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Primary Examination Notification.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Mr. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 28th October 1898, No. 12263.

I have the honour to submit, for the approval of Government, the Primary Examination Notification, which I have revised with a view to the improvement of instruction, both literary and industrial, in industrial schools.

2. The reasons for the changes will, I think, be best understood from enclosed copies of Proceedings, No. 18, dated 4th January 1898, calling for opinions, and from the draft of proceedings which I propose to issue, if the changes now recommended meet with the approval of Government.

Enclosure.

PRIMARY EXAMINATION.

1. An examination to be styled the Primary Examination shall be held annually in the several subjects hereinafter mentioned. The examination shall ordinarily be held in the months of November, December and January at such places as may be notified from time to time. Candidates from Sessional schools shall be examined at any time in the year and as soon as practicable after the close of the session.

Examination when to be held.

2. The examination has been instituted chiefly for the purpose of promoting and encouraging primary education. It shall serve also to test the fitness of candidates for the lower grades of the Public Service and of teachers for admission to primary training schools, and shall ordinarily serve to test the eligibility of pupils of the fourth standard for results grants.

Objects for which instituted.

3. The examination shall be under the control of the Commissioner for Government Examinations, and shall be conducted by Boards of Examiners appointed by the Commissioner.

How and by whom to be conducted.

Each Board of Examiners shall ordinarily consist of a Chairman, and not less than six members, of whom three, namely, the Assistant Inspector of Schools, when not Chairman, and the Sub-Assistant Inspectors of boys' and girls' schools within their ranges, shall hold office *ex-officio*.

Each Board shall ordinarily hold office for three years; but the Commissioner may, at his discretion, remove any member and appoint another in his stead, and may appoint temporary additional members.

Not fewer than two members of a Board shall be present during an examination.

In the case of candidates belonging to industrial schools and classes, the examination in drawing and in industries shall be conducted by a special Board or special Boards appointed by the Commissioner every year.

To whom open.

4. The examination shall be open to—

(i) Pupil Candidates.

(1) In the compulsory subjects and in the optional subjects (1) to (10), all pupils who have been studying continuously in the fourth standard or class of a recognized school for general education during the six months preceding the examination.

(2) In industrial subjects, to all pupils of industrial schools recognized as affording instruction up to the prescribed standard in the subjects brought up.

A candidate reported by the Head of the institution to which he belongs to have left school without permission or to have been dismissed shall be debarred from appearing.

(ii) Teacher Candidates.

All persons who are certified by an Inspecting officer to be actually engaged in teaching as a profession, or who have attended a training or a sessional school.

(iii) Private Candidates.

Pupils of any form in recognized secondary schools for general education and all persons who are certified by an Inspecting officer or by the head of a recognized school not to have been pupils of any recognized or unrecognized school from the beginning of the official year in which the examination takes place.

Provided that no person shall be eligible to appear unless he is certified either to have had small-pox or to have been vaccinated.

5. Applications for admission to the examination shall be made on printed forms to be had from the Chairman of the Board. These applications shall be forwarded to the Chairman so as to reach him not later than the date notified by him. The Chairman shall forward to the Commissioner the names and such other particulars as are necessary of the candidates from industrial schools who are to be examined in drawing and industries.

Form, time, and mode of application.

6. The following are the fees to be paid for admission to the examination:—

Fees.

Class of Candidates.	Compulsory subjects only.	Compulsory subjects, with one or with two optional subjects.	For each additional optional subject.	For each optional subject brought up by itself by a candidate who has previously passed in the compulsory subjects.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Pupil candidates	*Nil.*	*Nil.*	0 8 0	0 8 0
Teacher do.	1 0 0	1 8 0	0 8 0	0 8 0
Private do.	1 8 0	2 8 0	1 0 0	1 0 0

7. The subjects of examination shall be as follows:—

Subjects of examination.

Compulsory Subjects.

(1) Reading, Recitation and Grammar. } First Language.
(2) Writing and Spelling .. .. }
(3) Arithmetic.

Optional Subjects.

(1) Elementary Science.
(2) Second Language.
(3) Drawing.
(4) Needlework (for girls only).
(5) Geography.
(6) Singing.
(7) Hygiene and Elementary Sanitary Science.
(8) History of India.
(9) Agriculture (for boys only).
(10) Mensuration (for boys only).
(11) Any one or two of the subjects laid down for industrial schools and classes in Chapter V (iii) of the Madras Educational Rules.

8. The examination, which shall be mainly *viva voce*, and practical, shall be conducted in the first language of each candidate. In the compulsory subjects and in optional subjects (1) to (10) inclusive, the scope and standard of examination shall correspond with the Fourth Standard Examination as prescribed in Chapter V (i) of the Madras Educational Rules. In industrial subjects (11), the scope and standard of examination shall correspond with standard B as prescribed in Chapter V (iii) of the Educational Rules; provided that pupils may, at the discretion of the Manager of the school, be presented in Standard C instead of Standard B.

