

APPENDIX.

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JUNIOR.

ENGLISH.

Passage for Dictation.

The City of Troy having been captured by the Greeks, the conquerors, after the first excitement of plunder had abated, began to feel pity for the misfortunes of the vanquished, and caused proclamation to be made that every free-born citizen should be permitted to take away with him any one thing which he valued more highly than all else which had belonged to him. Upon this, Æneas surrendered everything else to have possession of his household gods. This conduct, however, excited in the minds of the Greeks so high an admiration of his piety that they gave him further leave to take away what he now valued most highly of all the things that remained. Immediately he took upon his shoulders and carried out of the burning town his aged father, who was so infirm as to be unable to escape without assistance. This evidence of filial affection raised still more highly the admiration of the victors, and they allowed him to take everything which he had possessed. They declared that it would be unnatural in them to be enemies to men who gave such proof of piety to the gods and of dutiful affection to parents.

ENGLISH.

1. Write the passage dictated to you.
2. Explain fully what each of the four divisions of grammar treats of.
3. Classify irregular verbs, and give an example of each class, writing out the whole of the present and past indicative, and also the complete participle.
4. Give the personal, possessive, and relative pronouns, and explain the use of pronouns of each kind.
5. Analyse the following: "Being given to speculate on passing events, he would doubtless have given some attention to the incident, even if it had remained an unexplained trifle; but it was not left to stand alone in his mind."
6. Parse "but it was not left to stand alone in his mind."
7. Take "Procrastination is the thief of time" for a thesis, and write a short essay on it.

ARITHMETIC.

1. How many spoons weighing 2oz. 6dwt. each can be made out of 3lb. 7oz. 14dwt. of silver?
2. What decimal fraction of a pole is an inch?
3. Divide £6,842 15s. 8½d. by 89.
4. Add $\frac{3}{4}$ of £1 to $\frac{5}{6}$ of 1s., and from the sum take $\frac{9}{10}$ of $\frac{2}{3}$ of half a crown.
5. Find, by Practice, the value of 3 acres 1 rood 14 poles at £125 per acre.
6. Find the value of $\frac{4.900}{.07} \times \frac{.63}{.049}$.
7. Divide 636 into three numbers bearing to each other the ratio of 7, 11, and 35.
8. In what time will £55 16s. 4d. treble itself at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum simple interest?
9. If I gain 15 per cent. by selling 200 articles for £75, how much apiece did I give for them?
10. The side of a square floor is $43\frac{1}{2}$ ft.: how broad should another floor 75ft. long be to cover the same area?
11. Half a debt should be paid in two months, a third two months later on, and the remainder in twelve months. When could the whole be paid without loss to either creditor or debtor?

HISTORY.

1. Name six celebrated men who lived before the Norman Conquest, and say what made them famous.
2. Give an account of the following battles, stating the causes and results, and giving the names of the commanders: Alma, Chilianwallah, Guinegate, Lexington, Pinkie.
3. Relate the chief events connected with the Irish Rebellion of '98. What did it lead to?
4. What do you know of Pride's Purge, the Pilgrimage of Grace, the trial of the seven Bishops, the Pragmatic Sanction?
5. Write a short account of the chief events of the reign of George IV.

GEOGRAPHY.

1. Describe as fully as you can those natural features of New Zealand (hot springs, fjords, &c.) which make it attractive to tourists.
2. Name the principal islands of the Baltic Sea, Red Sea, Arabian Sea, and Arafura Sea.
3. Name the largest river in each continent, and the countries through which it flows.
4. Where are the following, and to whom do they belong: Dresden, Manila, Jesso, Tobolsk, Cavan, Mogadore, Kurrachee, Cuzco, Mobile, Muscat?
5. Draw an outline map of Great Britain and Ireland, and mark on it the capital town, longest river, highest mountain, and largest lake of each country.
6. Write a short geographical description of Ceylon.