

(2) Every candidate for an examination must give notice of his intention to sit such examination, in such manner as the Examining Board may determine, not later than 31st day of July immediately preceding the examination: Provided that any application in respect of examinations conducted by the Education Department must be forwarded to the Director of Education, Wellington C. 1.

6. Examination Fees

Every candidate for examination shall pay half a guinea for each subject in respect of examinations conducted by the Institute.

7. Subjects of Examination

The following shall be the subjects of the examination:—

A. Junior Examination

(1) General science or chemistry (as for the School Certificate examination of the Education Department).

* (2) Book-keeping.

(3) Horticultural botany.

(4) Principles of plant protection.

† (5) Oral and Practical Examination I.

B. Intermediate Examination

(6) Principles of botanical classification.

(7) Principles of Horticulture I.

(8) Practice of Horticulture I.

(9) Special Subject I, selected from the list appended to this clause.

† (10) Oral and Practical Examination II.

C. Diploma Examination

(11) Principles of Horticulture II.

(12) Practice of Horticulture II.

(13) Special Subject II. Normally the same subject as that chosen for the Intermediate Examination.

† (14) Oral and Practical Examination III.

(15) Thesis.

Special Subjects

Candidates will be expected to display a reasonable knowledge of a subject chosen from the following list:—

(1) Fruit-growing.

(2) The flower garden in all its aspects.

(3) Trees and shrubs, together with their propagation and use in horticulture.

(4) Landscape gardening.

(5) Vegetable-growing.

(6) Nursery management.

(7) Glass-house management and crops.

(8) Horticultural seed-production and plant-breeding.

(9) Lawns and playing fields.

(10) Horticultural mycology.

(11) Horticultural entomology.

(12) Systematic botany of families and genera of the principal horticultural plants.

8. Pass Conditions

(1) A pass in the Junior Examination shall not be awarded until the candidate has passed in all the subjects of that examination, and has satisfied the Examining Board that he has had two years' practical experience: Provided that such period may be reduced to one year in the case of a candidate who has passed the School Certificate Examination, or its equivalent, and who was registered not earlier than the 1st day of January nearest his seventeenth birthday.

(2) Subjects (1), (2), and (3) may be taken in the month of November following registration; unless registration was effected later than the 31st day of March in that year. Subjects (4) and (5) may not be taken until the period of service referred to in the last preceding subclause has been completed.

(3) A pass in the Intermediate Examination shall not be awarded until the candidate has passed all the subjects of that examination, and has satisfied the Examining Board that he has had two years' practical experience after passing the Junior Examination, or has had not less than four years in all of such practical experience.

(4) Subject (2) may be taken at any time before the Intermediate Examination is completed. Subjects (6) and (7) may be taken at the November examinations following the passing of the Junior Examination. Subjects (8), (9), and (10) may not be taken until the practical experience required for the award of an intermediate certificate has been obtained.

(5) A pass in the Diploma Examination shall not be awarded until the candidate has passed all the subjects of that examination, and has satisfied the Examining Board that he has had two years' practical experience after passing the Intermediate Examination, or has had not less than six years in all of such practical experience.

(6) Subjects (11) and (13) may be taken at the November examination following the passing of the Intermediate Examination. Subjects (12) and (14) may not be taken until the practical experience required for the award of the diploma has been obtained.

(7) Where the required period of practical experience will end not later than the 31st day of March in any year it may be assumed, but only for the purpose of entering for an examination, to have ended on the 31st day of October of the preceding year, provided that the candidate undertakes to continue in his employment till the required period of practical experience is completed.

* This subject may be deferred and taken as part of the Intermediate Examination.

† The oral and practical test will be combined and the oral questions asked mainly about the demonstration, practical operation, or identification performed by the candidate.

(8) The thesis, Subject (15), shall be submitted to the Examining Board not later than the 30th day of September in the year of the examination, and not before the candidate is eligible to be examined in Subjects (12) and (14).

