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[Despatch Abstract.]

Special Test examinations.

Directing the Commissioner for Government examinations to conduct
the Revenue and Criminal Judicial tests of the ——— to be held in 1918 in
accordance with the changes already approved in respect of the ———.

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Home (Education) Department.

The draft G.O. may be accepted in "Education". On receipt of a copy of the Rev. Dpt. Procs. on the case the amendments in the Public Service and Special Test Notifications may be issued in this Dept.,

2. The following are however the further questions which arise for consideration:--

(1) What Examn. fee should be fixed for the combined examination.

At present the fee for the higher grade is Rs. 8 and for the lower Rs. 6. It may in this connection be mentioned that, when in 1912 the two grades of the Account Test were clubbed into one, the fee that was being charged for the higher grade viz. Rs. 6 was made applicable to the combined test. This was apparently because the clubbing together of the Account Tests was not accompanied by any reduction in the number of question papers set for the examination, which ~~constituted~~ continued to be two as in the older arrangement. In the case of the Revenue test however, it is now sought not only to institute a single examination but also to reduce the number of questions/papers from six to four. This must obviously make for an appreciable economy in expenditure connected with the conduct of examinations. There appears therefore to be a prima facie case for a revision of the examn. fee. It may not be unfair to charge for the 'New' Revenue test the same fee as is at present charged for the lower grade test viz. Rs. 6.

(ii) The date from which the revised arrangement relating to the Revenue test is to take effect

The intention of the Revenue department is apparently that the orders should take effect at the earliest possible date. As however some of the ques-

papers for the special test exams are usually got printed in England, the C.G.E.'s office might be putting the arrangements for the exam in train sufficiently early. It is not known how far such arrangements for the exams. to be held next October have advanced.

3. On receipt of the Revenue Department's order a copy of these notes may be furnished forwarded u.o. to the C.G.E. for favour of remarks with reference to the points raised in para 2 supra

The case may now go ~~to~~ back to Revenue U.O.

T.K.
11.5-18.

C.R.
13-5-18.

R.R.

[G.O. No 1965 Rev & 18.5.18]

Home (Eon) Dept

(*) Separately issued

(*) A draft ~~ent~~ on the current is submitted for approval. After its issue, the file may be forwarded to the C. G. E. for remarks with reference to para. 2 of the foregoing notes.

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Office of the Commissioner
for Govt. Examinations

I agree with the suggestion about fees, but as expenses on the old scale will, in any case, probably have to be incurred ^{some modification of} ~~it~~ might come into force from 1919. The following office note explains the difficulties in introducing the changes in the examination of October next: (1919)

"With reference to para 2 of the U.O. it is submitted that the question is whether the ensuing examination (October) in the Revenue Test is to be held as heretofore (Higher and Lower Grades), or, according to the new arrangement (only one test).

As rightly surmised by the Secretariat, the C.G.E.'s office has already put the arrangements for the examination in train. The printers in England were requested in February last to make the covers (inner and outer) in advance and keep them. The examiners were requested to send the question papers about the middle of April at latest direct to the printers in England. The examiners have reported that they have despatched the papers (6 for the Higher and for the Lower Grade) to England.

§ 6 of Notification (2)

Article 7 of the Special Test Notification is as follows :-



"The Regulations, Codes and Acts prescribed under any test shall be subject to such modifications, amendments or alterations as may from time to time be made, according as the law may be changed or as Government may direct and candidates shall be expected to be acquainted with all such alterations, provided they have been published or notified not later than six months from the date of the examination."

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Though the changes in the examination in the case of the subject (with books only instead of 'with' and 'without' books) and one Test instead of two grades of it are not contemplated in this Article, yet the spirit of the Article might be taken as requiring six months notice to be given to candidates. The changes (now made) will be notified in June - say by the 15th, and the examinations will commence on the 3rd Monday of October, i.e., 21st October. The interval between the 15th June and the 21st October is only about 4 months. If it is thought that Article 7 does not apply to the present case and effect might be given at once to the C. O. candidates for the Higher Grade will not find it difficult to answer the questions set according to the New Test, but the candidates for the Lower Grade may find it difficult to answer the questions. The questions, it is presumed, would be intermediate in point of standard between the Higher and Lower Grades, the advantage to all alike being that the examination in all the subjects will be 'with books' only. If the examinations thus become more difficult for the intending applicants for the Lower Grade, the 4 months' notice will not be deemed sufficient by them.

