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COURSE IN COMMERCE.

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TECHNICAL SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS. 1934.

SHORTHAND.

(Third Year.)

Wednesday, May 2nd—7 to 8 p.m.

Examiner—MISS M. A. MURPHY, F.C.T.S.

Co-Examiner—J. F. BURKE, ESQ., D.S.C.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS to be read to Candidates before the Examination.

Enter your Examination Number on the Answer Book, on each sheet of typewriting paper supplied to you, and on your envelope. In addition, enter on your envelope the subject of examination and the system of Shorthand used.

You must not have with you any book, notes, or scribbling-paper.

You must not, under any circumstances whatever, speak to or communicate with another candidate; and no explanation of the subject of the examination may be asked for or given.

You must remain seated until your work has been taken up, and then leave the examination-room quietly. You will not be permitted to leave before the expiration of twenty minutes from the commencement of the examination, and will not be re-admitted after having once left the room.

If you break any of these rules, or use any unfair means, you are liable to be dismissed from the examination, and your examination may be cancelled by the Department.

One hour is allowed for this paper. The dictation of the passage, which contains 500 words, will occupy FIVE minutes, and the remaining FIFTY-FIVE minutes is to be devoted to typing from the Shorthand notes. Extra marks will be awarded for judicious phrasing. Work, unless previously given up, will be collected at 8 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS TO READER.

(See also Special Instructions issued separately.)

(1) The whole passage contains 500 words. The reading of it must be completed in *five* minutes.

(2) The sloping lines, /, mark the division of time (fifteen seconds each); but the reader must not make a pause when they occur, unless the sense requires it. The double line, //, completes each minute.

At home, the sales of gramophones and records showed a decrease on the previous year. In regard to the gramophone business, which for long years / had been, both at home and abroad, their principal source of profit, it had often been suggested to him that radio broadcasting must help the / record business, but the gramophone record was essentially a means of home entertainment, and it followed that if the broadcasting companies poured into the homes / a continual supply of music for a small annual fee or, as in some countries,
1 no fee at all, radio became a competitor to the // gramophone. The record had many advantages over radio: it was far better produced, and generally employed better artists

and enabled its user to choose what / he liked and to play it when he liked.

This time last year, their trade in the radio industry had been moving upwards, but shortly / after the meeting price-cutting had become general, due undoubtedly to large unsold stocks. Their healthy increase in sales had not been maintained, nor had / the home factories been able to counteract the setback by any increase in the export trade.

2 In May and June, however, a distinct change had // come about, and sales had begun substantially to increase, but the upward movement had arrived too late in the trading year to be of advantage / to the present figures. Not only was this advance in business shown in this country, but it was also noticeable in exports to, and trade / in, some of the foreign countries, and that increased business had since been maintained.

In the few short years in which they had been in / the radio business their goods had attained the premier position in the country. Their turnover was undoubtedly the largest
3 in the industry here, and their // goods were of that same high quality which had established and maintained the reputation of the companies in the gramophone trade. Their radio business was / not yet capable of attaining the profit ratio which their gramophone business had achieved after

thirty years of manufacturing and developing experience, but it was / already making rapid progress.

All classes of shareholders might feel confident that just as soon as the earnings of the Company warranted it, the Directors / proposed to resume payment of the Preference dividends, and the possibility of dealing with that situation 4 in January next was dependent only on the continuance // of the present indications of a revival of prosperity.

They had been, and still were, faced with a series of situations at home and abroad which had / a bearing upon their trading profits. Consequently any survey of the future must be based upon certain assumptions. The fact was that they were now / operating at a profit, and if they might assume that during the coming months conditions would remain substantially as they had been since last May, / then they felt that they would have turned the corner.

At the last meeting he had mentioned television as being 5 still in the experimental stage. //