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Special Test Notification.

Stating that the Government are not prepared to raise the fees for the revenue tests and modifying accordingly the draft of the notification embodying certain alterations in the — and publishing it in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 80, Educational, dated 14th February 1902.
„ 218 „ „ 18th April 1902.

Read—also the following paper :—

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Commissioner for Government Examinations, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Educational department, dated 3rd May 1902, No. 69/1 D.

I have the honour to make the following remarks and suggestions with reference to G.O., No. 218, Educational, dated 18th April 1902, dealing with the alterations to be made in the revenue tests.

2. It is not stated from what date these alterations are to take effect. Under article 7 of the notification regulating the special test examinations, candidates are not expected to make themselves acquainted with "changes in the laws and regulations prescribed as subjects of a test" unless such changes were made six months before the examination is held. The next special test examinations will be held on the 20th of October and following days, and even if no time is lost in notifying the changes that have now been made, six months will not have elapsed when the examination is held. I do not know what the nature of these alterations is, but if they do not add materially to the burden laid upon the candidates, and if the manuals prescribed are all available to them, there will be no great hardship, perhaps, if they are required to pass according to the revised tests at the next October examinations.

3. The changes made in the revenue test, both in the higher grade and in the lower grade, necessitate an alteration in the admission fees which candidates have to pay. The third paper in the higher grade test has been made now a three hours' paper. A higher rate of fee will have to be paid to the examiner both for setting the question paper and for valuing the answer papers. In the lower grade, a new subject has been added (the stamp, income-tax and excise manuals), and this must add considerably to the cost of the examination. I propose that for the higher grade, the fee be raised from Rs. 8 to Rs. 10, and for the lower grade, from Rs. 6 to Rs. 8. These are the fees paid for admission to the criminal judicial tests. Having regard to the class of candidates that appear for the revenue tests and to the value and importance of these tests, I do not think the fees proposed can be regarded as excessive.

4. Paragraph 2 of the Government order would seem to apply both to the revenue test and to salt test G, but I am not sure that this could have been the intention of Government. The rule requiring candidates to obtain one-third of the maximum marks in each subject and two-fifths of the aggregate marks for all the subjects, has hitherto applied only to the special tests proper. The salt and abkári tests are governed by different rules as will be seen from articles 10 and 12 of the notification regulating the special tests. In paragraph 3 of its proceedings, No. 2797, dated 16th September 1901, the Board of Revenue proposed that "salt test G be divided into higher and lower grades, the papers being the same and the percentage of marks being 40 for the higher and 30 for the lower grade." I presume that the approval accorded to these proposals in G.O., No. 80, Educational, is to be regarded as still holding good.

5. To avoid delay a draft notification embodying the changes to be made in the special test and public service notifications is herewith submitted for approval and publication in the Gazette. It assumes that the changes will take effect at once, but if they are not to come into force till after the next October examinations, only a slight alteration will be needed in the notification.

Order—No. 318, Educational, dated 27th May 1902.

The Government are not prepared to raise the fees for the revenue tests.

2. The draft notification submitted by the Commissioner will be modified accordingly, and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

3. The grade of salt test G, which should be passed for the post of deputy collector of sea customs and for certain offices in the Customs department, has not been specified in schedule B to the public service notification. The Commissioner should attend to this point when he next publishes that notification.

(True Extract.)

A. T. PRINGLE,
Assistant Secretary to Government
[*in charge*].

To the Commissioner for Government Examinations.
„ Revenue Department, with copy of notes.
Gazette (Notification).

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APPENDIX.

NOTIFICATION.

Special Test Examination..

The following alterations have been made in the notification regulating the special test examinations. They will come into force at once and the examination of October 1902 will be held in accordance with them.

In paragraph 5, substitute the following for the corresponding portions :—

REVENUE TEST, HIGHER GRADE.

The following are the subjects of the test :—

(1) Revenue acts and regulations applicable to the various branches of the revenue.
(2) The standing orders of the Board of Revenue, (land revenue, settlement and miscellaneous) 1900 edition.
(3) The excise manual (to be published by the Board of Revenue).
(4) The sea customs manual (do.).
(5) The income-tax manual.
(6) The stamp manual.
(7) The special funds code.
(8) The manuals of village and taluk accounts.

REVENUE TEST, LOWER GRADE.

The subjects for the lower grade shall be the same as the subjects for the higher, with the omission of the sea customs manual, but the papers set shall be easier than those 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.