It is stated in the Secretariat notes that the intention of the Revenue Department is apparently that the orders re. the new Test should take effect at the earliest possible date. If the C.G.E. thinks that the new Test may come into force this year, a cable may be sent to the Controller, University Press, Oxford, not to

M/1-2 supra

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print the Revenue Test papers (12 in number). If the question papers have been printed, the cable will be 'too late'; the charges for printing will have to be met; at any rate, the charges for covers will have to be paid. The U.C.B. might perhaps like to go into the question whether the papers set and printed in England according to the old test, could be used for the new test. The notification lays down that the subjects for the Lower grade shall be the same as the subjects for the Higher grade and shall refer only to those portions of the Regulations and Board's Standing Orders, a knowledge of which is requisite in the offices to which this test has been made applicable. Thus it will be seen that the papers set for the Lower Grade in the subjects (1) and (2) noted supra will not be suitable for the Higher Grade candidates. The Higher Grade papers cannot be answered by the Lower Grade candidates. Again if the question paper set this year for the examination 'with books' for the Lower Grade be allowed to be answered by all candidates (Higher and Lower Grades), it will not be comprehensive as there is another paper 'without books' in the same subject set according to the old test. It seems that the question papers in the subjects (3) and (4) for the Lower Grade set according to the old test might be used for the Higher and Lower Grades, i.e., for all candidates. In this case the number of copies to be struck off for the Lower Grade will have to be increased by a cable in order that they may be used by the Higher Grade candidates also. Taking into consideration all

these things, it seems that the papers set according to the old test will not suit the new test.

A' It is submitted that if Government have no objection, the examination of this year may be held as usual, the G.O. thus coming into effect from 1919. If it is decided that the examination should, this year, be according to the new test, fresh question papers (4 in number) may now be set, but these will have to be printed in India. A cable may be sent to England not to despatch the question papers for the Revenue Test, if already printed. In this case all the 12 question papers already set and their clean copies will be wasted".

B' If Government wish the new rules to come into force in October I think the best alternative to choose is to have four new papers set and printed in India.

If these papers were made of a difficulty intermediate between the old lower and higher grades I don't see that there could be any cause of complaint, but notice should obviously be given as soon as possible of the change.

Waste of printing at home could be reduced by cabling.



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2. Home Dept.
(Ed. 2)

The case is subd. for orders with refer. to the alternative suggestions at 'A' & 'B' above. It may be observed by way of answer

The advice of the Revenue Dept. may be obtained
u.s.

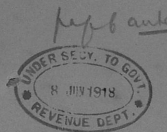
7.6.18

The difficulties against introducing
the new test this year are not
insurmountable. A small
Additional expenditure may be
faced and the new test brought
into force in the current year.
The H.M. was anxious to have
the examinations simplified as
early as possible. For the
Special Test Notification referred
to in the C.G.'s office note does not
affect this case. It refers to the
books & acts on which the candidates
are to be examined & there is no
change in this regard. With the
concurrence of Rev. we may
ask the C.G. to give effect to the
new test this year. The same
decision will apply to the Criminal
Judicial test also.

Ch
7.6.18

I decided agree with the C.G. that
it is impossible to give effect to the
new orders in 1918. Apart from the
question papers, several candidates

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pages 3 & 4 & 5 & 6



Home (887) u.s.
No. 1098 B-3

Rev. u.s. 10.55 A

Rgd
10-6-18

would have begun preparing for the
Rev lower & it would be difficult
for them to adjust their studies
to the new test. I am for adopting course A
2. To fees, I propose 6 Rs
for the new test

Mr
8/6/10

Rev - u.s.

7.1 (u.s.)

Rev Department

To Under Secy.

Submitted for order.

It seems possible to give
effect to the spirit of G.O. No 1965 d 18-5-18
without disturbing the arrangements already
made by the Commission for Govt. Examinations
in one of the following ways:-

(1) to hold the examination by both the
higher and the lower standard according
to the papers already set, but to relieve the
candidates of the necessity of answering
the two papers without books

(2) to require the candidates to answer
the papers set to be answered without books,
but to permit them to use books in accordance
with the spirit of G.O. No 1965 d 18-5-18.

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10-6-18
S. I think must A proposed by the
Pay bank

10.7.18. list not for 2

D.P. & the Home Dept will be the most satisfactory. The adoption of Const(1) suggested in the army officer note ~~unaccepted~~ will be equivalent to limiting the scope of the "Exam", & Const(2) will affect the Standard. Neither Const. named appear likely to give very satisfactory results this year.

Grel
10/8/18

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It seems a pity to have to postpone the tentative change till 1919, and I think it would be unwise to accept the Comm. proposal at B, since the papers already set and have four new papers set & printed in India. The extra expense can hardly be very serious. As regards giving notice to candidates no one is likely to complain, I think: the only person who will have any grievance is the indifferent candidate who by sheer misfortune may have expected just to scrape through Rev. Lore. He will now have to face an examination of a somewhat higher standard, but I do not think such cases need be seriously considered. In the case of other candidates, as the subjects for study have been in

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no way altered, I do not think
there is difficulty of adjusting these
studies, referred to by Mr. Home Sec.,
with cause any practical trouble.

