

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

NOTES ON THE REGULATIONS FOR THE DIPLOMA IN FORESTRY.

A. THE DIPLOMA IN FORESTRY GENERALLY.

1. The diploma in forestry is granted to diploma students who have (1) pursued an approved course of study at Oxford; (2) undergone a course of practical work at places and under conditions approved by the Delegates for Instruction in Forestry; (3) satisfied the examiners in prescribed examinations.

2. The course of instruction commences at the beginning of Michaelmas term in October of each year. Candidates who desire to join a college should address the senior tutor of it. Those who wish to matriculate as non-collegiate students should address the Censor of Non-Collegiate Students, Students' Delegacy, High Street, Oxford. In either case, candidates should call on the Professor of Forestry as soon as they reach Oxford.

3. Candidates, on joining, should either have been accepted as probationers for the Indian forest service, or have passed responsions (or an equivalent examination), or have given evidence of having received a good general education satisfactory to the committee which deals with the matter. No definite rule is laid down as to what is understood by a good general education. A knowledge of Greek is not essential, but in the case of a candidate who knows neither Greek nor Latin a knowledge of at least one modern foreign language would be required. There is no age-limit as regards the diploma.

4. The course of instruction comprises at present—(1) Physics and chemistry; (2) general botany; (3) general geology; (4) zoology; (5) forest botany; (6) forest engineering and surveying; (7) forestry, comprising silviculture, mensuration, valuation, management, including working plans, protection, utilization, and administration; (8) German. Additional instruction is given to probationers for the Indian forest service in Indian geology, forest law, and systematic botany of Indian trees.

5. The practical course extends over not less than six months, and as the major part of it is at present done in Germany, a knowledge of German is necessary—that is to say, translation from and into German and colloquial German. A candidate can acquire that knowledge during the first year of his residence at Oxford, but it is desirable that he should possess a knowledge of the rudiments of the language on joining the course of instruction for the diploma.

6. The ordinary course extends over three academic years, but candidates can obtain the diploma in two years by taking the practical course in instalments during the vacations; in the latter case some knowledge of chemistry and physics is essential on joining.

7. Students are examined departmentally in physics and chemistry, forest engineering and surveying, and German. The other subjects are arranged in two parts—namely: Part I, comprising general botany, general geology, forest botany, and zoology; Part II, forestry. The examination in the subjects belonging to Part I is held on or about the 1st July, and that in Part II on or about the 1st October in each year.

8. The diploma in forestry can be combined with the taking of a university degree. Candidates who have passed in Part I, which they do in July of the second year, receive a certificate which excuses them from passing the preliminary examination in the Honour School of Natural Science, so that they can proceed to the final examination in that school as soon as they have three academic years' residence.

Candidates who have taken the diploma in forestry are excused two subjects out of three for a pass degree.

9. A candidate can meet all expenses (board, lodging, and instruction, including the practical course on the Continent) connected with the diploma course with £300 as a non-collegiate student; if he joins a college he will require at least £400.

10. The detailed regulations for the diploma in forestry can be obtained from the Clarendon Press Depot, 116 High Street, Oxford. Price, 6d. a copy.

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B. PROBATIONERS FOR THE INDIAN FOREST SERVICE.

11. Candidates for probationerships in the Indian forest service must have taken a degree in some branch of the Honour School of Natural Science before they are accepted by the Secretary of State for India, and after that they must take the diploma in forestry. This takes not less than five years in all.

Under the arrangement explained above they can combine both, provided they have passed responsions and an additional subject, by taking the course for the diploma during the first two years, passing in Part I of the diploma examination and devoting the third year to preparing for an honours degree in either botany, zoology, or geology, subjects in which they have already done a great part of the work in the diploma course. In this way candidates can reduce their course of study by one year, and they have studied for a profession in case they should not be accepted for the Indian service.

12. Candidates for probationerships in the Indian forest service must be under twenty-two years of age on the 1st January of the year in which they apply for a probationership; hence they should be under nineteen years and ten months of age when they join at Oxford in October. They will do well to join a year earlier, as it gives them an extra year if necessary for obtaining an honours degree in natural science.

The notes on entering the Indian forest service are at all times subject to alterations which the Secretary of State for India may make.

Further details can be obtained from the Secretary, Revenue and Statistical Department, India Office, London S.W.