2. In paragraph 5, in the table given under salt, abkári and customs tests, substitute the following for the corresponding portions :—

Subjects in which papers will be set.	Time allowed for each paper.	Percentage of full marks required for a pass.		Remarks.
		Higher grade.	Lower grade.	
	HOURS.			
Test G.—Customs—				
(1) Customs law—				
1. The Sea customs act, 1878				
2. The Madras inland customs act, 1844				
3. The Indian tariff act, 1894				
4. The Indian merchant shipping act, 1883 ..	2	40	30	In respect of the acts Nos. 7, 8 and 9 under (1) customs law, a knowledge of those portions which relate to importation will alone be required.
5. The Indian ports act, 1889				
6. The Indian merchandise marks act, 1889 ..				
7. The Indian arms act, 1878				
8. The Indian explosives act, 1884				
9. The Indian petroleum act, 1899				
(2) Rules under the customs acts—				
1. The sea customs manual with appendices and the Land customs manual (to be published by the Board of Revenue).	2	40	30	
2. Direction for the use of tables for ascertaining the strength of spirits by L. Casella.				

3. In paragraph 11, substitute the following for the corresponding portion in the table :—

Test.	Subjects.	Time allowed.	Maximum marks.
Revenue test, higher grade.	(1) Revenue regulations and acts	Three hours ..	120
	(2) Standing orders of the Board of Revenue	Do. ..	120
	(3) The stamp, income-tax, customs and excise manuals	Do. ..	120
	(4) Manuals of village and taluk accounts and the special funds code.	Do. ..	120
Revenue test, lower grade.	(1) Revenue regulations and acts	Do. ..	120
	(2) Standing orders of the Board of Revenue	Do. ..	120
	(3) The stamp, income-tax and excise manuals	Do. ..	100
	(4) Manuals of village and taluk accounts and the special funds code.	Do. ..	120
Test G—customs.	(1) Customs law	Two hours ..	100
	(2) Rules under the customs acts	Do. ..	100

4. In the schedule at the end of the special test notification, add the following in their appropriate columns :—

Test.	Offices or appointments.	Remarks.
Test G (higher grade).	Deputy Collector of sea customs, Madras, and all persons in sea customs offices who hold appointments on Rs. 50 and upwards.	

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 318, EDUCATIONAL, DATED 27TH MAY 1902.

[SUBJECT.—*Alterations in the special test notification.*]

From the Commissioner for Government Examinations, dated 3rd May 1902, *No.* 69/1D.

Assistant Secretary—

The Commissioner for Government Examinations submits a draft notification of the alterations to be made in the special test notification relating to the changes sanctioned in the revenue tests and the salt test G and raises the following questions :—

(1) Whether the changes now sanctioned are to come into force at the ensuing examination which will be held in October next;

(2) Whether the admission fees for the revenue tests should not be raised;

(3) Whether paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 218, Educational, dated 18th April 1902, applies to salt test G also.

2. The answer to question (1) is in the affirmative. The intention has been that the changes should come into force immediately and therefore at the examination to be held in next October. Please see paragraph 7 of the notes at page 4 of the K.W. connected with G.O., No. 80, Educational, dated 14th February 1902. The changes made do not seem to add greatly to the burden laid upon the candidates, and if they are notified immediately, the candidates will have sufficient notice.

3. As regards question (2) the Commissioner proposes to raise the fee for the revenue test, higher grade, from Rs. 8 to Rs. 10, and that for the lower grade from Rs. 6 to Rs. 8. The changes in the tests will not add materially to the cost of the examination; the proposed increase in the fees seems therefore to be excessive. In connection with this matter attention is called to the notes in G.O., No. 756, Educational, dated 6th October 1894. The Hon'ble Mr. Grose noted: "I think the proposed revenue test fees are too high. All who pass the revenue tests are required also to pass the account test (which was formerly included in the revenue tests). So they will now have to pay Rs. $10 + 6 = 16$ and Rs. $8 + 4 = 12$, whereas they have paid hitherto only Rs. 10 and Rs. 8. I would fix the revenue test fees at Rs. 8 and Rs. 6." The Hon'ble Mr. Bliss concurred. This argument seems to hold good even now. In 1899 Dr. Duncan proposed to raise the fees to Rs. 10 and Rs. 8, respectively, but this also was disallowed—*vide* page 5 of the notes stitched with G.O., No. 653, Educational, dated 28th September 1899. Besides, the special test examinations produce a large balance every year; it was estimated at about Rs. 16,000 per annum in 1899—*vide* page 7 of K.W. just quoted. On this ground also it seems unnecessary to raise the fees for the revenue tests.

4. Paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 218, Educational, dated 18th April 1902, does not apply to salt test G, and the Commissioner may be so informed. The Commissioner has drawn up the draft notification on the assumption that paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 218, Educational, dated 18th April 1902, does not apply to salt test G. The draft notification therefore does not stand in need of revision in this respect.

