

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 27 November 2018

Title of Programme

Honour School of Oriental Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Restructuring and renaming of subsidiary language

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017* (<http://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/hsoforiestud/administratorview/>)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

Deletions are struck-through. Note: the citation numbering is the numbering that was in place prior to changes made to the regulations following the Gazette notice on 11 October 2018. This deletion had been left out of that Gazette notice in error.

^{1.285} ~~Old Iranian~~ (for candidates offering Classics (in the Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies), Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies or Persian as main subject).

^{1.286} ~~The following papers will be set:~~

^{1.287} ~~1. Avestan Texts:6~~

^{1.288} ~~2. (i) Old Persian texts:6~~

^{1.289} ~~(ii) either (a) Questions on the content of the Old Persian texts and their historical background or (b) Questions on the history of the Persian language.~~

~~1-290~~ 3. Questions on Avestan and Old Persian language, and on pre-Islamic Iranian history, religion, and literature.

Explanatory Notes

The proposed restructure of the existing option 'Old Iranian' will maintain all the existing offerings of Avestan, Old Persian and Indo-Iranian philology but will add Middle Persian language and texts as a third language choice and complement the teaching of the three languages with papers offered in the history of the Zoroastrian religion, Achaemenid history and Sasanian history (paralleling the languages of Avestan, Old Persian and Middle Persian). The option is renamed 'Early Iranian', in order to encompass both the ancient and late antique periods and the various disciplines including philology, history and religion. This is being introduced for students starting the FHS in Mt 2018 or later.