

Thematic Philately

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Exhibit for Competition

- **Understanding Rules & Regulations - FIP**
 - General Rules for Evaluation (GREV)
 - Special Regulations for Evaluation of Thematic Exhibits (SREV)
 - GREV, SREV and Guidelines for Evaluation of Thematic Exhibits
- **Exhibit Composition**
 - Appropriate Material (Art. 3.1)
 - Inappropriate Material
 - Borderline and Not suitable
- **Marksheet Composition**
 - Philatelic
 - Thematic
 - Presentation

Understanding GREV

- **Article 3 Principles of Exhibit Composition**

3.1 "relevant philatelic material, supporting documentation and text"

3.2 Relevant philatelic material defined - SREV for that class.

3.3 The exhibit shall show a clear concept of the subject treated, developed according to the characteristics of the respective competitive class, as defined by the SREV for that class.

Understanding GREV



Article 5 Judging of Exhibits



- 5.1 Judging of an exhibit will be carried out in general in accordance with Section V of the GREX.
- 5.2 Judging is based on the criteria explained in Art. 4 above.
- 5.3 The criteria for evaluating Literature, Thematic and Youth exhibits are shown in the SREVs of the concerned classes



Special Regulations - SREV

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- postal cancellations (ordinary, slogan, commemorative and other special postmarks) related to the theme
- stamps, cancellations, marks and/or cards indicating a postage privilege (e.g. authorities, military)
- registration labels, postal route labels and markings, supplementary labels or markings (e.g. censorship, disinfection, crash mail),
- reply coupons, forwarding agents markings, postal automation markings and labels, etc.; where applicable, these items should be on the relevant document.

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Postal Services: Normal transmission of mail, **Specific types**, e.g. (postage free) service- and military-post (including Airgraphs and V-mail); maritime, railway, and air mail of any type; prisoner-of-war and concentration camp mail; packet, parcel post and freight post postal payment service private post, authorised or tolerated by the official authorities, or active in total absence of an official post.

Other postal communications - like pneumatic post, telegrams, electronic mail (i.e. message sent electronically to a Post Office where it is printed out and delivered to an addressee), etc.

Philatelic elements

Stamps

Cancellation / Postmark

Postal Stationery

Perfin, Tabs, Opts., Meter

From a wide Geographical area and Period

Telegramme

The Indian Radio and Cable Communications Co. Ltd.



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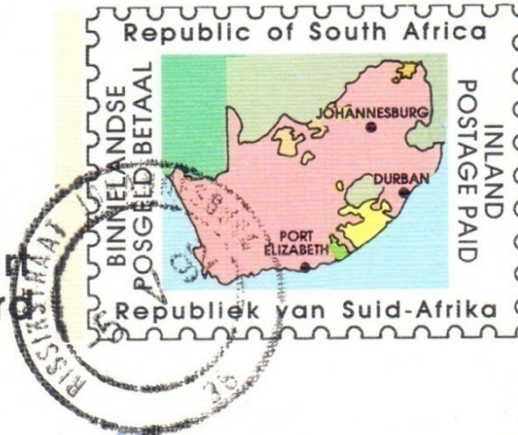
3 A P P R O P R I A A C V A R I A *Postcard*



DURBAN
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Poskaart
Postcard



Aan / To

Mrs - RENSINK.
Cambridge RD 57.
Kensington Town.
2194.
Johannesburg

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BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

No



INDIAN
POSTS TELEGRAPHS



Birthday
GREETINGS

Greetings
Telegramme



Handed in at (Office of Origin.)

Date.

Hour.

Minute.

Service Instructions.

Words.