5. A few minor alterations have been made in pencil in the Commissioner's draft notification.

6. The Commissioner has carried out the necessary alterations in the public service notification, but not quite correctly. On page 6 he does not say which grade of salt test should be passed for certain posts in the Customs department. His attention may be drawn to this matter.

T. Kanakasundaram Pillai.
10-5-02.

P. T. Tharyan.
12-5-02.

H.M.—

The orders of the Honourable Member are required only on the point in the third paragraph of this note—as to the raising of the fees for the revenue tests. I am inclined to think that no alteration is required. The special tests bring in money to Government. As it is—last year there was a surplus of Rs. 18,000—so there is no necessity on that score: The Commissioner for Government Examinations gives arguments for raising the fees in his third paragraph, but the case is not materially different from what it was eight years ago when Messrs. Grose and Bliss fixed the present rates.

A. T. Pringle.
12-5-02.

The present fees for the revenue tests may stand.

2. It is very annoying that these notifications cannot apparently be dealt with in due season. The Board, Director, Revenue department and Educational department heap up writing, when a seance would settle things in an hour. This notification might well have been out months ago. Please note this for future guidance.

3. I suppose the necessary portions of the manuals are ready for public use, but do not find that any one has said so. Make certain please.

J. T[homson].
13-5-02.

Telegram to the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), dated 13th May 1902.

Revenue order 222, 1st March last. When will Excise and Sea and Land Customs manuals be issued. Can date be given?

Telegram from the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, Madras, dated 15th May 1901.

Excise, Sea and Land Customs manuals will be issued about beginning July.

In reply to the inquiries made for the Revenue department the Board telegraphs that the Excise, Sea and Land Customs manuals will be issued about the beginning of July. If so, it is not understood how page references to them can now be given in the notification. The Revenue department may perhaps be able to solve the difficulty.

A | Presumably we must wait till Revenue Board publishes the book.
A. T. Pringle.

2. The draft placed below may issue with the concurrence of the Revenue department.

T. Kanakasundaram Pillai.
19-5-02.

This may be sent to Revenue department. I have spoken to Mr. Hammick.

A. T. Pringle.
21-5-02.

Revenue u.o.

Revenue Department.

To Secretary—

There appears to be no objection to the acceptance in this department of the Educational draft order below.

2. With reference to the difficulty at **A** above, the page references against the Excise and Customs manuals in the draft notification may be omitted and the words "to be published by the Board of Revenue" may be substituted. It will be seen from paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings on page 3 of G.O., No. 80, Educational, dated 14th February 1902, that the Board will publish in the form of a hand-book the portions of the Excise and Sea Customs manuals required for the revenue test.

Vide also paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 222, Revenue, dated 1st March 1902.

T. P. Krishnaswami Sastri.
22-5-02.

K. Ramanujachari.
22-5-02.

M. Hammick.
23-5-02.

Office—

Send o.m. to Board and ask if they cannot get out the extracts sooner.

M. Hammick.
23-5-02.

To Secretary—

Please see draft below. After issue the file may go back to Educational for the publication of the notification as proposed to be altered by this department.

T. P. Krishnaswami Sastri.
23-5-02.

K. Ramanujachari.
23-5-02.

Yes.

M. Hammick.
24-5-02.

Educational u.o.

Educational Department.

Now gazette and issue the order, printing up the notes.

A. T. Pringle.
26-5-02.

[G.O., No. 318, Educational, dated 27th May 1902.]

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Educational (1902) Department.

CURRENT No. 720

From

[*Name*] The Hon'ble Mr. G. H. Stuart, M.A.,

[*Designation*] Commissioner for Government Examinations

[*Station*] Madras.



No. 69/12

Dated 3rd May 1902.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding with reference to G.O. No. 218, Educational, dated 18th April 1902, a draft notification embodying certain alterations to be made in the Special Test notification, for approval and publication in the Fort St. George Gazette.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTE FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

A type-written copy of the alterations to be made in the special tests notification is submitted. This may now be sent to the Press.

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27.5.02

J.S.P.
28.5.02

Govt
28.5.02

Govt Office

Please send the type written copy of the notification to the Press direct, marking it urgent. Inform the Madras Office accordingly and say that the proof will be sent to them for correction. The notification should appear in the next gazette.

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28-5-02

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1,000—25-10-01.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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" " " " 218, " 18th April 1902.

READ ALSO:—

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ORDER No 318, dated 27. 5 — 1902.

P. S.

Desp. 28/27-5-02.

Please type write the notification as altered by the Govt.

28/27-5-02

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The Govt. ~~do not consider~~ are not prepared ~~that~~ to raise the fees for the revenue tests ~~should be raised. The special test examinations already bring in a considerable revenue.~~

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