Mode of conducting examination.

Note.—Industrial schools are recommended to bring up drawing and an industry as the two optional subjects. The test in drawing for pupils of industrial schools shall have special reference to the industries brought up.

9. A candidate may appear in the compulsory subjects alone, and come up for the optional subjects at a subsequent examination; but, except in the case of pupil candidates from Industrial schools bringing up drawing or an industry, no candidate shall be examined in an optional subject unless he has passed in the compulsory subjects at the same or at a previous examination.

Subjects how to be brought up.

10. No candidate shall be considered to have passed the Primary Examination unless he has obtained one-third of the maximum marks in each of the compulsory subjects and in each of two optional subjects.

Passed candidates.

11. Candidates who have passed the complete test shall be arranged in two classes. The first shall consist of those who have obtained not less than three-fifths of the maximum marks in each subject, and the second of all others.

Arrangements of passed candidates.

12. A candidate failing in any of the compulsory subjects shall be considered to have failed completely in the compulsory part of the examination.

Failure in compulsory subjects.

13. A candidate who passes in the compulsory subjects and fails in one or two optional subjects shall not be required to undergo examination again in the compulsory subjects, but, to complete the test, shall be permitted to appear subsequently in one or two optional subjects only, as the case may be.

Failure in optional subjects.

14. The special Boards appointed to conduct the examination of pupils of industrial schools in drawing and industries shall communicate the results of the examination to the Commissioner for incorporation in the general lists. On the completion of the examination, the Chairman of each Board shall publish in the District Gazette four separate lists, giving in each the names and such other particulars as may be prescribed, of those who have passed—

Publication of results.

(1) in the compulsory and in two or more optional subjects;
(2) in the compulsory and in one optional subject;
(3) in the compulsory subjects only;
(4) in optional subjects only;

and shall furnish the Commissioner with a printed copy of each list.

15. The Chairman shall furnish the Commissioner with a brief report on the examination, showing the number of candidates, the schools from which "pupil" and "teacher" candidates appeared, the numbers passed and failed, and such other information as may be required.

Chairmen's reports on examination.

16. A certificate signed by the Chairman shall be given to each successful teacher and private candidate, declaring that by passing the examination he has qualified for admission to the Public Service. A successful pupil candidate who desires to obtain this certificate of qualification for the Public Service shall apply for it within one year from the date of the publication of the results of the examination, forwarding with his application a receipt showing that he has paid into a Government Treasury the certificate fee of one rupee and eight annas.

Issue of certificate.

At the close of the official year a complete list of the candidates to whom certificates of qualification for the Public Service have been granted during the year shall be forwarded by the Chairman of each Board to the Commissioner for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

17. The Commissioner may arrange to hold the examination in Native States if the Governments concerned desire it; provided that they undertake to bear all expenses, and that the schools sending up pupil candidates are certified by the Government of the States in which they are situated to be organized and conducted in substantial accordance with the Madras Educational Rules.

Examination in Native States.

[This notification will come into operation at the beginning of the official year 1899–1900.]

Order—No. 760, Educational, dated 5th December 1898.

The revised notification is approved and will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Commissioner for Government Examinations.
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Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.

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Note. Please also para 79 of the Report on Public Instruction for the year 1897-98, for reasons for the proposed change.

SUBJECT.

Submitting, for the approval of Government a certain changes in the Primary Examination notification.

Asst. Secy. The Director has made the ref in an awkward manner. Please pick out a short note the material changes so as to be introduced.

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NOTE FOR THE Asst Secretary

The revised notifications re the Primary Examination which accompanied the D.P.I's letter no 12263 & 12th October 98 has been printed type as ordered and a proof is here with submitted. The changes proposed are printed in italics & they are not many but the Secretary desires to have these things in a short note.

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25/11/98

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction.

No dated October 1898.

With reference to Proceedings No 18, dated 4th January 1898 inviting opinions on the proposal to amend the Primary Examination notification so as to permit pupils of industrial schools to bring up industries as optional subjects, the Director has to thank those who favoured him with their suggestions and opinions. These have been carefully considered and the changes which have been deemed expedient in the notification have been submitted to, and approved, by, Government.