Office Stamp

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY No

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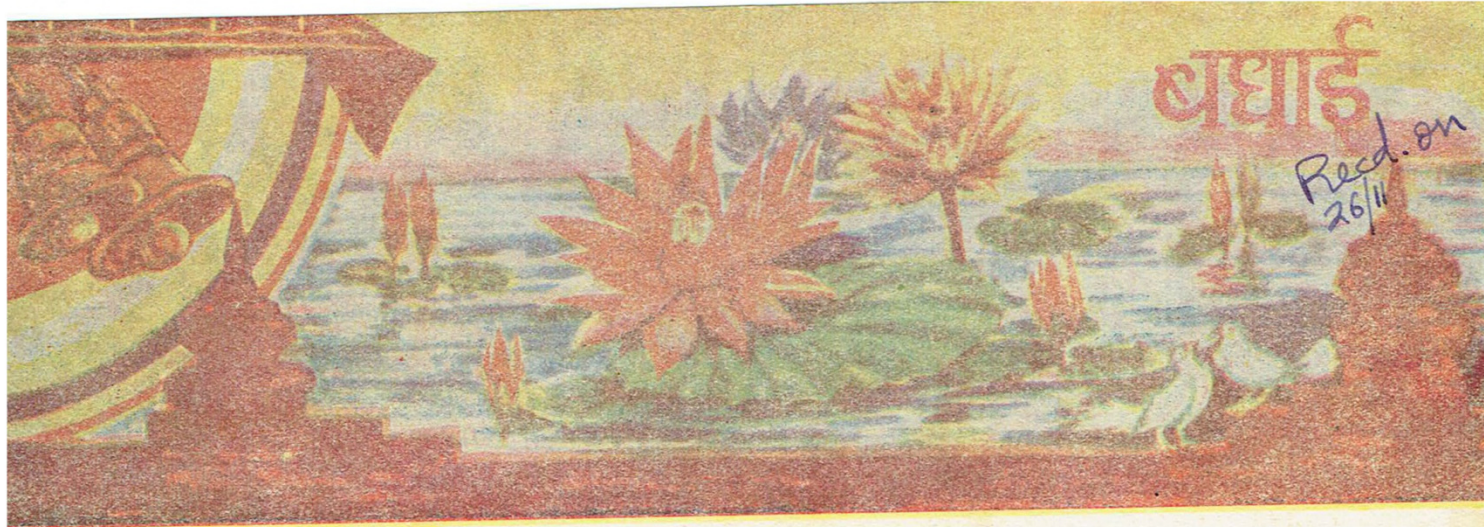
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BIRTHDAY
GREETINGS



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Greetings
Telegramme



भारतीय डाक-घर

संख्या

| उद्गम तार-घर AJMER | तारीख 21 ¹¹ / ₈₈ | घन्टा | मिनट | विभाग-निर्देश | शब्द | कार्यालय मोहर |
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| SHRI & SMT. RANCHORDASJI BINANI 43, STRAND ROAD CALCUTTA 700 007 | | | | द्वयंशक पर मिनट पर पहुंचा | | |

HEARTIEST GREETINGS, CONGRATULATIONS & MANGALKAMNAS ON YOUR BECOMING
GREAT GRAND PARENTS
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नोट:—यदि प्रेषक का नाम तार द्वारा भेजा जाए तो उसे तार के मूल पाठ से अलग वाक में लिखना चाहिए। इस तार के विषय में यदि कोई पूछताछ करनी हो तो इस फार्म को साथ में भेजना चाहिए।

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Replied
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POSTS  TELEGRAPHS.

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BRITAIN'S
— LEADING —
LIGHT CAR
SINGER

DRINK LIPTON'S TEA.

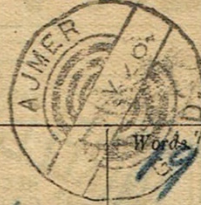
NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.
The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

Charges to pay.

Rs. As.

Office Stamp.



Handed in at (Office of Origin.)

Bombay

M.

Date.

3

Hour.

13

Minute.

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Service Instructions.

Words

To

Bridhmalji Loda
Ajmer.

Recd. here at

15/ H. 30 M

Accept our hearty congratulations
on your getting the title
of Raibahadur
Khimji Visram Magnolia

Bears' ELEPHANT CIGARETTES

Karim Bus Bros.—Printers—Cal.—12—13-1-25—20,000 Eks. (S.-4.)

Advertising Agents
Indian States and Eastern Agency,

{ P. O. Box 371, BOMBAY.
{ 5, Temple Chambers, CALCUTTA.

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AMPLION
 THE WORLD'S PREMIER LOUD SPEAKER.
 APPLY TO P.O. BOX 371 BOMBAY, 5 TEMPLE CHAMBERS CALCUTTA.

WIRELESS APPARATUS FOR AMATEURS
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THE "RELAY" AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE CO., LTD.
 "RELAY" HOUSE, LONDON.
 THE "RELAY" SYSTEM
 IS IN USE BY
 THE BRITISH POST OFFICE
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 THE GOVERNMENTS OF INDIA,
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**SPEEDY-SECRET-SIMPLE
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 ENQUIRIES TO THE AGENTS
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"INSURE IT
 WITH
GILLANDERS."


The CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
 HEAD OFFICE—Bombay.

BOMBAY CALCUTTA DELHI
 SIMLA
GRINDLAY'S
 BANKERS & AGENTS
 -PASSAGES HOME-
 GRINDLAY & CO. LD. HEAD OFFICE LONDON

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 Gives
Strength & Energy

QUAKER TERMS TELEGRAMS
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 MOST MODERN & COMFORTABLE-
 HOTEL IN INDIA Especially
 Convenient for TRAVELLERS.



"TUNDICE"
 Regd. trade mark
 It reduces your ice bill,
 convenient for travelling
 picnic, and a perfect
 cold storage for home use
 Small size Rs-35. Large
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 Ballard Estate, Bombay.

