0
					£121	15	7
				Balance	22	7	5
	£144	3	0		£144	3	0

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G. S. COOPER,
Chairman.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING EXAMINATIONS UNDER “THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT, 1866.”

[To come into force on the 1st January, 1881.]

1. Every candidate for examination must apply to be examined in a form to be prescribed by the Board; such application to be addressed to the Secretary, and to be accompanied by a fee of half a guinea.

2. The examination shall be divided into two branches—the one qualifying for appointment, the other qualifying for promotion to any class above the fourth. One branch shall be called the Junior Examination, and the other branch shall be called the Senior Examination.

3. Every candidate must pass in the compulsory subjects of the Junior Examination (see section 8) before he shall be eligible for any appointment in the Civil Service. Exceptions :—

(1.) Any candidate who shall have passed the annual examinations by the New Zealand University shall be considered as eligible for appointment in the Civil Service: Provided that the Civil Service Examination Board is satisfied that the candidate has passed in all the subjects required by the Civil Service Regulations, and that a certificate to that effect is given in each case.

(2.) A degree in any University cited in Statutes VII., VIII., and IX. of the New Zealand University (viz., Oxford, Cambridge, Glasgow, Aberdeen, St. Andrew's, Edinburgh, Dublin, Durham, London, Queen's University of Ireland, Sydney, or Melbourne) shall enable the recipient to enter the Civil Service of New Zealand without further examination.

4. Every person appointed under these regulations must pass the Senior Examination (see section 9) before he shall be eligible for promotion.