2. Several heads of industrial schools have suggested that the same principle should be carried out in the Lower Secondary Examination. But the Director would point out, as has been already done by the Reverend Mr. Findlay of Karur, that this is already done in the Lower Secondary Examination (See articles 4, 7, 8, 14, 16). The modifications now approved by Government really bring the Primary Examination into harmony with the Lower Secondary Examination. But it has been pointed out by Mr. Findlay that the liberty which has hitherto been given to Lower Secondary Examination candidates to bring up industries as optional subjects at that examination and which is now to be given to Primary Examination candidates, should be extended to pupils of the third standard in primary schools and to pupils of fifth and sixth standards in lower secondary schools. The Director is not aware that there is anything in the Educational Rules or in the Grant-in-Aid Code to prevent pupils bringing up one or more industries as optional subjects in those three standards or classes. Article 9 of Chapter III of the Grant-in-Aid Code lays down that in salary grant schools not fewer than four and not fewer than two of the optional subjects laid down in Chapter V of the Educational Rules shall be taught in lower secondary and primary schools, respectively; but it does not exclude industrial subjects from the optional subjects. Article 22 (IV) & (V) of Chapter IV of the Code implies that in results grant schools industries may be brought up as optional subjects. No changes seem to be needed, therefore, either in the Grant-in-Aid Code or in the Madras Educational Rules.

optional subjects in the third,fifth and sixth standards or classes has been raised,the Director would embrace the present opportunity of placing the matter in as clear a light as possible.Attention may here be invited to the diagram given in paragraph 196 of the Report on Public Instruction for 1896-97 which attempts to shew roughly the relation of the successive steps in special education to those of general education.According to article 32 (iv) of the Grant-in-Aid Code, a pupil is supposed not to begin learning an industry until he is in the third literary standard. Supposing he learns an industrial standard A,while in the third literary standard,he would in ordinary course pass on to industrial standard B in the fourth literary standard,i.e.the Primary Examination standard.He would then take up industrial standard C in the fifth literary standard or first form,industrial standard D in the sixth literary standard or second form,and the Elementary standard of the Technical Examination scheme in the seventh literary standard or third form,in which he prepares for the Lower Secondary Examination.This idea of progressive standards in industrial work has been kept in view from the first beginnings in standard A up to the Advanced technical examination.

4. Some of the gentlemen consulted are of opinion that industrial standard B is too low for the Primary examination. This may be so in some of the simple industries;but it has to be borne in mind that what is laid down is a minimum not a maximum of attainment.To provide for pupils who shew greater aptitude for industrial than for literary work, a proviso has been inserted to the effect that a pupil may bring up standard C,instead of B.Such a pupil would bring up industrial standard D along with the fifth literary standard.He might them be able to come up for the Elementary Technical Examination at the end of the year of the sixth literary standard or second form.But more probably he would find it better to devote more than a year to preparation for the Elementary Technical Examination,which is by no means an easy test.

5. The Director would earnestly advise heads of industrial schools to work steadily on the lines indicated in the last two paragraphs.

D Duncan

Director of Public Instruction.

Enclosure to P.D.'s Letter No. 122 63/28

No. 18.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, dated 4th January 1898.

Managers of industrial schools preparing pupils for the industrial standards A to D laid down in the Madras Educational Rules, chapter V (iii), not unfrequently refer to the difficulty experienced in preparing pupils for the Primary Examination owing to the fact that the time which has to be devoted to industrial work leaves too small a part of the day for the study of the compulsory and two optional subjects as required by the notification. Such pupils in their efforts to acquire a smattering of, say, history and geography, often fail to gain that mastery of the three R's which is of paramount importance for their future success in life, and to acquire that skill in the elementary operations of the industry they are leaving which can be got only by constant and assiduous practice. In brief, too many things are attempted with the usual result that nothing is thoroughly learnt.

2. It appears to the Director that it would be to the future advantage of many of the pupils of industrial schools if their efforts were directed on the literary side to a more thorough acquaintance with the three R's and on the industrial side to a more intelligent manipulative skill in some one industry, with a fair command of drawing which lies at the foundation of all industries. With this end in view, the Director proposes to add the following to article 7 of the Primary Examination notification:—

"(iii) Any of the subjects laid down for standard B in the Madras Educational Rules, chapter V (iii), as courses of instruction and standards of examination in industrial and art schools and classes."

3. Special arrangements will be made for the examination of pupils of industrial schools who bring up an industry as an optional subject for the Primary Examination.

4. Before addressing Government, the Director would be glad to be favoured as early as possible with the views of managers and heads of industrial schools and of others whose opinion would be of value.

(A true Extract.)

Director of Public Instruction.

To the Inspectors of Schools.
" Inspectresses of Girls' Schools.
" Managers and Heads of Industrial Schools.
" Superintendent, Reformatory School, Chingleput.

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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

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To

THE INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS,

AND OTHERS.

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Note for the Secy.

The notification sent by the D.P.I has been printed; the alterations being shown in italics; this makes them clear.

The only material alteration in the revised notification is the one which adds "any one or two of the subjects laid down for industrial schools & classes in Chapter VI of the Madras Educational Rules" to the list of optional subjects in the examination. This is done in order to allow pupils of industrial schools who have not time to study the compulsory & two optional subjects which they are required to do under the existing notification to bring up an industry as an optional subject for the examination.

instead of two literary subjects

The other changes in the notification are ...

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