

81. Officers will be allowed, if they so desire, to set aside for the time being the questions on the Post and Telegraph Act, and to take a separate paper on the Act consisting of twenty questions (five of them on offences and penalties). When, however, a candidate passes the Postal General Examinations in both halves of a paper, with the exception that he fails only to satisfactorily answer the Act questions in one half, he is not required to answer a separate paper on the Act of more than ten questions, including three on penalties. In every other case of failure the separate Act paper must contain twenty questions, five on penalties. The minimum percentage for a pass in the separate paper will be 80. An officer who does not answer the questions on the Act in the general paper will be required to qualify for full pass marks with the remainder of the paper. When an officer desires to take the separate paper on the Act he will delete the questions on the Act in the general paper with the remark "Separate," and deduct the time allowed for answering those questions from the time allowed for answering the whole paper.

82. The Cadets' Postal Examination and the First and Second Postal General Examinations will be held quarterly, in the first weeks of January, April, July, and October, or as soon thereafter as practicable. They will not be held while Civil Service Examinations are taking place. The Second Examination for telegraph officers, the Second Examination for telephone-exchange clerks, the telegraph cadets' Technical Examination, and the Senior Technical Examination are held periodically, on dates of which due notice is given. For all other examinations officers may sit at any time.

83. The final date on which entries for examinations will be received are notified in the Official Circular. No application for any departmental examination received late will be considered on any ground whatever. Applications must be in the Secretary's hands by the date appointed.

84. The papers in the departmental written examinations (including questions on the Post and Telegraph Act) will be set and marked in the General Post Office. Local chief officers will act as supervisors, will receive papers, will safeguard them both before and after the examination so that the contents shall not be known to any other officer, and after their completion will forward them, under cover, to the Secretary. Marks will be given—for technical papers by the Chief Telegraph Engineer, for Postal papers by the Inspector of Post-offices, for money-order and savings-bank by the Controller of Money-orders and Savings-banks, and for Telegraph non-technical papers by the Inspector of Telegraph-offices. In technical examinations candidates may retain the question-papers.

85. The books or sheets for answers are to be handed to the candidates a few minutes—not more than ten—before the time fixed for the examination. This is to enable the candidates to enter their numbers in the books or on the sheets and to accustom themselves to the surroundings before beginning work. A candidate must write a number instead of his name on the answer-papers. Each examination-paper issued will bear a number, and this number is to be quoted by the candidate. The candidate's name is not to appear on the question-paper or on the answer-papers.

86. In reporting to the Secretary the result of a departmental examination, the date of the examination is to be given in the covering memorandum. The envelope is to be marked "Confidential—Examination-paper." In returning a Postal examination-paper to the General Post Office a memorandum must