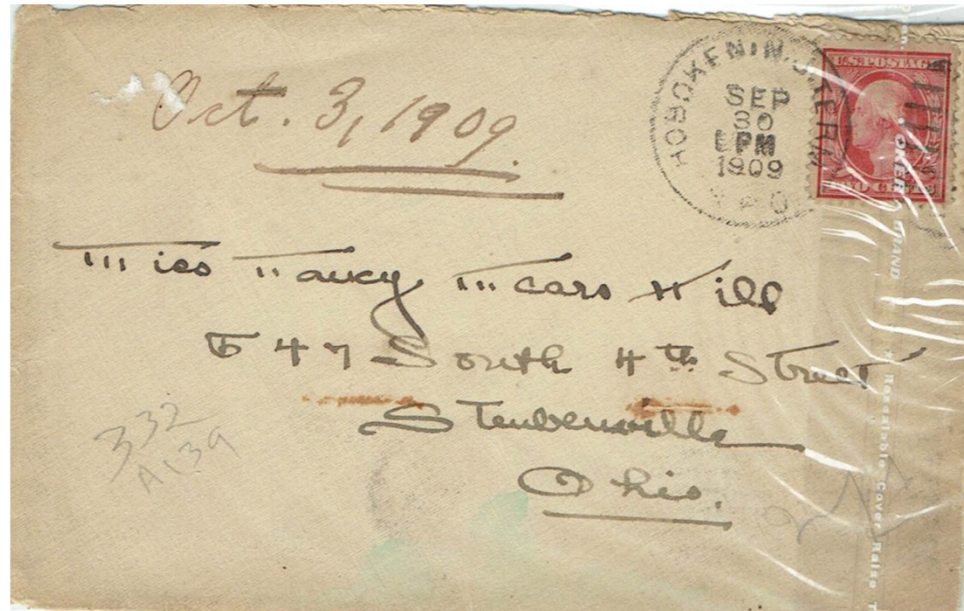
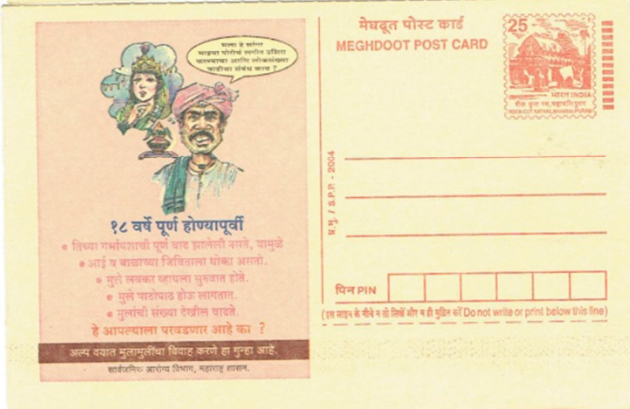
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THE ORIGINAL BRAND
 LEATHER CLOTH
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 THE BEST
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Postal Stationery - Envelope



Post Cards - Advertisements

Cancellation



--Official Seal providing Postage Free Rights
Letter from Como (16.6.1884)

