Social Sciences Board

Approved by TAC 1 June 2012

Title of programme
Preliminary Examination for History and Politics

Brief note about nature of change:
Rubric extensively rewritten in order to clarify the expectations of the paper, option changes rebalance the programme between Politics and History.

Effective date
From 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2011

Detail of change

1. **P.125, l.18, delete ‘Optional subject 1’ and substitute**

   ‘Theorizing the Democratic State, as specified in section (a) of Introduction to Politics: the Theory and Practice of Democracy, for the Preliminary Examination for Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

   OR candidates may substitute Optional Subject 1’.

2. **P.124, delete l.25-l.31, and substitute:**

   ‘Candidates will be required to answer three questions drawn from section (b) of the paper Introduction to Politics: The Theory and Practice of Democracy as specified for the Preliminary Examination in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

   Candidates may choose to answer any combination of questions in section (b), but each part (b-ii) question chosen must relate to a different country (so answers must be on two different countries if two answers are chosen from (b-ii) and three countries if three answers). Candidates may, where appropriate, answer questions from part (b-i)
exclusively in relation to one of the named countries, but any question chosen from part (b-i) should not then be on that same country.

Candidates are expected, where appropriate, to show knowledge of the methodological issues involved in both normative and empirical political research.’.

3. P.125 l.34, delete ‘nought’ and substitute ‘Nought’.

Explanatory Notes

Clause 1: History and Politics is a joint Honours degree and yet Prelims currently comprise 75% History and 25% Politics. This change redresses the imbalance so that candidates will normally take 50% History and 50% Politics – unless they opt to increase the History content.

Clause 2: The rubric of Introduction to Politics: Analysis of Democratic Institutions has been extensively rewritten in order to clarify the expectations of the paper and to ensure it is clearer to candidates what is required in relation to demonstrating country knowledge.

Clause 3: minor stylistic change.