

that it was only cast over him, that he might be thereby secluded from the conversation of the English court; which must have been reasonably very inquisitive, and might thereby have discovered somewhat which the other Court was carefully to conceal: I say, if what I here set down of that transaction, shall appear some vindication of that gentleman from those imputations under which his memory remains blasted, it can be imputed only to the love of truth, which ought, in common honesty, to be preserved in history as the very soul of it, towards all persons who come to be mentioned in it; and since I have in my hands all the original letters which passed from him to the King, and the King's answers and directions thereupon, or such authentic copies thereof, as have been by myself examined with the originals, I take it to be a duty incumbent on me to clear him from any guilt with which his memory lies unjustly charged, and to make a candid interpretation of those actions, which appear to have resulted from ingenuity, and upright intentions, how unsuccessful soever.

8. Write an essay on one of the following subjects:—

- (a.) The Armenian persecution.
- (b.) The political outlook in New Zealand.
- (c.) Travel.
- (d.) Reading.
- (e.) Spring.
- (f.) Poetry.

9. As a test of spelling, write the words dictated by the Supervisor.

*Spelling (Part of a Paper on English Grammar and Composition).—For Class D.*

The Supervisor will be so good as to read over slowly and then dictate the following words:—

Solstitial, reredos, dilettante, chrysalis, surveillance, desuetude, reconnoitre, oriflamme, intaglio, ipecacuanha, vacillating, surcingle, ostracism, labyrinthine, schismatic, silhouette, ophicleide, tracheotomy, pageantry, sybarite, argillaceous, phylactery, empiric, subpœna, tocsin.

*English Grammar and Composition.—For Class E, and for Junior Civil Service Time allowed: 3 hours.*

[NOTICE TO CANDIDATES.—All candidates are required to attempt the spelling and the punctuation exercise].

1. Define *case*. Name the cases used in old English; and trace the history of the English possessive case.

2. Point out, with examples, the functions of the subjunctive mood in English.

3. Define the terms *sentence*, *clause*, and *phrase*. Classify (1) sentences, and (2) clauses; and give one example of each class.

4. What parts of speech and what classes of words in modern English are derived mainly from Anglo-Saxon? Illustrate your answer.

5. Explain and illustrate what is meant by *unity* in sentence-structure.

6. Rewrite the following sentences in correct English:—

- (1.) I only received it yesterday.
- (2.) Either of the three will do.
- (3.) He neither offended him or his brother.
- (4.) Finding him at home, it was decided not to go further.
- (5.) No writer would write a book, unless he thinks it will be read.

7. The following is a sentence analysed into its component parts. Recombine the parts into a sentence, and supply the proper connectives:—

- A. Colonel Mure said (principal clause).
- B. He would have surrendered at once (noun clause to A).
- C. He had been summoned (conditional clause to B).
- D. He thought (adversative clause to A).
- E. It was his duty to offer resistance (noun clause to D).
- F. He should be either attacked or summoned (time clause to E).

8. Write two paragraphs on one of the following subjects, attending carefully throughout to expression, punctuation, and neatness of form:—

- (1.) The general election.
- (2.) Nature and art.
- (3.) The postman's knock.

9. Punctuate the following passages; and put capitals where they are required:—

- (1.) the religio laici which borrows its title from the religio medici of browne is almost the only work of dryden that can be considered as a voluntary effusion
- (2.) dr johnsons chief works are the following rasselas the dictionary the lives of the poets and the vanity of human wishes
- (3.) samuel rogers undertook to ask sir philip francis whether he was the author of junius approaching the knight in a room full of people he said will you sir philip excuse my asking you a single question at your peril sir was the harsh and laconic answer the poet instantly retreated and said to his friends i know not whether he is junius but if he be he is certainly junius brutus

[Candidates are requested to write the punctuation exercise on a separate sheet of paper. No marks will be given for any point unless it is quite distinct.]

10. As a test of spelling, write the words dictated by the Supervisor.

[Candidates are requested to number the words, to write them in a column, and to use a separate sheet of paper for the spelling exercise. No marks will be given for any word that contains a doubtful letter.]