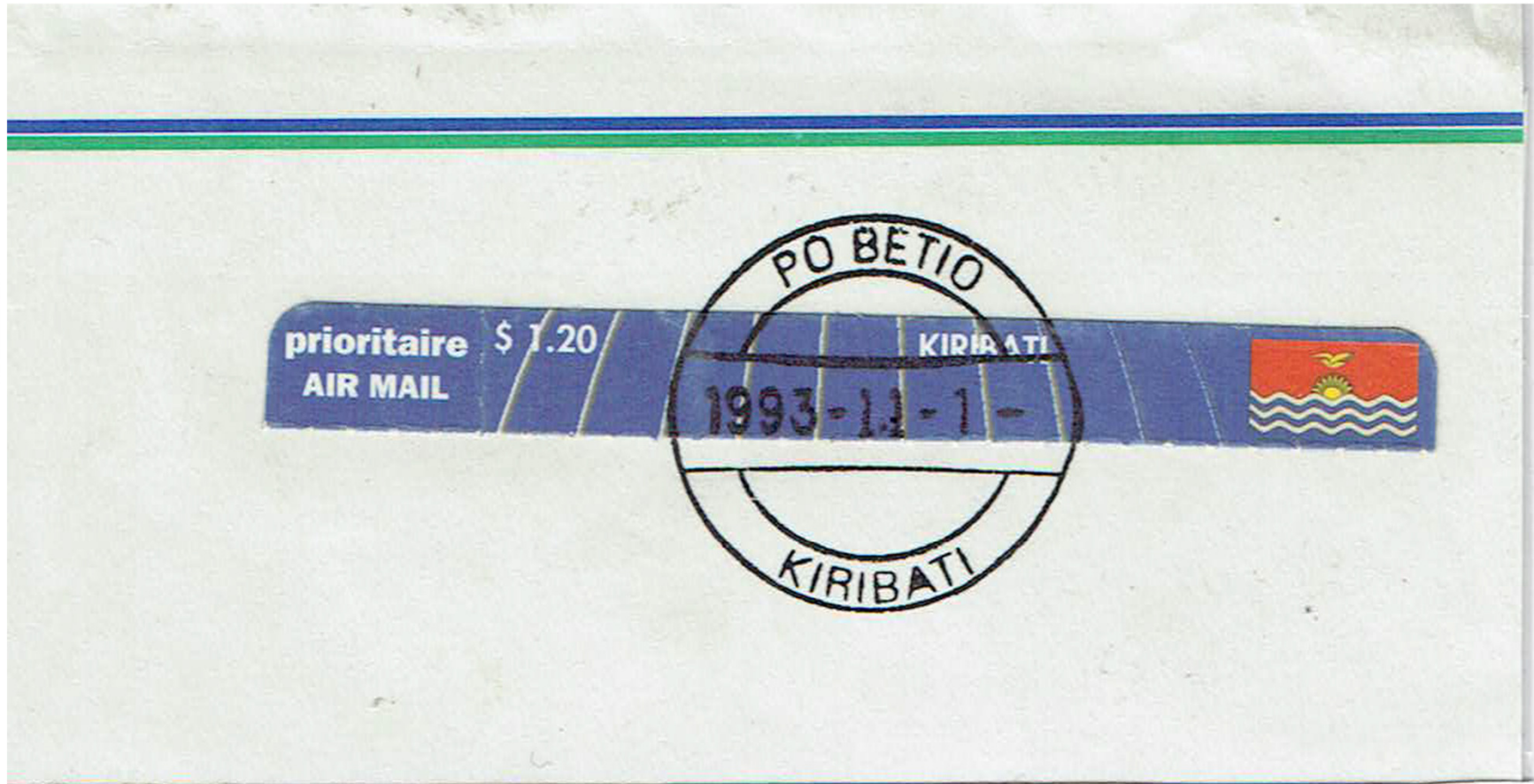


Coat of Arms in centre
'Acknowledgment Card' from Napoli (Dec 21, 1893) to S. Mauro Forte (Dec 27, 1893)

Acknowledgement Card - Pre stamped



Money Order Receipt, Colombia dt. 14th April, 1888 for \$ 62.20



Kiribati Flag (*Stamp from Priortaire Stamp Card*)



1st stamp of India issued on 1st Republic Day with Indian Flag. Extra comma over 7 of 1947 in the lower stamp

Varieties



Only star remaining due to omission of Red printing



Normal Printing

Design on Margin Tabs



Post Card for Army Use

IMPR. NAT. — Modèle A' pour les troupes en opérations.

CORRESPONDANCE DES ARMÉES DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE

CARTE EN FRANCHISE

EXPÉDITEUR :
Nom et prénoms : *Castellan*
Grade : *10^e section - P.F.C.*
Régiment }
ou Service } *Marseille*
Compagnie, Escadron, }
Bataillon, Section, etc. }
Secteur postal n°
(Les indications ci-dessus sont à reproduire dans l'adresse de la réponse.)

Adresse :
M^{me} Castellan
à Crau



Spear headed ornamental trucks
Post Card for Army use, valid for postage without payment



Meter Cancellation



Hong Kong Flag with British Ensign - *Numbered Coil strip*

Coil Stamps (Numbered)

Fly portion of the Flag fluttering in the air



Issued in Blue Colour

*Colour Trial (Unissued Colour)
Specimen printed by
Waterlow & Sons Ltd.*



*Postage lable for vending
machine*

The name 'FLAG' used as a brand
for creating a trade image



*Advertisement for 'FLAG' brand
Pickles & Sauce on the back of
New Zealand stamps of 1 penny*

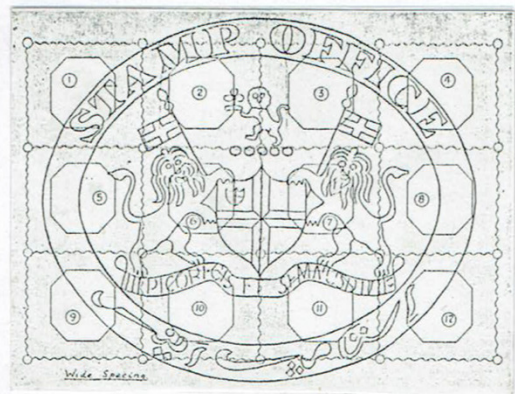


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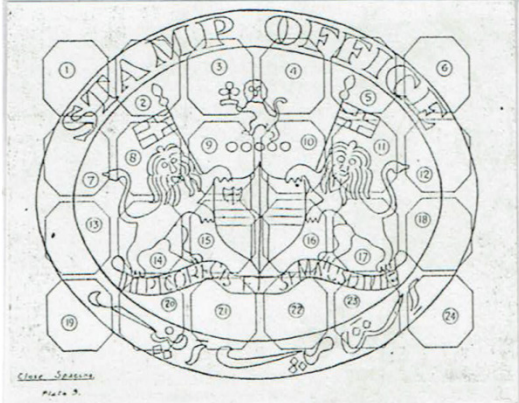