(9) One or more subjects may be taken at a time, and a candidate may be credited with a pass in one or more subjects.

(10) Notwithstanding the condition laid down in subclauses (4) and (6) of this clause, if a candidate requires only one subject to complete a pass in one of the examinations, he may, if the Examining Board agrees, proceed with those subjects of the next higher examination which he would have been permitted to take had he secured a complete pass in the lower examination, but he shall not be credited with a pass in more than two subjects of the higher examination until he has completed all the requirements for a pass in the lower examination.

(11) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore provided, in the event of any student producing to the Examining Board evidence, in such form as it shall deem sufficient, of his intention to leave the Dominion for the purpose of pursuing his horticultural studies abroad, the Board may approve of such student presenting himself for the examination for the junior or intermediate certificate, or for the diploma, after one of the two years of practical experience prescribed at that stage for the certificate or diploma for which he desires to sit. If, in any such case, the candidate passes the examination, he shall be provisionally recognized as having done so, but the appropriate certificate or diploma shall not be issued until he produces satisfactory evidence of the completion by him of the required period of practical experience.

9. Thesis

Every candidate for the diploma shall submit a thesis dealing concisely with a special subject, or with some portion of a special subject, to be chosen by the candidate from the list set forth in clause 7 hereof, and approved by the Examining Board. His choice of subject must be submitted for the approval of the Examining Board not less than eight months before the date of examination. In the thesis the candidate shall describe some work actually carried out by him, and shall make reference to any features that he regards as original. He shall also append a bibliography of the subject. The thesis, together with a statutory declaration (in a form obtainable from the Institute) to the effect that it is substantially the candidate's own work, shall be submitted to the Examining Board not later than the 30th day of September in the year of examination. The Examining Board shall examine the thesis, and decide whether it is satisfactory. If it is considered satisfactory, but the candidate has failed to pass the Diploma Examination, the Board shall decide whether the thesis shall be approved provisionally or rejected. If it is provisionally approved, such approval shall be confirmed as soon as the candidate has passed the Diploma Examination. The thesis shall be regarded as the property of the candidate, and shall be returned to him.

10. Examination of University Graduates

Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore provided, any person holding a degree or diploma equivalent to the B.Sc. degree of the University of New Zealand shall be eligible to sit for the Diploma Examination, provided that—

(1) Botany is a subject passed by him in the degree course;

(2) (a) He has completed two years' practical general horticultural training in New Zealand to the satisfaction of the Examining Board; or

(b) He has working experience in gardening of not less than four hundred hours in a garden as defined in clause 1 hereof, together with either not less than two years' experience as a teacher of horticulture or some closely allied subject, including adequate practical work; or not less than two years' experience in a branch of specialized horticulture such as fruit-growing or in forestry or in seed work.

11. Qualification for Extra Certificates

A candidate who has passed the Diploma Examination may qualify for a certificate in respect of any of the special subjects mentioned in clause 7 hereof other than that chosen as the special subject in the Diploma Examination: Provided that there shall be a period of at least one year between the passing of the Diploma Examination and the examination for such certificate, and provided also that only one special subject may be taken in any one year.

12. Notification of Results

Candidates will be notified of the results of the examinations at the earliest possible opportunity, and not later than the 28th day of February following the examination.

13. Programme of Subjects

The prescriptions in the subjects of the examinations shall be as follows:—

Junior Examination

(1) General Science or Chemistry

For these prescriptions see the regulations for the time being in force relating to the School Certificate examination issued by the Education Department, Wellington C. 1.

(2) Book-keeping

The recording of straight-forward cash and credit transactions in cash book, journal, and ledger; the preparation of a gross revenue and expenditure account, profit and loss account, and balance-sheet; the keeping of time sheets and wages book; tax deductions from wages; elementary knowledge of banking, insurance, and general commercial practice.

The standard of the examination will be approximately that of the Public Service Entrance Examination for 1945 as defined by the Education Department.