Changes in the regulations governing the Honour School of English Language and Literature and its Joint Schools: communication from the Boards of the Faculties of English Language and Literature, History, and Modern Languages.

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Approved by the Humanities Divisional Board and Education Committee.

Humanities Divisional Board

Brief note about nature of the change(s): All of the below changes are submitted as a result of the syllabus reform conducted in the Faculty of English Language and Literature. The relevant Faculty Boards for the Joint Schools have been consulted on the changes and have given their consent. The changes include replacing Mods in English Language and Literature with Prelims.

(1) Moderations in English Language and Literature

With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

1. In Examination Regulations, 2011, p. 57, delete ll.34-35.
2. Ibid., p. 58, l.29, delete ‘*’.
3. Ibid., delete p.97 l.1 to p. 98, l.23.

(2) Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature

With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

In Examination Regulations, 2011, p.115, delete ll.1 – 24, and substitute:

'Special Regulations for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature

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1. The subjects of the examination, the syllabus, and the number of papers shall be as prescribed by regulation from time to time by the Board of the Faculty of English Language and Literature.

2. A Candidate shall be deemed to have passed the examination when he or she shall have satisfied the Examiners in all the papers specified in the regulations.

3. Candidates must offer all the papers at a single examination, provided that: (i) a candidate who fails to satisfy the Examiners in one or two papers may offer those subjects at one subsequent examination, and (ii) a candidate who fails to satisfy the Examiners in three or four papers must offer all four subjects at one subsequent examination.

4. The Examiners may award a distinction to any candidate of special merit who has satisfied the Examiners in all the papers at a single examination.
Each candidate shall offer four papers, as set out below. Paper 1 shall be examined by portfolio submission in the third term. Papers 2, 3 and 4 shall be examined by written examinations of three hours’ duration.

1. *Introduction to English Language and Literature*

   The paper will be examined by a portfolio of work, comprising one commentary answer and one discursive essay, of not fewer than 1,500 and not more than 2,000 words each. Footnotes will be included in the total word count, but bibliographies do not count towards the limit. The list of questions for this paper will be divided into Section A (Language) and B (Literature) and will be published on Monday of the fourth week of the Trinity Term of the first year. Candidates must select one question from Section A and one question from section B.

   Questions in Section A (Language) invite candidates to make their own selection of texts or passages of texts for commentary, in accordance with the terms of the particular question chosen. Copies of the texts or passages used must be included as an appendix to the portfolio. The combined length of all texts or passages chosen must not exceed 70 lines. The texts or passages used will not count towards the word limit for the commentary answer.

   Two typed copies of the portfolio must be delivered to the Chairman of Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature, Examination Schools, High Street, by noon on Thursday of the fifth week of the same Trinity Term. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each answer is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with each portfolio.

   Following the publication of themes for this subject on Monday of the fourth week of Trinity Term, the candidate must neither discuss his or her choice of themes nor the method of handling them with any tutor. Every portfolio must be the work of the candidate alone, but he or she may discuss with his or her tutor the subjects and approach to the essays up until the stated publication date of the portfolio themes.

   Portfolios previously submitted for the First Public Examination in English Language and Literature may be resubmitted. No answer will be accepted that has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for a final honour school or any other degree of this University, or degree of any other institution.

   Work deemed to be either too short or of excessive length may be penalised.

   Candidates must avoid duplicating material used in this paper when answering other papers. In addition, candidates are not permitted to duplicate material between Section A and Section B of the portfolio.

2. *Early Medieval Literature 650 – 1350*

   The examination for paper 2 will be divided into section A and section B.

   a) Section A will consist of four passages for critical commentary: two passages from Old English texts and two passages from Early Middle English texts. Candidates should write on one passage only.

   Passages will be set from texts specified in the English Preliminary Examination Handbook for the year of examination.

   b) Section B will consist of essay questions that are thematic in nature and may be applied to any texts from the period. Candidates should answer two questions from section B.

3. *Literature in English 1830 – 1910*

4. *Literature in English 1910 – present day*.
(3) Honour School of English Language and Literature

With effect from 1 October 2014 (for first examination in 2015).