Slogan / Special Cancellation

Watermark Design



Wide Setting - Type II
(12 Stamps in a Sheet)



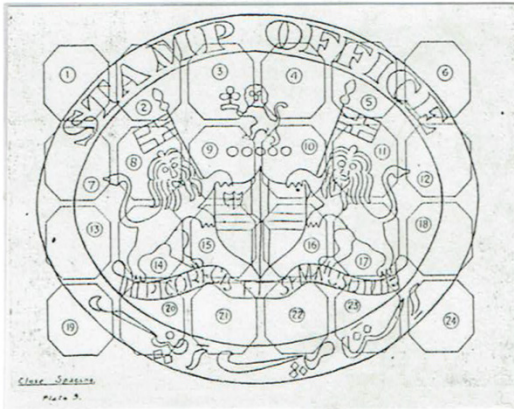
Close Setting - Type III
(24 Stamps in a Sheet)



Sheet Position No. 3 - Wide Setting
Head Die II & Frame Die I



Sheet Position No. 5 - Close Setting
Head Die II & Frame Die I



Close Setting - Type III
(24 Stamps in a Sheet)

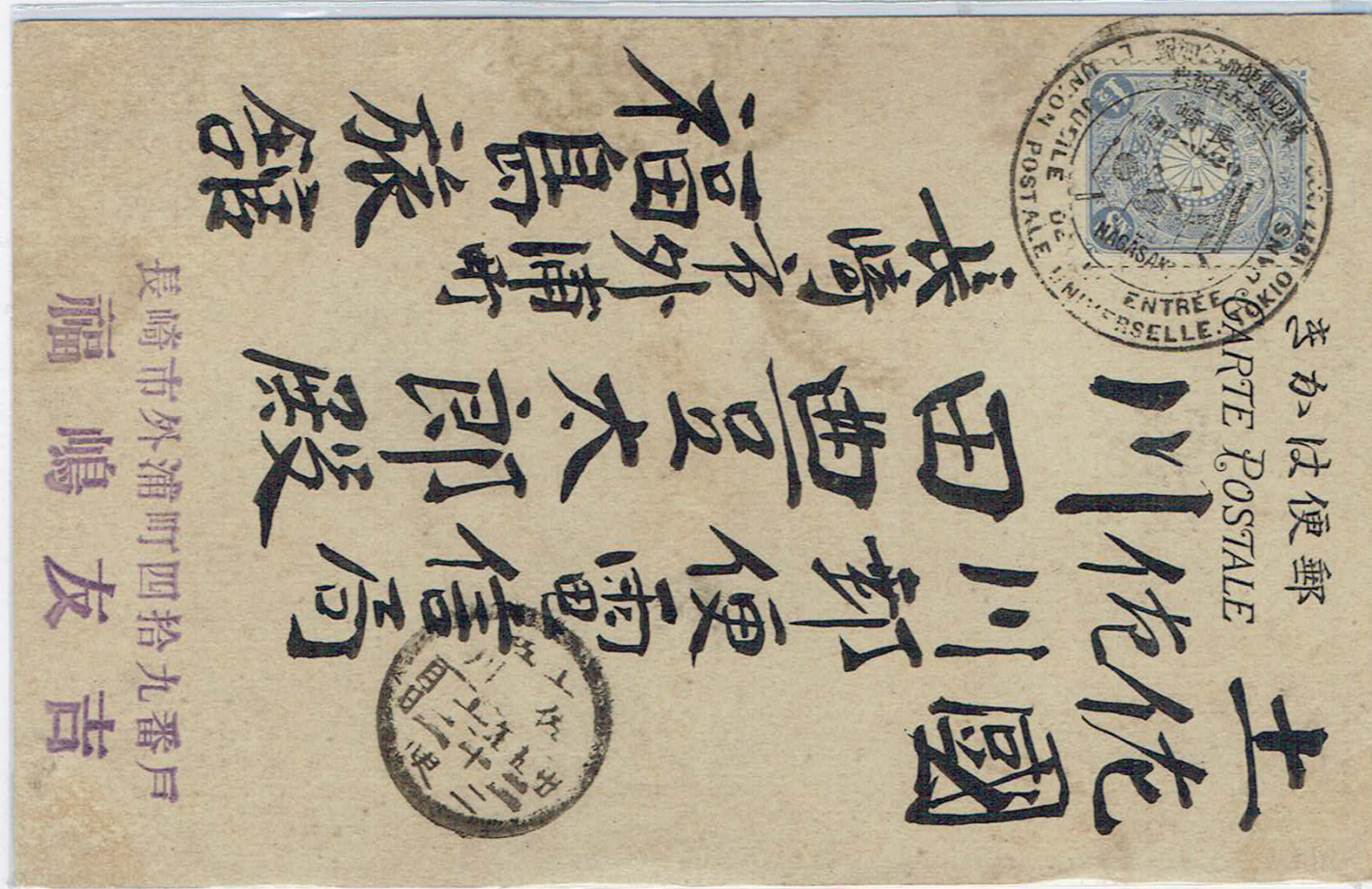
Watermark Design



Sheet Position No. 11 - Close Setting; Head Die III & Frame Die II (Fourth Printing)

