

the girl of lorraine if we read her story as it was read by those that saw her nearest adverse armies bore witness to the boy as no pretender but so they did to the gentle girl

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

[Candidates are requested to number the words, to write them in a column, and to use a separate sheet of paper for the spelling exercise. No marks will be given for any word that contains a doubtful letter. The letter "i" must be dotted, and the letter "e" must be looped.]

Spelling (Part of a Paper on English Grammar and Composition).—For Class E, and for Junior Civil Service.

The Supervisor will please be so good as to draw the attention of candidates to the directions with regard to questions 8 and 9.

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:—

Rheumatism, facetious, pronunciation, saccharine, homœopathy, synonymous, receipt-book, metonymy, knickerbockers, reciprocal, mounteback, pamphleteer, factious, niece, sanctimonious, riveting, indigenious, exotic, saunter, paralytic.

English (Paper I., Composition and Précis).—For Senior Civil Service. Time allowed: 3 hours.

1. Point out the faults in the following sentences, and rewrite each sentence correctly:—

- (1.) It will be a long struggle, which has and will bring sorrow and distress to many homes.
 - (2.) Although the present war with the Transvaal Republic should not be compared with the great Napoleonic war in respect to greatness, yet just as great disaster awaits the English nation in case of defeat.
 - (3.) There seems to always be so many surprises in the studying of the different characters we see, these surprises always giving us something to fathom out.
 - (4.) It is scarcely creditable that a man who was always drunk could have written as Steele did.
 - (5.) Marlborough could see a sparrow fall with as much equanimity as he would send his best friend to destruction.
 - (6.) He enlivens whoever he is with.
 - (7.) She was capricious and had a violent temper, both of which Byron inherited from her.
 - (8.) It has been proved that the germs do not attack the body from outside, but to originate within the body itself.
 - (9.) These caves resemble the famous Jenolan Caves, but which, like other local wonders, have not received the attention they deserve.
 - (10.) The English have extreme difficulty to run away (Emerson).
2. State, with examples, the chief rules to be observed in punctuation.
3. Write an essay on any one of the following subjects:—
- (a.) The French Revolution and English poetry; or,
 - (b.) The sources of literary inspiration for the period 1800–1850; or,
 - (c.) Women writers in early nineteenth century literature.
4. Make an abstract of the following correspondence.
5. Draw up a *précis* of the same correspondence.

No. 1.

The General Manager for the Colonies, New Zealand Shipping Company, Christchurch, to the Postmaster-General, Wellington.

SIR,—

Christchurch, 14th December, 1898.

I have the honour to respectfully ask your assistance in obtaining the permission of the Commissioner of Customs of the Wellington Harbour Board to work the Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Company's steamers on Sunday when necessary. Under the present time-table, should a steamer be more than twelve hours late from Vancouver she would be detained at Wellington some thirty hours before starting work, in consequence of the regulation prohibiting working on Sunday. This is a very serious delay for a mail steamer, and, while it may not affect the delivery of mails for New Zealand, it is most disadvantageous for the Colony of New South Wales. Every effort is being made to run the Canadian-Australian Company's steamers up to time-table dates, and it is not anticipated that we shall require to avail ourselves of the permission to work on Sunday if granted, except in the case of detention of steamer at Vancouver for mails, or of some unavoidable delay on the passage to Wellington. We trust you will see your way to lend your powerful assistance in the direction indicated above.

I have, &c.,

ISAAC GIBBS, General Manager.