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1. The Examiners shall be the Headmaster and teacher or teachers of the subject.

2. The examination shall be conducted as follows:—

(a) Reading.—Each candidate shall read, from an authorized Reader, one passage selected by the examiners and another from any book chosen by himself.

(b) Drawing.—Each candidate shall submit for examination his school work in any three of the five books prescribed in Form I. or their equivalent in character and amount.

(c) Book-keeping.—Each candidate shall submit for examination a set of books, worked out by himself, and consisting of Day-book, Journal, Ledger, Bills Receivable, and Bills Payable; the writing, neatness and accuracy of which shall be valued by the examiners.

(d) In determining the final standing in Oral Reading, Drawing, and Book-keeping, the Examiners shall take into account, as may be deemed most suitable, the candidate's school record in each subject.

3. The standing of the the candidates shall be entered in a form provided by the Education Department, and shall be signed by all the Examiners; the standing of the candidates being graded from I. (the highest) to IV., those graded IV. being rejected. The headmaster shall transmit this report to the Presiding Examiner not later than the 4th of July.

4. The school work in Drawing and Book-keeping of High School pupils who have passed this examination shall be retained by the headmaster until the next ensuing visit of the High School Inspector, who shall report specially to the Minister of Education on the character of this work and of the teaching of Reading, Drawing and the Commercial Course in the High School; and in the event of the Inspector's report being unfavorable, the Minister may make other arrangements for holding future examinations in the High School.

II.—Other Candidates.

5. At some convenient time during the days of the Primary Examination

(8th-11th July), the examination of those candidates who were not prepared at a High School shall be conducted at each centre by the Presiding Examiner, who shall examine their work in Drawing and Book keeping, and shall award them their standing in these subjects and in Oral Reading as above. The final standing awarded shall be reported as in the case of High School pupils, and shall be entered on the list received from the headmaster, which shall then be transmitted by post to the Education Department on the last day of the July Primary Examination, or sooner if the examination in Reading, Drawing, and Book-keeping has been sooner completed. The school work of such candidates shall be transmitted by the Presiding Examiner to the Public School Inspector of the district, who shall report to the Minister on the character of the work done in these subjects.



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