Cover from Calcutta 'G.P.O. 8-Aug. 1855' (Back Stamp) to London per Steamer 'Bombay' via Southampton. Oblong Sea Post Office 'INDIA PAID'. 8 As. Postage applied for London as per prevailing postal rates; delivered at London & Red Stamped 'Paid 24 SP 24 1855'.

The spirit of Japanese national flag known as "SUN DISC".



Flag of Japan shown in postmark to commemorate UPU Silver Jubilee, Tokyo in 1902.

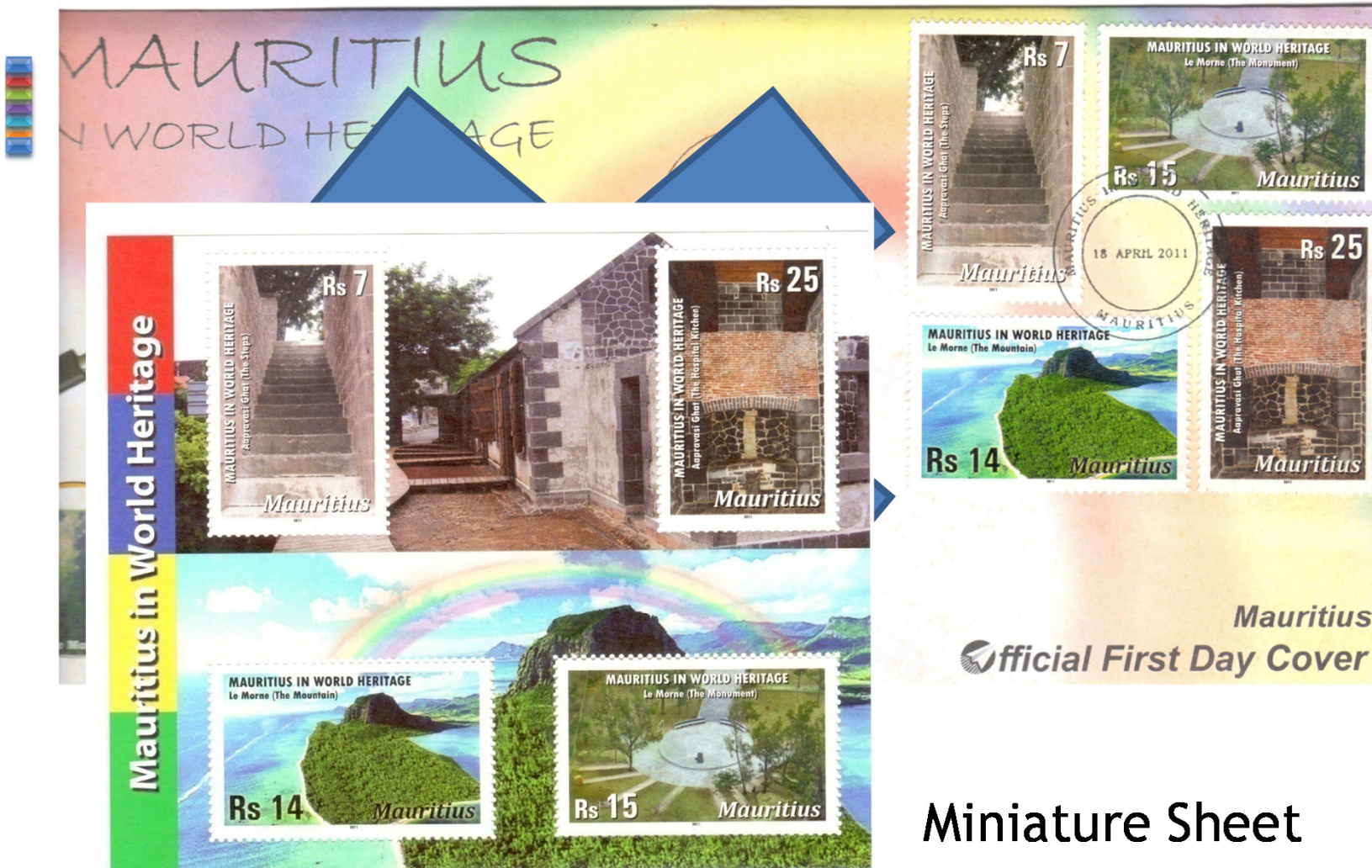
Special Cancellation - Commercial Used Cover

