

Every candidate who in the first series of examinations does not obtain in the examination to test the thorough acquaintance with the French or Flemish language one-half the maximum number of points assigned to this branch, or in any of the other branches (except drawing) two-fifths of the maximum, will be excluded from the competition and will not be admitted to the examinations of the second series.

No candidate can be included in the final classification list, whatever be his general average, who does not obtain one-half of the maximum number of points assigned to all the mathematical branches if he is competing for the artillery and engineer section, and two-fifths of this number if he presents himself for the infantry and cavalry section.

Before being admitted to take part in the competitions, the candidates are examined by a medical board, to determine whether they are fit for the military service.

#### V. PROGRAMME OF THE ATTAINMENTS REQUIRED.

##### A.—THOROUGH ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE FRENCH OR FLEMISH LANGUAGE.

The programme of this examination is that of the Latin or modern classical courses of the Royal Athénées (high schools) up to and including rhetoric.

Special stress is laid upon the following parts:

*Style.*—Principles, figures, and tropes.

Fundamental principles of the narrative and descriptive style, of the epic, of the dramatic style, and of eloquence.

Literary analysis of an address, of a piece of prose or poetry.

*Composition.*—Narration, description, letter, address.

##### B.—LATIN, FLEMISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, OR ENGLISH.

*Latin.*—The candidates will execute a theme and a translation (the translation without dictionary). They should be able to translate at sight one of the classic authors studied in the second-class year<sup>1</sup> or in rhetoric.

*Flemish, German, and English.*—The examination will include a theme and a translation (without a dictionary). The candidates must, besides, be able to explain at sight a prose selection, and reply, in the language that they offer, to a few questions that will be put to them in that tongue.

*French.*—The candidates who have undergone the searching examination in Flemish will have an exercise in grammatical analysis and an exercise in composition.

##### C.—HISTORY.

The subjects taught in the royal high schools up to and including rhetoric. Stress will be laid on the subjects detailed below.

*General history.*—The questions cover ancient history as far back as the reign of Alexander the Great, mediæval history, and modern history of the principal European and American nations down to the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-78.

*History of Belgium.*—The questions cover the whole subject of the history of the Netherlands from the time of Julius Caesar down to the separation of Belgium from Holland in 1830, and include the events which immediately followed this revolution, down to the revision of the Belgian Constitution (7th September, 1893).

##### D.—GEOGRAPHY.

The subjects taught in the royal high schools up to and including the rhetorical course.

Stress will be laid upon acquaintance with the following subjects:

*Principles of cosmography and of general geography.*—Form and dimensions of the earth; diurnal revolution of the earth; terrestrial circles; zones; astronomical seasons; inequalities in the lengths

<sup>1</sup> Of the Athénées Royales.