Please note that students matriculating before October 2012 will continue to follow the existing regulations until they come to the end of their course, so the changes are an addition, not a substitution, and are for the attention of students matriculating from October 2012 onwards.

In Examination Regulations, 2011, p.239, after l.15, insert:

‘Special Regulations for the Honour School of English Language and Literature

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1. The subjects of examination in the School of English Language and Literature shall be the English Language and Literature in English, together with such Special Options, texts or authors as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of the Faculty of English Language and Literature.

2. No candidate shall be admitted to examination in this school unless he or she either (a) has passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination or (b) has successfully completed the Foundation Course in English Language and Literature at the Department for Continuing Education.

3. The Board of the Faculty shall by notice from time to time make regulations respecting the examination, and shall have power:

   (1) To prescribe authors or portions of authors.

   (2) To specify one or more related languages or dialects to be offered either as a necessary or as an optional part of the examination.

   (3) To name periods of the history of English Literature and to fix their limits.

   (4) To issue lists of Special Options in connection either with English Language or with Literature in English, or with both; and to prescribe authors and texts.

B

Candidates shall offer either Course I (a general course in English Language and Literature) or Course II (a special course in English Language and early English Literature). Each course shall consist of seven subjects, as prescribed below.

1. Submitted work

   (a) Subjects 1, 6 and 7 in Course I, and Subjects 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Course II, shall be examined by submission.

   (b) Two typed copies of each extended essay or portfolio essay must be delivered to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of English Language and Literature, Examination Schools, High Street, according to the deadlines specified in the regulations for each subject. It is additionally strongly recommended that the candidate keep a third copy of his or her submission. A certificate signed by the candidate to the effect that each extended essay or portfolio is the candidate's own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, and observed the specific requirements in (c) below, must be presented together with each submission.

   (c) Every extended essay and portfolio must be the work of the candidate alone, and he or she may not discuss with any tutor either his or her choice of content or the method of handling it after the last date indicated in the regulations for each subject.

   (d) Essays previously submitted for the Honour School of English Language and Literature may be re-submitted. No essay will be accepted if it has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for a final honour school or other degree of this University, or degree of any other institution.
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(e) Essays may be penalised that are deemed to be either too short or of excessive length in relation to the word limits specified in the regulations for each subject.

2. Course I: General Course in English Language and Literature

Each candidate for Course I shall offer all subjects from the list below. Candidates may not offer any period of English literature in which they have already satisfied Examiners in a First Public Examination in English. The subjects will be examined by written examinations of three hours’ duration, unless otherwise specified. Written examinations will be held in the Trinity Term of the final year of the Honour School.

Candidates are warned (i) that in the papers for Subjects 1-5 they must not answer questions on any topics of which they offer a special study for Subject 6 or Subject 7 and (ii) that they must avoid duplicating, in their answers to one paper, material that they have already used in answering another paper or in the extended essay under Subject 6 or Subject 7.

1. Shakespeare (a portfolio submitted in year 3).

The portfolio will consist of three essays of not fewer than 1,300 and not more than 1,500 words each. Footnotes will be included in the total word count, but bibliographies do not count towards the limit. Themes for the portfolio essays will be published on Monday of the second week of the Hilary Term preceding the examination.

Candidates must write three essays in response to three of the published themes. Candidates must address more than one work by Shakespeare in at least two of their portfolio essays.

Following the publication of themes for this subject, the candidate must neither discuss his or her choice of themes nor the method of handling them with any tutor. Every portfolio essay produced for the Shakespeare paper must be the work of the candidate alone, but he or she may discuss with his or her tutor the subjects and approach to the essays up until the stated publication date of the portfolio themes.

The candidate must deliver two typed copies of each portfolio essay to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of English Language and Literature, Examination Schools, High Street by noon on Thursday of the fourth week of the Hilary Term preceding the examination. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with the submission (see the introductory regulations for ‘submitted work’ for the Honour School of English Language and Literature).

2. Literature in English from 1350 – 1550

Candidates must answer two essay questions and one commentary question, as indicated in the rubric for the examination. Passages for commentary will be taken from Chaucer, *Troilus and Criseyde* (ed. L.D. Benson). The paper will be shared with Course II candidates [see Course II, subject 3 below].

