

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

[NOTICE.—All candidates are required to attempt the spelling and the punctuation exercise.]

1. (a.) Express in simpler words or in phrases the meaning of initiation, austerity, aggravate, allude, graphic, paradox, stamina, evangelical, æsthetic, plenary. Make sentences to illustrate your interpretations.

(b.) Write grammatical notes on the following sentences, explaining anything idiomatic in the use of the italicised words :—

- (1.) What good *were* it to you
If I like others *were* corrupted?
- (2.) Jean Paul's works require to be studied as well as *read*, and *this* with no ordinary patience.
- (3.) How came so glorious a privilege to be awarded to Delos? *This* the poet takes upon himself to explain.
- (4.) Their design was to turn pirates and plunder the Spaniards, *which* they could not do without more men.
- (5.) A temperate zone, *as* Mr. Darwin has pointed out, seems better adapted to the support of large animals.
- (6.) There's not the smallest orb which thou beholds't
But in his motion like an angel sings.
- (7.) I *cannot but surmise* the State some danger apprehends.
- (8.) I will feed *fat* the ancient grudge I bear him.
- (9.) Catherine, with a *woman's pride*, refused to recognise the tribunal.
- (10.) *Part we* in friendship from thy land.

2. (a.) Point out the faults in the following sentences, and rewrite each sentence correctly :—

- (1.) By sitting in an upright position their backs are prevented from becoming round, which is injurious to the health.
- (2.) Brutus and Portia are the beau ideals of husband and wife.
- (3.) It became the fashion for such great noblemen as the Earl of Leicester to have his own company of players.
- (4.) Mercutio was disgusted at the way Romeo bore the insult, and challenges Tybalt to fight.
- (5.) George insisted, as in theory was his right, to distribute places and pensions himself.
- (6.) The sympathy of the merchants was with the besieged, who they were surreptitiously supplying with provisions.
- (7.) Whenever I speak of men born of nature to be writers, if they had not distinguished themselves in some other way (they are mighty few), I always instance you with your remarkable powers of observation and perception. (Dickens to Landseer.)
- (8.) He made the friendship of John Newton, a man of great eloquence, and who professed the theology of the more Calvinistic section of the Church.
- (9.) Mr. Perceval Stanley, with his two brothers, are the greatest living authorities on ballooning.
- (10.) No nation is in the least likely to have the opportunity or to desire to imitate the example of Great Britain.

(b.) Convert the following passage from indirect to direct narration, and explain why the direct form is here preferable :—

"In the letter which Scythrop received from Marionetta she expressed her hope that he would not be angry with her, but always think of her as a friend. She also said that she knew he loved Miss Toobad much better than he did her, and that she wished him much happiness. Mr. Glowry told Scythrop to calm himself as there were yet maidens in England, and he advised him next time to have only one string to his bow. He added that the fatal hour at which Scythrop had vowed to shoot himself was already past. Scythrop replied that the villain Raven must have deceived him in saying that the clock was fast; but, as the appointed time had gone by, he thought there was a chance of his yet making a figure in the world. However, he said he would ring for the rascal Raven and admonish him. When Raven appeared Scythrop looked at him very fiercely two or three minutes, and Raven, still remembering the pistol, stood quaking in mute apprehension till Scythrop, pointing significantly towards the dining-room, told him to bring some Madeira."

3. Write an essay on any *one* of the following themes :—

- (1.) The spirit of Imperialism.
- (2.) Russia and England in Asia.
- (3.) Technical training in schools.
- (4.) "Men may rise on stepping-stones
Of their dead selves to higher things."

4. Punctuate the following passage, putting capitals where required :—

with that he handed the cup to socrates who took it quite cheerfully from echecrates without trembling and without any change of colour or of feature and looked up at the man with that fixed glance of his and asked what say you to making a libation from this draught may i or not we only prepare as much as we think sufficient socrates he answered i understand said socrates but i suppose that i may and must pray to the gods that my journey hence may be prosperous that is my prayer be it so with these words he put the cup to his lips and drank the poison quite calmly and cheerfully till then most of us had been able to control our grief fairly well but when we saw him drinking and then the poison finished we could do so no longer my tears