Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 26 June 2018

Honour School of Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change: Change to description of papers

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2017 (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/hsofmodelang/)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018
For first examination from 2020-21

Detail of change

New text underlined, deletions struck-through:

1.208 Portuguese:

1.209 The history and structure of the Portuguese language. Candidates will be required to show knowledge of the descriptive analysis of the contemporary language, as used in Portugal and Brazil, and of its historical development.

The history and variation of Portuguese. Candidates will be required to show knowledge of the historical development from Latin to modern Portuguese in its different dialectal varieties, including Portuguese-based creoles, and knowledge of the basic principles of historical linguistics and dialectology, as applied to Portuguese. This paper will include commentaries on linguistic samples.

(...)

1.256 Spanish:
Modern Spanish. Candidates will be required to show knowledge of the descriptive analysis of the structure of the contemporary language, as used in Spain and in the Americas.

Modern Spanish. Candidates will be required to show knowledge of the descriptive analysis of the structure and variation of contemporary Spanish in its major European and American varieties, and knowledge of the basic principles of linguistic theory, as applied to Spanish.

Portuguese:

Varieties of Portuguese. Candidates will be required to apply the principles of descriptive linguistics to the analysis of regional and social varieties of the Portuguese of Portugal, Brazil, and Africa, and to Portuguese-based creoles. This paper will include commentaries on linguistic samples.

Modern Portuguese. Candidates will be required to show knowledge of the descriptive analysis of the structure and sociolinguistic variation of contemporary European and Brazilian Portuguese, and knowledge of the basic principles of linguistic theory, as applied to Portuguese.

Explanatory Notes

Change of scope and description for Portuguese papers IV and V, and Spanish paper V, to bring the papers in line with their counterparts in other languages.