3. Literature in English from 1550 to 1660, excluding the works of Shakespeare

Candidates who have satisfied the Moderators in the First Public Examination in Classics and English may not offer this paper, and instead must offer Literature in English 650 – 1100 [see Course II, subject 1 below].

4. Literature in English from 1660 to 1760

5. Literature in English from 1760 to 1830

6. Special Options (an extended essay of not fewer than 5,000 and not more than 6,000 words) (see the introductory regulations for ‘submitted work’ for Course I).
All Special Options shall be centrally taught. A list of available Special Options shall be published to candidates by the end of the seventh week of the Hilary Term preceding the year of examination. Enrolment to Special Options will be administered by the English Faculty Office and will take place in the Trinity Term in the first year of the Honour School. Confirmation of the Special Option shall be provided to candidates by the end of the sixth week of the same Trinity Term.

Examination for this paper shall be by an extended essay of not fewer than 5,000 and not more than 6,000 words. Footnotes will be included in the total word count, but bibliographies do not count towards the limit. The theme for the essay shall be formulated by the student in discussion with the option convenors. The candidate may not discuss with any tutor either his or her choice of content or the method of handling it after the conclusion of teaching for the Special Options paper on Friday of the fifth week of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination.

Two typed copies of the extended essay must be delivered to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of English Language and Literature, Examination Schools, High Street, by noon on Thursday of the eighth week of Michaelmas Term. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with the submission (see the introductory regulations for ‘submitted work’ for the Honour School of English Language and Literature).

7. Dissertation (an extended essay of not fewer than 7,000 and not more than 8,000 words) (see the introductory regulations for ‘submitted work’ for the Honour School of English Language and Literature).

Footnotes will be included in the total word count, but bibliographies do not count towards the limit. Candidates may offer an extended essay in any subject area of English Language or Literature in English. Candidates should show such historical and/or contextual knowledge as is necessary for the profitable study of the topic concerned.

Candidates should submit to the Chair of Examiners, care of the English Faculty Office, by 5.00 p.m. on Thursday of the eighth week of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination, an abstract of no more than 100 words, describing their area of study. Confirmation of his or her abstract will be received from the Chair of Examiners by Thursday of the first week of the Hilary Term preceding the examination.

The candidate may not discuss with any tutor either his or her choice of content or the method of handling it after Friday of the sixth week of the Hilary Term preceding the examination.

Two typed copies of the essay shall be delivered to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of English Language and Literature, Examination Schools, High Street, by noon on Tuesday of the ninth week after the commencement of Hilary Full Term. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with the submission (see the introductory regulations for ‘submitted work’ for the Honour School of English Language and Literature).

3. Course II: Special Course in English Language and Early English Literature

Each candidate shall offer Subjects 1 to 4 and Subjects 6 and 7 below, and may choose between Subject 5 (The Material Text) or Course I Subject 1 (Shakespeare). Candidates may not offer any period of English literature in which they have already satisfied Examiners in a First Public Examination in English. The papers will be written examinations of three hours’ duration, unless otherwise specified. Written examinations will be held in the Trinity Term of the final year of the Honour School.

Candidates are warned (i) that in the papers for Subjects 1-5 they must not answer questions on any topics of which they offer a special study for Subject 6 or Subject 7 and (ii) that they must avoid duplicating, in their answers to one paper, material that they have already used in answering another paper or in the extended essay under Subject 6 or Subject 7.
1. Literature in English 650-1100

Candidates will be expected to show knowledge of a wide range of Old English literature and should show an awareness of the historical and cultural contexts of the period.

2. Medieval English and Related Literatures 1066-1550

A paper on a specified genre or theme. The paper shall be examined by a written examination of three hours’ duration, in which candidates shall write two essays of equal weighting. Across the paper as a whole, candidates must demonstrate (a) knowledge of literature written before 1350; and (b) knowledge of writing in insular or European languages other than English, which are expected to have been studied in translation.

