

COMMON EXAMINATION FOR
ENTRANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SUBJECT—ENGLISH.

[45 minutes.]

[N.B.—You are expected to try ALL the questions.]

I. You arrive at the scene of a street accident and ask an eye-witness what has happened. This is what the eye-witness said :—

“ Well, this 'ere boy was standing in the middle of the road, which 'e 'adn't ought to do seeing as 'ow dangerous the streets are these days what with cars and lorries, when I'm blowed if a great rolls didn't come round that corner at no end of a pace and caught the lad good and proper. 'E wasn't all that 'urt, but the perlice carted 'im off to the 'orspital, and they took the driver's name and all that. And that's all I can tell you, and that's a fact. If you were to ask me I should say that they was both to blame.”

Write an account in your own words of the accident. This should be between ten and fifteen lines.

II. Write a short descriptive piece of prose on *one* of the following subjects—about twelve lines in length :—

- (a) The main street of a town on Sunday morning.
- (b) The local flower-show.
- (c) A country railway station.

III. (a) Re-write the following passage in its proper form as a stanza of verse; and put in the necessary stops and capital letters :—

Seven score of cavaliers fighting for the king
trolling lusty stirrup-songs clamouring for wine
riding with a loose rein marching with a swing
beneath the blue bannerol of rupert of the rhine.

(b) What other words with the same meaning might be used for the following :—

- (a) seven score.
- (b) trolling.
- (c) lusty.
- (d) stirrup-songs.
- (e) clamouring.
- (f) bannerol.

IV. Write six sentences to illustrate the difference of meaning between the following pairs of words :—

principle	imperial	credible
principal	imperious	credulous