

necessity of passing the Intermediate Examination due to the accrediting principle by which candidates for senior free places may be exempted from an external examination. The number of candidates actually presenting themselves for the various examinations during the last three years is shown below :—

TABLE Z 1.—NUMBERS OF CANDIDATES FOR VARIOUS EXAMINATIONS.

Examination.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Junior National Scholarships and Junior Free Places	1,409	1,118	..
Senior National Scholarships	935	673	..
Public Service Entrance	2,491	2,338	1,407
Intermediate	1,094	1,170	1,165
Teachers' Class D	1,560	610	249
Teachers' Class C	434	343	285
Training College Entrance .. .. .	..	743	961
Kindergarten Certificate	6	4	4
London University Examinations	3	4	3
Handicraft Teachers' Certificate	21	25	32
Technological examinations	161	177	143
Naval Cadetships	2	1	..
Aircraft Apprenticeships .. .. .	..	2	11
Totals	8,116	7,208	4,260
Examinations held on behalf of the City and Guilds of London Institute	199	161	203
Totals	8,315	7,369	4,463

The decrease in the total number of candidates in 1931 is due to several factors, the most important of which are the abolition of Junior and Senior National Scholarships and the failure of the Public Service Entrance Examination to prove as attractive as in the past owing to the increased number of candidates with better qualifications now offering for positions in the Public Service.

TABLE Z 2.—STANDARD AND RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS.

Examination.	Stage in Course at which Examination is normally taken. (In some cases it is not easy to indicate exact stage.)	1930.				1931.			
		Number of Candidates who presented themselves for Examination.	Number of Candidates who secured Complete Passes.	Number of Candidates who improved their Status.	Number of Candidates who failed.	Number of Candidates who presented themselves for Examination.	Number of Candidates who secured Complete Passes.	Number of Candidates who improved their Status.	Number of Candidates who failed.
Proficiency*	At end of Form II	26,053	20,210	3,317†	2,526	25,128	16,492	4,876†	3,760
Intermediate	At end of Form IV	1,170	343	..	827	1,165	390	..	775
Public Service Entrance	At end of Form V	2,338	1,195	..	1,143	1,407	809	..	598
Certificate of Class D	At end of Form V	610	218‡	298	94	249	136§	96	17
Kindergarten Certificate	At end of Form V	4	4	..	..	4	4	..	..
Training College Entrance	At end of Form VI	743	498	203	42	961	435	321	205
Certificate of Class C and Class B	At end of training-college course	343	133||	123	87	285	95¶	111	79
Handicraft Teachers' Certificate	Taken by teachers	25	3	15	7	32	1	23	8
Technological Examinations—									
Preliminary	At end of Form IV or equivalent	67	43	..	24	39	23	..	16
Intermediate	Evening classes, third-year apprentices	73	35	..	38	73	36	..	37
Final	Evening classes, fourth-year apprentices	35	21	..	14	27	14	..	13
Special Examination in Building Construction .. .. .	.. .. .	2	..	..	2	4	2	..	2
Naval Cadetships	Form III	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Naval Cadetships (Special entry)	Form VI .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aircraft Apprentices	Form V	2	2	..	..	11	5	..	6
London University	Post-secondary	4	2	..	2	3	2	..	1
Examinations held on behalf of City and Guilds of London Institute	As for technological examinations	161	81	..	80	203	80	..	123

* This examination is held by the Department's Inspectors in the various education districts, but the results are given for purposes of comparison. A more detailed analysis will be found in Table A 7 of E.—2. † Competency pass. ‡ Includes 1 passed for Class A, 1 passed for Class B, and 7 passed for Class C. § Includes 8 passed for Class C, and 4 passed for Class B. || Includes 3 passed for Class B. ¶ 93 passed Class C and 2 passed Class B.