The genre or theme for the paper shall be published in the Handbook for the Honour School of English Language and Literature by noughth week of Michaelmas Full Term in the first year of study for the Honour School. The specified genre or theme may be subject to periodic review.

3. Literature in English 1350 – 1550

(shared with Course I) 

4. The History of the English Language to c.1800

This paper will cover the development of the written language from the earliest records to c.1800, with particular attention to the emergence of a standard form. The paper will be examined on a portfolio of work, comprising two essays of no more than 2,500 words each. Footnotes will be included in the total word count, but bibliographies do not count towards the limit. The list of themes for these essays will be divided into Section A and B and will be published on Tuesday of the seventh week of the Trinity Term preceding the examination. Candidates may not consult tutors after the list of themes has been circulated.

Candidates will be required to submit two pieces of work, each one of between 2,000-2,500 words. They will be required to submit one piece of work in response to discursive essay questions (Section A) and one piece of close commentary work in response to directed questions (Section B). The commentary questions in Section B will require students to find their own passages for analysis. Passages must not exceed 100 lines in total (i.e. 100 lines altogether, not separately). Copies of the texts or passages used in Section B must be included as an appendix to the portfolio.

Two typed copies of the portfolio must be delivered to the Chairman of Examiners, Honour School of English Language and Literature, Examination Schools, High Street, by noon on Thursday of the ninth week of the same Trinity Term. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with the submission (see the introductory regulations for ‘submitted work’ for the Honour School of English Language and Literature).

Once submitted, the essays will then be held over until the following Trinity Term, when they will be examined at the same time as papers for Course II subjects 1 – 3 and 5 – 7.

5. One of the following:

(a) The Material Text (a portfolio submitted in year three).

Candidates will study Old and Middle English texts in their original manuscript context.

The portfolio will consist of one commentary answer and one essay, of not fewer than 2,000 and not more than 2,500 words each. Footnotes will be included in the total word count, but bibliographies do not count towards the limit. Themes for the portfolio commentary and essay will be published on Monday of the second week of the Hilary Term preceding the examination. Following their publication, the candidate must not discuss his or her choice of themes with any tutor, nor the method of handling the themes. Every portfolio commentary and essay produced for the Material
Text paper must be the work of the candidate alone, but he or she may discuss with his or her tutor the subjects and approach to the essays up until the stated publication date of the portfolio themes.

The candidate must deliver two typed copies of the portfolio to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of English Language and Literature, Examination Schools, High Street, by noon on Thursday of the fourth week of the Hilary Term preceding the examination. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with the submission (see the introductory regulations for ‘submitted work’ for the Honour School of English Language and Literature).

(b) Shakespeare (a portfolio submitted in year three) [as specified for the Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I, Subject 1].

6. Special Options

For this paper Course II candidates may choose ONE of the following:

(a) Literature in English 1550 -1660 [as specified for the Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I, Subject 3];

(b) any Special Option from the list published for Course I candidates [as specified for the Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I, Subject 6];

(c) any Special Option from the list published for Course II candidates.

Option (a) will be examined by an examination of three hours’ duration in Trinity Term of the final year.

A list of available Special Options for (b) and (c) shall be published to Course II candidates by the end of the seventh week of the Hilary Term in the first year of the Honour School. Enrolment to Special Options will be administered by the English Faculty Office and will take place in the Trinity Term in the first year of the Honour School. Confirmation of the Special Option shall be provided to candidates by the end of the sixth week of the same Trinity Term.

Examination for options (b) and (c) shall be by an extended essay of not fewer than 5,000 and not more than 6,000 words, except where specified in the published list of options. Footnotes will be included in the total word count, but bibliographies do not count towards the limit. The theme for the essay shall be formulated by the student in discussion with the option convenors. The candidate may not discuss with any tutor either his or her choice of content or the method of handling it after the conclusion of teaching for the Special Options paper on Friday of the fifth week of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination.

Two typed copies of the extended essay must be delivered to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of English Language and Literature, Examination Schools, High Street, by noon on Thursday of the eighth week of Michaelmas Term preceding the examination. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with the submission (see the introductory regulations for ‘submitted work’ for the Honour School of English Language and Literature).

