

# Forensic Handwriting and Signature Examination

## 2002 Individual Result Certificate

for participant

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**Total number of opinions expressed: 400**

Score	Definition
# Correct	Number of opinions expressed in support of a proposition when the proposition was true.
# Correct Unqualified	As above for unqualified opinions only.
# Correct Qualified	As above for qualified opinions only.
# Misleading	Number of opinions expressed in support of a proposition when the proposition was not true.
# Misleading Unqualified	As above for unqualified opinions only.
# Misleading Qualified	As above for qualified opinions only.
# Inconclusive	Number of opinions expressed that were inconclusive.
% Correct	Percentage of opinions expressed in support of a proposition when the proposition was true.
% Misleading	Percentage of opinions expressed in support of a proposition when the proposition was not true.
% Inconclusive	Percentage of opinions expressed that were inconclusive.
% Correct Called	Opinions expressed in support of a proposition, when the proposition was true, as a percentage of all opinions supporting a proposition (inconclusive opinions not considered).
% Misleading Called	Opinions expressed in support of a proposition, when the proposition was not true, as a percentage of all opinions supporting a proposition (inconclusive opinions not considered).
% Misleading Unqualified Called	As above for unqualified opinions only.
% Misleading Qualified Called	As above for qualified opinions only.

**Table 1.** Authorship opinion unit scores for all opinions expressed in the trials for handwritten text samples according to questioned writing type and opinion level strength.

Questioned Writing Type	Opinion Scores					Total
	# Correct Unqualified	# Correct Qualified	# Inconclusive	# Misleading Qualified	# Misleading Unqualified	
Normal by specimen writer	23	0	0	0	0	23
Disguised by specimen writer	1	0	2	0	0	3
Simulated by specimen writer	2	0	2	0	0	4
Normal not by specimen writer	0	73	17	0	0	90
Disguised not by specimen writer	0	27	43	0	0	70
Simulated not by specimen writer	0	0	10	0	0	10
						200

**Table 2.** Authorship opinion unit scores for all opinions expressed in the trials for handwritten text samples according to questioned writing type.

Questioned Writing Type	Opinion Scores							
	# Correct	# Misleading	# Inconclusive	% Correct	% Misleading	% Inconclusive	% Correct Called	% Misleading Called
Normal by specimen writer	23	0	0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Disguised by specimen writer	1	0	2	33.3	0.0	66.7	100.0	0.0
Simulated by specimen writer	2	0	2	50.0	0.0	50.0	100.0	0.0
Normal not by specimen writer	73	0	17	81.1	0.0	18.9	100.0	0.0
Disguised not by specimen writer	27	0	43	38.6	0.0	61.4	100.0	0.0
Simulated not by specimen writer	0	0	10	0.0	0.0	100.0	na	na

**Table 3.** Authorship opinion unit scores for all opinions expressed in the trials for signature samples according to questioned signature type and opinion level strength.

Questioned Signature Type	Opinion Scores					Total
	# Correct Unqualified	# Correct Qualified	# Inconclusive	# Misleading Qualified	# Misleading Unqualified	
Normal by specimen writer	76	0	0	0	0	76
Disguised by specimen writer	19		1	0	0	20
Simulated not by specimen writer	0	0	104	0	0	104
						200

**Table 4.** Authorship opinion unit scores for all opinions expressed in the trials for signature samples according to questioned signature type.

Questioned Signature Type	Opinion Scores							
	# Correct	# Misleading	# Inconclusive	% Correct	% Misleading	% Inconclusive	% Correct Called	% Misleading Called
Normal by specimen writer	76	0	0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Disguised by specimen writer	19	0	1	95.0	0.0	5.0	100.0	0.0
Simulated not by specimen writer	0	0	104	0.0	0.0	100.0	na	na

**Table 5.** Percentage scores for misleading opinions by opinion strength, and inconclusive opinions, for handwritten text according to questioned writing type.

Questioned Writing Type	% Opinion Scores				
	Inconclusive	Misleading	Misleading Called	Misleading Qualified Called	Misleading Unqualified Called
Normal by specimen writer	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disguised by specimen writer	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Simulated by specimen writer	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Normal not by specimen writer	18.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disguised not by specimen writer	61.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Simulated not by specimen writer	100.0	0.0	na	na	na

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**Table 6.** Percentage scores for misleading opinions by opinion strength and inconclusive opinions, according to questioned signature type.

Questioned Signature Type	% Opinion Scores				
	Inconclusive	Misleading	Misleading Called	Misleading Qualified Called	Misleading Unqualified Called
Normal by specimen writer	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disguised by specimen writer	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Simulated not by specimen writer	100.0	0.0	na	na	na



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