Qualification of Material

Select qualified material for the exhibit, preference and greater importance has to be given to: types of items that are the cornerstone of philately

| Preference | As Opposed to |
|--|---|
| Stamps, Postal Stationery, Cancellation / Postmarks | Items with lower Postal connotation – Souvenirs etc. |
| Normal issues | Parallel Imperforate/sheets |
| Genuinely used | Cancelled to Order |
| Genuinely carried Mail with correct postage | Souvenir Documents / over franked / complete sets |
| Commercial Cover with relevant cancellation | Decorative First Day Covers (even when issued by Post) |

Appropriate Selection



FDC with
Colorful
Printing
on the
Left

Not
Posted

No
Special
Cancellat
ion

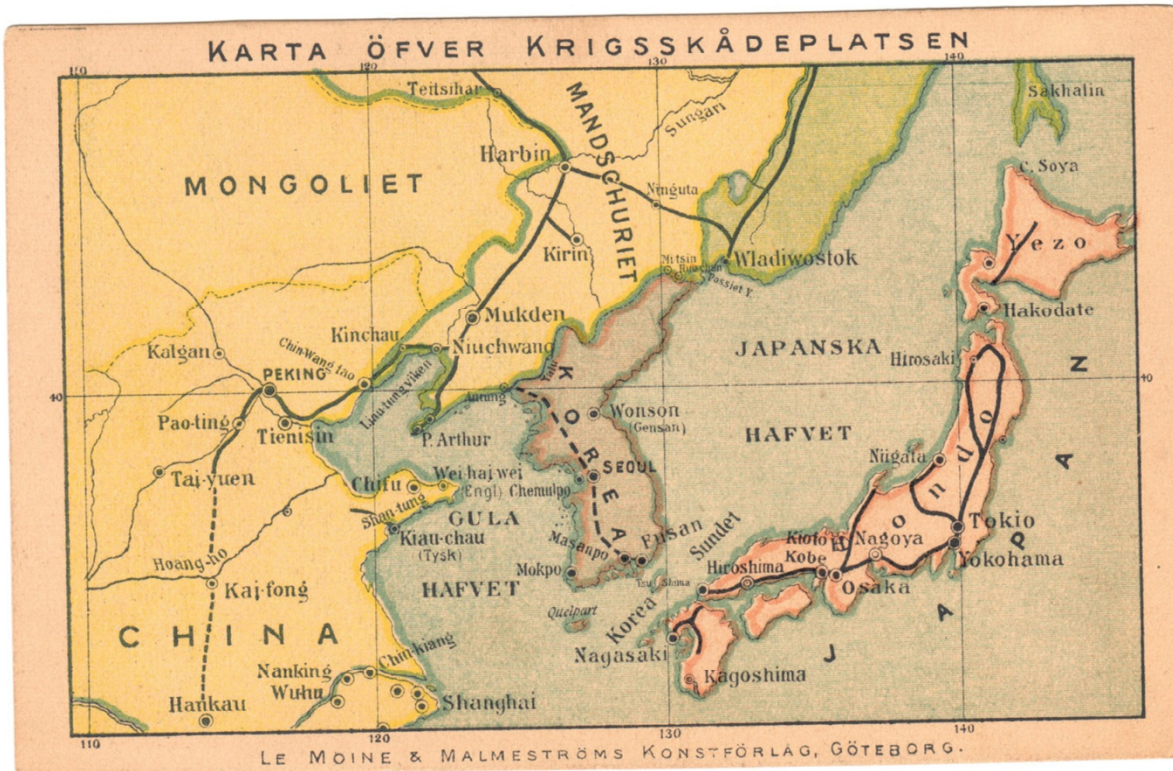
Miniature Sheet

Special Regulations - SREV

3.1 **INAPPROPRIATE** MATERIAL (contd.)

- Fantasy issues from non-existent postal territories, issues of exiled governments or organisations without postal services
- private additional cancellations applied by a sender or a supplier before mailing the documents
- picture postcards, unless they are postal stationery produced by a Postal Authority
- private additional prints on postal stationery (also known as "repiquages") administrative marks (not postal), when they do not give any postal privilege private decorations on envelopes and cards private vignettes (advertising labels), whatever the purpose of their use

