

(7) A Certificate of Attainment shall be awarded to a candidate who at an examination held by or approved by an Inspector of Schools—

(a) Obtains not less than 50 per cent. of the possible aggregate of marks in English and arithmetic together, including not less than 50 per cent. in reading and composition respectively, and not less than 40 per cent. in arithmetic.

(b) Satisfies the Inspector that he has reached a satisfactory standard of attainment in the other subjects prescribed by the Syllabus of Instruction.

(8) (a) A Certificate of Competency in the subjects of Form II shall be awarded to a candidate who qualifies for a Certificate of Attainment in the manner prescribed in subclause (7) hereof.

(b) A Certificate of Proficiency in the subjects of Form II shall be awarded to a candidate who—

(i) Obtains not less than 240 marks in English and arithmetic together, also not less than 55 marks in reading, 55 marks in composition, and 45 marks in arithmetic :

(ii) Satisfies the Inspector that he has reached a satisfactory standard of attainment in the other subjects prescribed by the Syllabus of Instruction :

Provided that in cases where special excellence is shown in English or in optional subjects 40 marks may be accepted in arithmetic.

(9) With regard to pupils and others who are candidates for Certificates of Attainment, the Inspector may determine the qualifications of the candidates by any of the following methods. He may—

(a) Accept, in whole or in part, the head teacher's report or the results of the head teacher's examination, or the records of the school, as sufficient evidence that candidates have reached the required standard of attainments ; or

(b) Examine such candidates at the time of the visit of which notice has been in accordance with clause 7 or at the time of any other visit : or

(c) Arrange to hold a central examination for all such candidates from places within a convenient radius, due notice of such examination being given (this examination is not to be regarded as a special examination within the meaning of subclause (3) hereof) ; or

(d) Accept, in whole or in part, the results of any other suitable examination held by some recognized authority, as evidence of the candidate's fitness to receive a Certificate of Attainment.

(10) As far as possible candidates who are not awarded certificates on the recommendation of the head teacher shall be examined by an Inspector in their own schools, but where this is impracticable, they may be gathered for examination at convenient centres. For candidates who cannot conveniently be examined in this way, a synchronous examination may be held for which papers set by the Education Department shall be worked by the children under such supervision as the Inspectors may approve.

(11) The annual examination for Certificates of Attainment in the subjects of Form II shall not be held earlier than the first day of November.

(12) Except in special cases Certificates of Proficiency and Certificates of Competency shall not be issued to successful candidates earlier than the week before the school closes for the midsummer vacation, and the issue of such certificate shall be subject to satisfactory attendance on the part of the candidate.

(13) In all examinations conducted by the Inspector, he shall personally assess the work done by the candidates.

(14) All Certificates of Attainment shall be issued under the authority of the Director of Education.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRESS-CARD.

10. (1) In every primary school the head teacher shall keep on a form provided for the purpose a record to be known as the "Primary School Progress-card," showing with respect to each pupil—

(a) His attainments at the end of each school year :

(b) His revealed aptitudes :

(c) His attendance, industry, and initiative during the year :

(d) His medical record as furnished by a School Medical Officer.

(e) Such other particulars as may be required by the Director.

(2) When a pupil transfers to another school and it is definitely known to which school he is transferring his record-card shall be posted to that school by the head teacher of the school he is leaving.