

County Council of Durham.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

ADMISSION OF PUPILS TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 1924.

Qualifying Examination.

ENGLISH. [TOTAL MARKS 80.]

TUESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1924. 11.35 A.M. TO 12.20 P.M.

All the questions may be attempted.

1. What words have opposite meanings to :—pretty, busy, quiet, giant, strong, fast, sharp, cheap ? (16 marks.)

2. Rewrite the following and complete by adding suitable words. Name the part of speech of each word you add :—

(a) The _____ soldier was wounded.

(b) Tom writes _____.

(c) He _____ into the water.

(d) _____ am fond of apples. (24 marks.)

3. Rewrite the following and complete by filling up the blanks with one or other of the words given for each sentence :—

(a) *as, has.* _____ John _____ many marbles _____ Fred ?

(b) *his, is.* _____ it true that _____ mother _____ ill ?

(c) *where, were.* There _____ many rabbits in the field _____ we camped.

(d) *their, there.* _____ are many flowers in _____ garden. (16 marks.)

4. Read the passage given below very carefully and then answer the following questions :—

(a) What was the name of the stream ?

(b) What other words are used for "brook" in this passage ?

(c) Give the meaning of the expressions printed in italics :—

"At noon, our *juvenile party* assembled in a dell, through which ran a little brook. The dell was narrow, and its steep sides, from the *margin of the stream* upwards, were thickly set with trees. In the summer time, the shade of so many clustering branches, meeting and intermingling across the rivulet, was deep enough to produce a *noontide twilight*. Hence came the name of Shadow Brook. But now, ever since Autumn had crept into this *secluded place*, all the *dark verdure* was changed to gold, so that it really *kindled up* the dell, instead of shading it." (24 marks.)