

skill appeareth, that no intellectual creature in the world were able by capacity to do that which nature doth without capacity or knowledge; it cannot be but that nature hath some director of infinite knowledge to guide her in all her ways.

7. Write an essay on the qualities of a good historian or biographer, illustrating by reference to any noted work of history or biography with which you are acquainted; or—

It has been said, "Let me have the training of a child for the first twelve years of life, and I care not who takes it in hand afterwards." Discuss this sentiment, giving your own views, and your reasons for assenting to or disputing it.

8. As a test of spelling, write words dictated by the Supervisor.

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Words for Spelling.—Accommodating, polytechnic, porcelain, cashiered, diocese, dynamics, inauspicious, galaxy, hemorrhage, logarithms, cynically, pachydermatous, ophthalmia, syllogism, phaeton, manœuvring, surfeited, anarchical, euphonious, utopian, rhythmical, bivouac.

English Grammar and Composition.—For Class E, and for Junior Civil Service. Time allowed: 3 hours.

1. As a test of spelling, write the words dictated by the Supervisor.
2. Explain and illustrate the following statement: "English was originally an inflected and unmixed language, but is now an uninflected and composite language."

3. Analyse the following passage; and parse the words in italics:—

"He will come *straight*. Look you *lay home* to him:
Tell him his pranks have been too broad to bear with,
And that your *grace* hath screen'd and *stood* between
Much heat and him. I'll sconce *me* even here;
Pray you, be round with him."

4. Give the rules (1) for the use of *shall* and *will*, and (2) for the use of *who*, *which*, and *that*; and write a sentence under each of these words, to show that you can employ them correctly.

5. Correct the following sentences; and point out the nature of the blunder in each case:—

(a.) "Being one of the principal churches in Sydney, it was not unnatural to look for some degree of intelligence in the preaching department."

(b.) "Between each plane-tree are planted box-trees."

(c.) "These errors become so powerful that their authority over the reasoning faculty is absolute, and from which there is no appeal."

(d.) "I always delight in overthrowing those kind of schemes, and cheating a person of their premeditated contempt."

(e.) "I am neither an ascetic in theory or practice."

6. Re-write the following passage in modern English prose, using as simple language as you can:—

"But the mortallest enemy unto knowledge, and that which hath done the greatest execution upon truth, hath been a peremptory adhesion unto authority; and more especially the establishing of our belief upon the dictates of antiquity. For (as every capacity may observe) most men, of ages present, so superstitiously do look upon ages past, that the authorities of the one exceed the reasons of the other. Those persons indeed being far removed from our times, their works, which seldom with us pass uncontrolled, either by contemporaries or immediate successors, are now become out of the distance of envies; and, the farther removed from present times, are conceived to approach the nearer unto truth itself. Now hereby methinks we manifestly delude ourselves, and widely walk out of the track of truth."

7. Write an essay on *one* of the following subjects:—

(a.) Plot of one of Shakespeare's plays.

(b.) Natural beauties of New Zealand.

(c.) Society and solitude.

[Great attention to expression, punctuation, and neatness of form is expected in the essay.]

8. Punctuate the following passage; and put capitals where they are required:—on sunday mornings I went with the rest of my family to church it was a church on the ancient model of england having aisles galleries organ all things ancient and venerable and the proportions majestic here whilst the congregation knelt through the long litany as often as we came to that passage so beautiful amongst many that are so where god is supplicated on behalf of all sick persons and young children and that he would show his pity upon all prisoners and captives I wept in secret and raising my streaming eyes to the upper windows of the galleries saw on days when the sun was shining a spectacle as affecting as ever prophet can have beheld.

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The Supervisor will be so good as to read through and then slowly dictate the following words, afterwards reading the whole of them again to afford opportunity for correction:—

Malleability, abridgment, believing, metonymy, parallelogram, rhetoric, hypochondriac, infanticide, embezzlement, accommodation, spontaneity, pharisaical, roguish, cruciform, isosceles, scythe, scansion, terraqueous, siege, ecstatic.