7. Dissertation (an extended essay of not fewer than 7,000 nor more than 8,000 words) [as specified for the Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I, Subject 7].
(4) Preliminary Examination in English and Modern Languages

With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

In Examination Regulations, 2011, delete p. 113, l.41 to p. 114, l.46, and substitute:

‘Special Regulations for the Preliminary Examination in English and Modern Languages

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1. Candidates in this Preliminary Examination shall be examined in English and one Modern Language. The modern languages that may be offered shall be those which may be offered in the Honour School of Modern Languages.

2. The subjects of the examination, the syllabus, and the number of papers shall be as prescribed by regulation from time to time by the Boards of the Faculties of English Language and Literature and Medieval and Modern Languages.

3. It shall be the duty (a) of the chair of the Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature to designate such of their number as may be required for English in the Preliminary Examination in English and Modern Languages, and when this has been done the number of examiners in English shall be deemed to be complete; and (b) of the chair of the Examiners for the Preliminary Examination for Modern Languages to designate such of their number as may be required for Modern Languages in the Preliminary Examination in English and Modern Languages, and when this has been done, the number of examiners in Modern Languages shall be deemed to be complete.

B

The Boards of the Faculties of English Language and Literature and of Medieval and Modern Languages shall appoint a joint standing committee to make, and to submit to the two faculty boards, proposals for regulations for this examination.

A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the examination if he shall have satisfied the Examiners in part 1 (a Modern Language) and part 2 (English).

The examiners may award distinctions in part 1 or in part 2 or in both to candidates who have done work of special merit in the part or parts concerned.

A candidate who has failed a subject or both the subjects in part 1 will be allowed to resit the subject or subjects in which he or she has failed at a subsequent examination in accordance with the regulations for the Preliminary Examination for Modern Languages. A candidate who has failed one or both of the papers in part 2 will be allowed to resit the paper or papers in accordance with the appropriate regulations for the Moderations in English Language and Literature.

Part 1: A Modern Language

Each candidate shall offer the following two subjects in the modern language:

(1) Language papers (one paper of three hours and two papers each of one-and-a-half hours including in French certification of attendance and participation in oral classes, as specified for the Preliminary Examination in Modern Languages). As specified for papers I, IIA, and IIB in the regulations for the Preliminary Examination for Modern Languages.

(2) Literature papers (two papers, each of three hours). As specified for papers III and IV in the regulations for the Preliminary Examination for Modern Languages.

Part 2: English

Each candidate shall offer the following papers, as specified in the regulations for subjects 1 to 4 of the Moderations in English Language and Literature:
(1) Introduction to English Language and Literature [as specified for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature, subject 1].

(2) Either (a) Literature in English 650 – 1350 [as specified for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature, subject 2].

or (b) Literature in English 1830 – 1910 [as specified for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature, subject 3].

or (c) Literature in English 1910 – present day [as specified for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature, subject 4].

(5) Honour School of English and Modern Languages

With effect from 1 October 2015 (for first examination in 2016).

Please note that students matriculating before October 2012 will continue to follow the existing regulations until they come to the end of their course, so the changes are an addition, not a substitution, and are for the attention of students matriculating from October 2012 onwards.

In Examination Regulations, 2011, p.228, after l.41, insert:

‘Special Regulations for the Honour School of English and Modern Languages

A

1. The subjects of the examination in the Honour School of English and Modern Languages shall be (a) English Language and Literature in English and (b) those modern languages and literatures studied in the Honour School of Modern Languages.

2. All candidates must offer both (a) and one of the languages in (b) with its literature.

3. No candidate shall be admitted to the examination in this school unless he or she has either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.

4. The examiners shall indicate in the lists issued by them the language offered by each candidate obtaining honours or satisfying the examiners under the appropriate regulation.

5. The examination in this school shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Faculties of English Language and Literature and of Medieval and Modern Languages, which shall appoint a standing joint committee to make, and to submit to the two faculty boards, proposals for regulations for this examination and for the Preliminary Examination in English and Modern Languages.

6. (i) The examiners in the honour school shall be such of the Public Examiners in the Honour Schools of English and Modern Languages as shall be required.

