For the purposes of this Schedule —

(1) the literary subjects shall be Modern History, Ancient History and languages other than English ;

(2) the scientific subjects shall be Additional Mathematics, the Advanced Mathematical Subjects, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Geography, Art Group II (Object, Memory and Mechanical Drawing), and Domestic Economy ;

(3) neither Mathematics nor subsidiary language subjects may be included in either group.

Grammar Schools (Admissions and Scholarships)

REGULATIONS DATED 12TH JANUARY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

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The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 48, 76 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, (hereinafter referred to as " the Act ") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Grammar School, (Admissions and Scholarships) Regulations, (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st April, 1948.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" Approved " means approved by the Ministry for the purposes to which the context relates ;

" Eligible " means eligible for financial assistance in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations ;

" Lower Division " means that portion of a secondary department in which is provided a course leading to the Junior Certificate Examination of the Ministry ;

" Qualified Pupil " has the meaning assigned to it under Regulation 4 of these Regulations ;

" School " means a grammar school recognised by the Ministry for the purposes of the Grammar Schools (Grant Conditions) Regulations, 1948 ;

" School Authorities " means, in the case of a county school, the local education authority and, in the case of a voluntary school, the managers of that school ;

" School Year " means the year beginning on 1st August and ending on 31st July ;

" Secondary Department " means that part of a school in which secondary education is provided ;

" Upper Division " means that portion of a secondary department in which is provided a course for pupils who have completed the lower division course.

(2) Other expressions to which meanings have been assigned by the Act shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, have the same respective meanings.

3. These Regulations prescribe the conditions under which qualified pupils shall be admitted to the lower division of the secondary departments of schools and the conditions under which scholarships tenable at schools shall be awarded by local education authorities.

4. A " qualified pupil " is

(i) a pupil who has reached the qualifying standard in such test or tests for the admission of pupils to the lower division of the secondary department of a school as the Ministry may conduct or approve ; or

(ii) a pupil who

(*a*) is enrolled in the upper division of the secondary department of a school ;

(*b*) has passed the Ministry's Junior Certificate Examination, provided that he has passed in English and in four of the other compulsory subjects ; or has passed the Ministry's Senior Certificate Examination ;

(*c*) was under 16 years of age on 1st June of the year in which he passed the Junior Certificate Examination or 18 years of age on 1st June of the year in which he passed the Senior Certificate Examination, as the case may be ; and

(*d*) after passing either the Junior or Senior Certificate Examination has made satisfactory progress in the school :

Provided, however, that, in special or exceptional circumstances, a pupil who has not satisfied the conditions laid down under paragraphs (i) or (ii) of this Regulation may, nevertheless, at the discretion of the Ministry, be deemed to be a qualified pupil.

5. The school authorities of every school shall reserve for qualified pupils not fewer than 80% of the places available each school year for the admission of day pupils to the lower division of the secondary department of the school.

6. No qualified pupil shall be refused admission to a school on other than reasonable grounds :

Provided, however, that, where the number of qualified pupils seeking admission to the lower division of the secondary department of a school is greater than the number of places reserved for such pupils in accordance with the provisions of the last foregoing Regulation, the school authorities may select such of the qualified pupils as appear to them best fitted to profit by the education provided at the school.

7. The local education authority shall award a scholarship to each eligible qualified pupil ordinarily resident in their education area who, after 1st August, 1948, is in attendance at a school as a day pupil ; and the value of the scholarship shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations.

8. If the local education authority are satisfied that owing to difficulties arising from the distance between his home and the nearest suitable school, or for any other reason which appears to the authority to be adequate, it would be unreasonable that a qualified pupil should attend a school as a day pupil, the authority may award a boarding scholarship to or in respect of the pupil so as to enable him to attend a suitable school as a boarder, and the value of such a boarding scholarship shall be such as the authority, with the approval of the Ministry, may determine, having regard to all the circumstances of the case.

9. As a condition of awarding a scholarship under these Regulations the local education authority may require the parent of a pupil to undertake that he shall remain in attendance at a school for such period as the authority may consider reasonable :

Provided, however, that the authority may release the parent from the undertaking if the authority, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, consider that the parent should be so released.

10. An application for a scholarship (including a renewal of a scholarship) shall be submitted to the local education authority and shall be in such form, contain such information, be accompanied by such documents and be submitted by such date as the authority may require ; provided, however, that the authority may waive any such requirement in any particular case. The authority may take such steps as they consider necessary to satisfy themselves of the accuracy of the information so furnished.

11. Each scholarship awarded under these Regulations shall be in respect of expenditure incurred or to be incurred during a school year and shall, subject to the provisions of Regulations 12 and 13 of these Regulations, be renewed as often as is necessary to enable the holder of the scholarship to complete the course of study provided at the school.

12 If the local education authority, after consultation with the principal of the school concerned, are satisfied that the conduct or progress of the holder of a scholarship cannot be regarded as satisfactory they shall cancel the scholarship :