

July 1, 1941

Dear Aitken,

I am sending herewith our candidate's papers, which I have read through, and commented on on the enclosed sheets. I have also marked them very roughly, on the supposition that each question should be worth 20. You may well think some of my markings too generous for your questions; but you had done so much more work than I in setting the questions that I felt I ought to save you all possible trouble in the marking. A few questions, however, I have left entirely for you. As you will see, his failure in practical was absolute, as one might have anticipated from his handling of the practical parts of questions in the theoretical papers. I suggest the following comments for the Report J123 125 10/34:

"The candidate No. 7188 failed totally in practical examination and in the practical parts of questions in the theoretical papers. His mathematical grounding appears amply sufficient to have enabled him to do these questions with ease."

I am sending also the red-ruled sheet on which it appears that marks for individual questions must be entered. Please verify mine for this purpose as you think fit. Although the B.Sc. examination should not be very advanced, and the candidate is quite a sufficiently

good mathematician to have done well at it, he is clearly incapable of doing even the simplest job competently, and I suppose, if I ~~have~~^{had} marked properly, he would not have got more than about 30% on the whole examination, or 40% on the theoretical papers.

I should, of course, be particularly interested if your opinion differed from mine on any essential point, as I like to be clear on the diverse points of view which are formed in theoretical statistics.

Yours sincerely,

6 papers with answers.

2 practical papers

Comments on papers

Form J.123 125 10/34

Red ruled sheet