

5. Give some account of the nature and origin of the soil. What qualities should a good soil possess?

6. What are the objects to be attained by tillage? How far does tillage render manuring unnecessary?

7. What is the principle of the application of manures? What is green-manuring, and how far does it render the application of other manures unnecessary?

8. What are the advantages of draining the soil? Describe any experiments which would illustrate your meaning.

9. Give an account of a fungus parasitic upon any agricultural plant, showing how it grows, how it is reproduced, and in what way it is injurious to the plant it attacks.

*English Grammar and Composition.—For Class D Time allowed 3 hours*

[Of Question 2, either (a) or (b) may be answered, but not both.]

1. What is meant by the mood of a verb? What limitation has the imperative mood with respect to person, and why? What do you know about the origin and use of the gerundial infinitive?

2. (a.) Explain the grammatical construction of the following sentences as regards the words in italics:—*O had I the wings of a dove. O Lord, methought what pain it was to drown. The ship was about to sink. Cowards die many times before their death. I did my very best. A great many men. Twice a week.*

(b.) Explain the various uses of the words “by,” “as,” and “what” in the following expressions:—He put the question by, I did my duty by him, I sell coal by the ton; by-and-by, day by day As far as we know, bring such books as you have, he seemed as if he were half asleep. He asked what I said, what a man he was, what with one thing and another I feel quite bewildered, not but what he thought he was speaking the truth.

3. Punctuate the following passage, and put capital letters where required:—The horse was instantly pulled up policeman cried the first speaker have you seen a woman pass this way what sort of woman sir a woman in a lavender coloured gown no no interposed the second man she must have gone away in the clothes she wore when she came to us in white policeman a woman in white I haven't seen her sir if you or any of your men meet with the woman stop her and send her in careful keeping to that address the policeman looked at the card that was handed down to him why are we to stop her sir what has she done done she has escaped from my asylum don't forget a woman in white drive on.

4. Point out and correct anything you see wrong, grammatically or otherwise, in the following:—

Never was a man so annoyed or suffered half the uneasiness as I have done this evening.

This assertion, though made with the utmost confidence, was received with scorn and incredibility

The twenty-five lions which he killed during seven years gained for him the title of the Terrible Frank.

This is one of the most unique cases we ever heard of.

Confiscation, exile, or simple death, were esteemed uncommon instances of lenity

The only way to cure persons from talking in their sleep is to avoid taking a heavy supper, and to wake them whenever they begin to talk.

5. Rewrite the following so as to avoid the use of unnecessary words or changes of construction, and other faults or feebleness of style. In (c) the remark quoted should be given in the speaker's own words. In (d) note and give effect to the antithetical character of the passage:—

(c.) It is not known on what occasion Walpole made his first speech, and nothing is told us except that he was confused and in a state of embarrassment, and that the expectations of his friends failed to be realised. Another speaker followed him who spoke more fluently than he had done when an acute onlooker said that they might applaud the one and ridicule the other, but that they might depend on it that Walpole would become an excellent speaker in course of time, but that there would be no improvement in the gentleman who made the set speech. Walpole took pains to make the prediction come true, for he was active in business, attended to all that went on, keenly observed men and watched opportunity and he remained faithful to the principles and the party which he had determined to take for those to which he should belong.

(d.) If Cato may be severely censured for abandoning the cause of liberty, which cause he was not willing to survive, in what manner shall we express ourselves about the persons who embrace it with faintness or are irresolute in pursuit of it, and who when they have much to hope grow tired of it, and who when they have nothing to fear give it up?

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

Any poet of this century

Town and country children, any differences in circumstances, disposition, &c., bearing on school work.

The sea.

7 As a test of spelling, write from the dictation of the Supervisor

*Part of a Paper on English Grammar and Composition.—For Class D.*

Spelling:—

The superstitious mercenaries stood aghast before the prodigies exhibited by the wily sooth-sayer Their chieftain adroitly seized the opportunity He galloped to the front, and, wielding the scimitar that had so often pierced to the centre of the enemy's battalions, he with emphatic gestures inveighed against the treachery of his intriguing colleague.

Idiosyncrasy, indefensible, unparalleled, menagerie, analytical, synonym, oligarchy, untrammelled, poignant, cochineal.