

(5.) One indiscriminating eulogist calls Burke the most profound and comprehensive of political philosophers who has yet existed in the world.

9. Write a short essay on *one* of the following subjects :—

- (1.) Christmas in New Zealand.
- (2.) Women's franchise.
- (3.) Pleasures of reading.

[Great attention to expression, punctuation, and neatness of form is expected in the essay.]

10. Punctuate the following passage, and put capitals where they are required: most of the history that we have of Europe before the birth of Christ is the history of the Greeks and Italians they were not the only nations in ancient Europe there were other great races such as the Gauls and our own forefathers the Germans why is it that ancient history tells us so much about the Greeks and the Italians and so little about these because while the Greeks and Italians learnt to live in cities and made reasonable laws and governments and grew rich by trade these other nations remained savage and ignorant if we knew their history during those times it would not interest us but while the northern races were still barbarous the Greeks and Italians had begun to live more like modern nations and had done great deeds whose effects last to this day.

[Candidates are requested to write the punctuation exercise on a separate sheet of paper. No marks will be given for any point unless it is quite distinct.]

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

*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 :—*

Hybrid, posthumous, euphemism, paradigm, lapidary, homicide, niece, anarchical, fuchsia, arctic, commodious, quintessence, acknowledgment, singeing, cue, synecdoche, homologous, receipt, agnosticism, fugue.

[The Examiner will be much obliged if the Supervisor will kindly draw the attention of candidates to the directions given under Questions 1, 9, and 10.]

*English.—For Senior Civil Service. Time allowed : 3 hours.*

PAPER No. 1.—COMPOSITION AND PRÉCIS.

1. Rewrite the following :—

He said to his patient that if he did not feel better in half an hour he had better send for him again; by which remark he designed to induce him to take care of himself: but he who is naturally reckless is hard to persuade to caution, which was seen in the case of which I am speaking—a good instance that that which a man will not do for himself he will not do at another's bidding. [Put the doctor's remark in the first person, and express the whole in two sentences, ending the first at "caution."]

2. Write an essay on one of the following subjects :—

The character of Henry the Fifth.

The humour and the pathos of Charles Lamb.

The Archbishop's speech in "Henry V.," comparing the conduct of the State to the government of honey-bees.

3. Make an abstract of the accompanying correspondence. The abstract should give the date of each letter, the name of its writer and of the person addressed, and, in as few words as possible, its subject.

4. Write a *précis* (*i.e.*, a brief and clear statement in narrative form) of the same correspondence.

No. 1.

SIR,—

Wellington, New Zealand, 16th June, 1892.

In reply to paragraph three of your letter of 18th March, dealing with the question of attracting small farmers with capital to the colony, I have the honour to inform you that the Government concurs in the views expressed in your letter with respect to the introduction of immigrants of the farmer class who possess more or less capital, and they would be willing to assist desirable persons desiring to settle in New Zealand by affording to them every information in their power, and by approaching the different shipping companies with a view of inducing them to grant passages to this class of settlers at reduced rates.

It is deemed advisable that the benefits which would accrue to settlers of the farmer class, together with the advantages which this colony offers to such colonies, should be advertised somewhat in the manner you have suggested, and particular attention should be given to the distribution of these advertisements in the provinces from whence we may expect to draw settlers who would come under the heading of farmers. It is believed that the colony could absorb a considerable number of farmers who possess capital varying from, say, £300 to £5,000, the more so as there is a tendency at the present time to subdivide the estates held by large proprietors in this country, which thus offers to that class of immigrants who, from age, habit, or want of colonial experience, are unfitted for coping with the pioneer work of subduing the wilderness, chances of securing partly improved farms, where their experience may be of benefit to them.