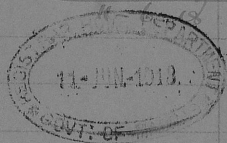
If Home Dept. prefers postponement to
1919, will it kindly evaluate to Home
Revenue before final disposal.

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11-6-18

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Home Dept. no

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Home (251)

Submitted for orders. (The file may

be sent to Trial later after the main
question of when the new scheme
shall be brought into operation is
settled).

A
11-6-18

The whole scheme of special tests
is yet under consideration; it will
be best to have the changes introduced all at once.

Changes are proposed in the Criminal
tests, Accounts &c. I submit there
is scarcely time to introduce these
changes for the examination of 1918.

M
12/6/18

H.E.

Hm (Rev)

To Mr. Home.

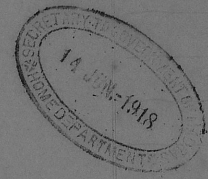
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I am inclined to agree with Mr. Knapp. There is no insuperable difficulty in giving effect this year to the changes already approved, & it is a pity to postpone them for a whole year. I agree to a fee of Rs. 6.

slg
13.6.18.



P
13.6.18.

Urgent
14/6/18



A draft order is submitted for approval. It is presumed that His order apply to the Criminal Justice Act. If approved, the draft is forwarded to the ~~Minister~~ ^{Minister} for acceptance.

PA
14.6.18

We may fix the fee for Criminal Justice at Rs. 8. The present rates are Rs. 10 for the higher, & Rs. 8 for the lower test. In the case of the Rev. test, we have adopted Rs. 6 as the fee for the new test as against Rs. 8 for the present higher, & Rs. 6 for the lower test.

14.6.18
(See Rev. test)

Mr. S. J. Gould, HM Secy

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S. J. Gould
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Home (Ind) 15.6.18

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Financial dept

The present rates of fee from a candidate for admission are:-

- (a) Revenue Test. Rs. 8 for Higher + Rs. 6 for Lower.
(b) Criminal " Rs. 10 for Higher + Rs. 8 for Lower.

It is now proposed to fix Rs. 6 for the Revenue and Rs. 8 for the Criminal Test. (Higher + Lower being replaced by a single test).
Sub^d. that the draft may be accepted.

2 It is for orders whether Home (Educ) should be requested to consider the question of effecting a reduction in the scale of honorarium at present paid to Examiners in the above two tests.

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Home (Educ) info



The draft may issue.

(Hm has passed the draft. Please see the draft sheet).

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for 1917 to 1918

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Page 171 of the C.M. gives the amount of rewards to Examiners in all the Special Tests. Separate figures for these 2 tests are not available. The receipts on account of the same are given on page 17 of C.M.

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Stop the papers already arranged
for in England & to take steps
to get fresh papers set printed locally

Wm
17/4/18

The following d.o. is for approval:-

"Dear Mr. Stone,

"Formal orders directing
1918 ~~next~~ ^{the new}

- 2 the C. G. E. to conduct the examinations in Revenue
- 2 and Criminal Judicial tests ~~to be held~~ in
- 2 accordance with the changes already approved
- 2 are issuing separately. I am ~~therefore~~ to request
- 2 you to cable to England to stop the papers
- 2 already arranged for and to take steps to
- 2 get fresh papers set and printed locally.

Yours sincerely,

Wm
17-6-18

To,

CR
17-6-18

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E.
S.P.D. Madras.

J. H. Stone
18-6-18

Home

Read again G.O. No.

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No. 784, dated 17. 6. 1918.

Mis

the Commissioner for Govt. Examination
is requested to arrange to give effect
to the orders passed in G.O. No. 1965
Rev & the 18-5-18 ^{regarding the} ~~and to the~~
Revenue test and to those issued
in G.O. No. 1337 Home (Indl) of the
5-6-18 regarding the Criminal
Judicial test immediately and
to conduct the next examination
in those tests in accordance with
the changes approved therein.

2. The fee for admission to the Revenue test is fixed at Rs 6. and to the criminal test at Rs 8.

3. The Commissioner is requested to report what fee may reasonably be fixed for admission to the

at ~~indicated~~ and

at a very early date

of the alterations

which may be necessary in

the Public Service and Special

Tests Notifications

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To, 17/6

The Commissioner for Gold
Rev. Dept
Judicial Dept
Financial Dept

(To be reminded
on 1-7-18)

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