3.1 INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL – *Picture Postcard*



No Imprinted Stamp

No Postage Free Rights

No Military Use

Not valid for Post

3.1 Borderline – Confusing Material



POSITIVES

Special
Cancellation

Postal Card -
Imprinted
Stamp - Used

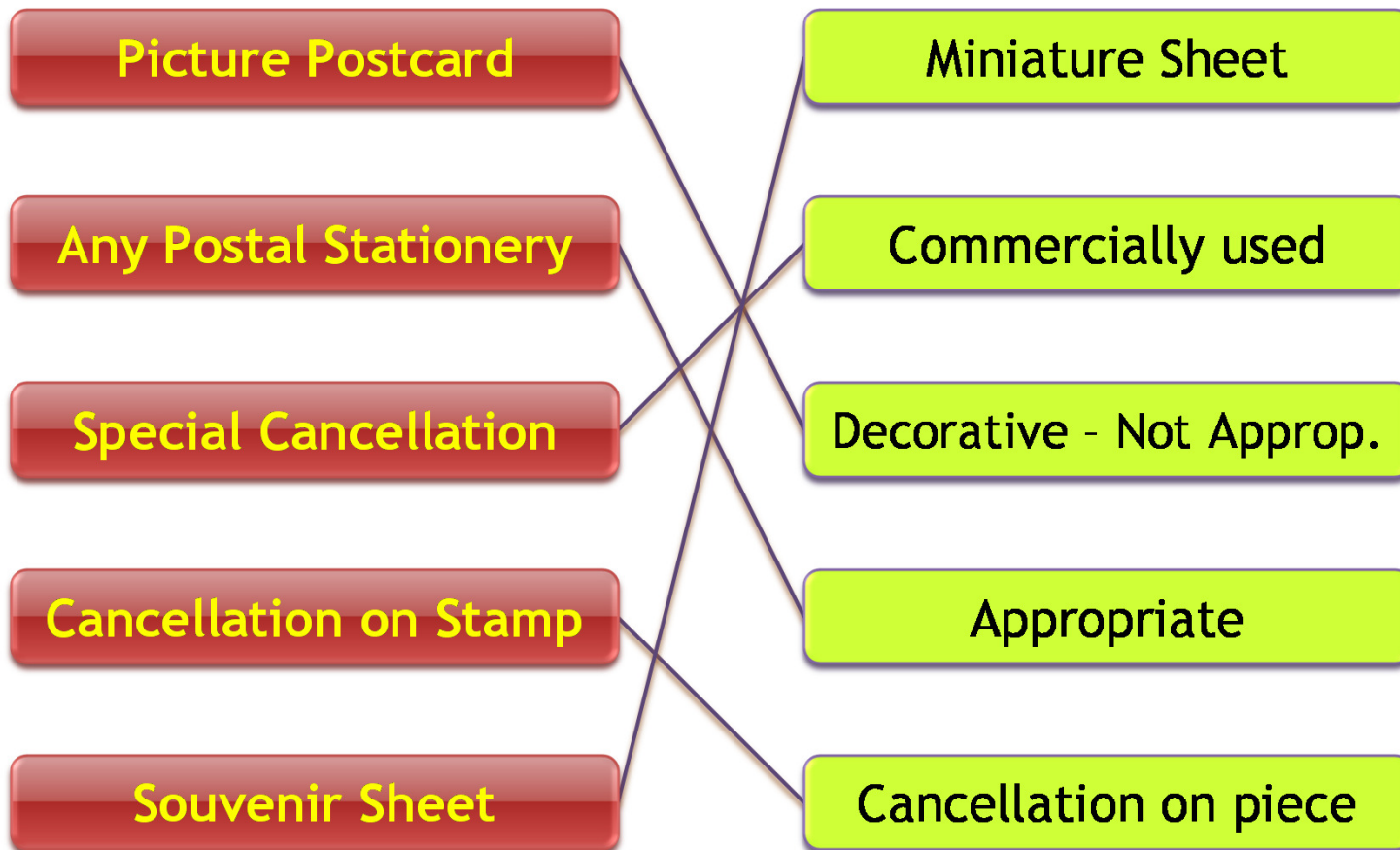
Postally used

NEGATIVE

Additional
Printed
Matter (Left)



Match the Boxes



Special Regulations - SREV



ARTICLE 5: JUDGING OF EXHIBITS



- 5.1 Thematic exhibits will be judged by the approved specialists in their respective field and in accordance with the section V, Art. 31 to 46 of the GREX (ref.: GREV, Art. 5.1).
- 5.2. For thematic exhibits, the following relative terms are presented to lead the Jury to a balanced evaluation (ref.: GREV, Art. 5.3).

Special Regulations - SREV

ARTICLE 5: JUDGING OF EXHIBITS

Marksheet

| | | |
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| Treatment | | 35 |
| Title and Plan | 15 | |
| Development | 15 | |
| Innovation | 5 | |
| Knowledge, Study and Research | | 30 |
| Thematic | 15 | |
| Philatelic | 15 | |
| Condition and Rarity | | 30 |
| Condition | 10 | |
| Rarity | 20 | |
| Presentation | | 5 |
| | <i>Total</i> | <i>100</i> |



Thank You !

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