the foregoing conditions, the following shall be the subjects of instruction for Class S7 in all public schools other than district high schools: (1) English; (2) arithmetic; (3) civics; (4) moral instruction; (5) physical training; together with (6) one or more of the other subjects prescribed in clause 6 of the Regulations for Free Places in Secondary Schools and District High Schools: Provided that no language other than English shall be taken in any school unless such school is a normal school or is situated more than five miles from any secondary school coming under section 10 of the Education Amendment Act, 1908, or from any district high school.

(1.) English.—More advanced work than in S6, including the study of one or more of the works of some standard author or authors—not less than eight hundred lines of poetry or two hundred pages of prose in the year, or an equivalent in poetry and prose. Essays and other composition exercises, including the reproduction, in precis form, of literary and other matter; very elementary commercial correspondence. Further exercises in the principles of composition, including the analysis and synthesis of

sentences.

(2.) Arithmetic.—(a.) Other (indirect) cases of interest and profit and loss, and generally harder cases of sums required in S5 and S6. Compound interest; simple cases of exchange; bankers' discount. Practice in shorter methods generally. Mensuration of the prism, the cylinder, sphere, pyramid, cone; simple cases to be demonstrated experimentally, and, as far as possible, by the pupils individually.

(b.) Making out a simple balance-sheet, an easy cash account, a statement of receipts and expenditure, and a personal account, as in retail trade. The meaning of a simple balance-sheet and of ordinary commercial terms, such as "assets," "liabilities," "solvent," "insolvent," "creditor," "debtor," "profit," and "loss," "cheques," "bills and promissory notes," "debit" or "credit" balance. Working of sums arising therefrom.

(3.) Civics.—The rights and duties of the citizen and their historical

foundation.

(4.) and (5.) Moral and Physical Instruction.—As indicated in the "Further Directions" following.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

25. In the secondary department (or class S7) of district high schools the course of instruction shall be an approved rural course as defined by the Regulations for Manual and Technical Instruction, or shall be a course in accordance with the provisions of clause 6 of the Regulations for Free Places in Secondary Schools and District High Schools.

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