

Special Subjects.—I. For Boys.—Group A: (1.) Drawing (compulsory for all). (2.) Any one of the three following subjects—*(a) Grammar, (b) history, (c) geography. Group B: Any two of the following subjects may be taken—†(a) Grammar, (b) French, (c) algebra, (d) mechanics, (e) botany, (f) physiology, (g) chemistry; (h) physics, with alternative questions on magnetism and electricity, and on experimental natural philosophy.

II. For Girls.—Group A: (1.) Needlework (compulsory for all). (2.) Any one of the four following subjects—†(a) Grammar, (b) history, (c) geography, †(d) domestic economy. Group B: Any two of the following subjects may be taken—†(a) Grammar, (b) French, (c) algebra, (d) mechanics, (e) botany, (f) physiology, (g) chemistry; (h) physics, with alternative questions on magnetism and electricity, and on experimental natural philosophy; †(i) domestic economy, (k) drawing.

The marks assigned are—Arithmetic, 50 each part; dictation, 25; handwriting, 25; composition, 50; other subjects, 50 each; preliminary, 200; final, 200: total, 400. In history and geography a choice of questions will be given. The examination on 30th April will comprise the general subjects, together with drawing and needlework; for girls who take both drawing and needlework arrangements will be made so that they may be examined in drawing on 21st May. Only those candidates who satisfy the examiners in the general subjects will be allowed to take the papers in the special subjects.

12. No credit will be given for answers in any subject unless the candidate shows reasonable proficiency in it.

13. An allowance will be made for the age of the candidates by increasing the marks gained by a certain percentage for every month that the candidate's age falls short of thirteen years on 1st May, 1898, but in no case will this percentage be added for more than eighteen months, so that candidates who are under eleven years and six months will be treated as though they were eleven years and six months old.

14. The examination will be framed generally upon the code of the Education Department in force for the current year, and will not extend beyond the syllabus of Standard VI., but will include the work of that and of preceding standards. In the specific subjects the examination will be confined mainly to stages 1 and 2. In the case of boys special stress will be laid upon arithmetic.

15. No candidate will be elected to a scholarship who has not shown in the course of the examination that he or she is capable of profiting by the instruction provided at the school at which the scholarship is tenable. The Technical Education Board does not, however, bind itself to award the scholarships simply on the results of the examination, but reserves the right to take any other considerations into account, and, in particular, may, if it see fit, restrict the number of scholars to be elected from any particular school or district. The Board also reserves the right to take any steps to satisfy itself that the parents or guardians of the proposed scholar are not in such a position as reasonably to be expected to maintain the candidate at school without the help of the scholarship.

16. The payment of £8 during the first year and £12 during the second year will be made in full to the credit of accounts to be opened in the name of the scholar in the Post-Office Savings-Bank. The payments will be made, provided that the scholar continue in regular attendance at school, in eight equal instalments (of £1 or £1 10s.) on or about the first days of February, March, April, May, June, October, November, and December, beginning on the first day of October, 1898.

17. The Board reserves the right at any time to determine any scholarship without notice, upon being satisfied that its continuance is for any reason undesirable, and on all questions connected with the award or tenure of the scholarships the decision of the Board shall be final.

18. The schools at which the scholarships will be tenable will be such higher-grade schools, schools of science, and public secondary schools as may be approved by the Board. The schools should be equipped with appliances for the efficient teaching of drawing and elementary science, and in the case of girls' schools arrangements should be made for the practical teaching of cookery or other branches of domestic economy. The provision of manual instruction will be regarded as an advantage.

19. If the school is under the same management as an elementary school, the Technical Education Board must be satisfied that the teaching is entirely distinct, that the ex-standard pupils receive their instruction in separate class-rooms, and that their instruction is given by separate teachers.

20. The scholars appointed will be expected, as a rule, to enter the schools at which their scholarships are tenable immediately after the Christmas holidays.

21. The scholarships of the Board will not be tenable with any other scholarships, exhibitions, or similar emoluments.

22. The regulations for the intermediate county scholarships which the Board has established may be obtained on application at the Board's office. The Board's junior scholars will be eligible to compete for intermediate scholarships.

23. In order to enable junior scholars to pass on to the intermediate scholarships, the Board is prepared to extend for one year the junior scholarships of a limited number of scholars who acquit themselves creditably in the preliminary and final parts of the intermediate scholarships examination in June, 1900.

24. The Board's scholarships give free education in addition to the money-payment at any one of the schools on the list.

* NOTE.—Candidates who take grammar may take it either in Group A or in Group B, but not in both groups.

† NOTE.—Candidates who take grammar and those who take domestic economy may take either of these subjects either in Group A or Group B, but not in both groups.