(ii) It shall be the duty of the chairmen of examiners in the Honour School of English and in the Honour School of Modern Languages to consult together and designate such examiners as shall be required for the honour school, whereupon the number of the examiners shall be deemed to be complete.

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1. The Year Abroad

Candidates will be examined in accordance with the examination regulations set out below. In addition, every candidate shall be required to spend, after their matriculation, a year of residence in an appropriate country or countries, and to provide on their entry form for the examination a certificate confirming that they have done this, signed by the Head or by a tutor of their college or society. Candidates wishing to be dispensed from the requirement to undertake a year of residence abroad must apply in writing to the Chairman of the Medieval and Modern Languages Board, 41
Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF, stating their reasons for requesting dispensation and enclosing a letter of support from their college or society.

Candidates will be expected to carry out during this year abroad such work as their college or society may require. It is strongly recommended that candidates should apply through the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges for an Assistantship, where these are available, and should accept one if offered. Candidates who are not able to obtain an Assistantship should during their year abroad follow a course or courses in an institution or institutions approved by their society, or should spend their time in such other circumstances as are acceptable to their society. Candidates will agree with their College Tutor in advance of their year abroad an independent course of study to be followed during that period.

2. English and Modern Languages Papers

Each candidate shall offer Part I and either Part II or Part III as prescribed below.

Except in a Special Subject or an alternative to a Special Subject, a candidate shall offer (in addition to English) one modern language and its literature only.

Candidates are warned that they must avoid duplicating in their answers to one part of the examination material that they have used in another part of the examination.

Part I

The regulations for these subjects shall be those specified in the regulations for the Honour School of Modern Languages.

1. Honour School of Modern Languages, Paper I.
2. Honour School of Modern Languages, Papers IIA and IIB.
3. Honour School of Modern Languages, one paper chosen from Papers VI, VII, or VIII.
4. Honour School of Modern Languages, one paper chosen from Papers IV, V, IX, X, XI, or XII.
5. Oral examination.

EITHER: Part II

6, 7, 8. Three papers chosen from Course I, Subjects 1 to 6 of the Honour School of English Language and Literature. The papers will be written examinations of three hours’ duration, unless otherwise specified. Candidates shall choose three from:

(i) *Shakespeare* (a portfolio of 3 essays, each of not fewer than 1,300 and not more than 1,500 words in length) [as specified for the Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I, Subject 1]. See in addition the regulations in 3. for ‘Submitted work’.

(ii) *Literature in English 1350 – 1550* [as specified for the Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I, Subject 2].

(iii) *Literature in English 1550 to 1660* [as specified for the Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I, Subject 3]. Candidates who have satisfied the Moderators in the First Public Examination in Classics and English may not offer this paper.

(iv) *Literature in English 1660 to 1760* [as specified for the Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I, Subject 4].

(v) *Literature in English 1760 to 1830* [as specified for the Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I, Subject 5].

(vi) *Special Options* (an extended essay of not fewer than 5,000 and not more than 6,000 words in length) [as specified for the Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I, Subject 6]. See in addition the regulations in 3. for ‘Submitted work’.
9. **Dissertation** (an extended essay of not fewer than 7,000 and not more than 8,000 words in length). See in addition the regulations in 3. for ‘Submitted work’.

Candidates may offer an extended essay in any subject area of English Language or Literature in English, or combining English and their Modern Language. Candidates should show such historical and/or contextual knowledge as is necessary for the profitable study of the topic concerned.

Candidates should submit to the Chair of Examiners, care of the English Faculty Office, by 5 p.m. on Thursday of the eighth week of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination, an abstract of no more than 100 words, describing their area of study. Confirmation of the abstract will be received from the Chair of Examiners by Thursday of the first week of the Hilary Term preceding the examination.

The candidate may not discuss with any tutor either his or her choice of content or the method of handling it after Friday of the sixth week of the Hilary Term preceding the examination.

Two typed copies of the essay shall be delivered to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of English Language and Literature, Examination Schools, High Street, by noon on Tuesday of the ninth week after the commencement of Hilary Full Term. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with the submission (see in addition the regulations in 3. for ‘Submitted work’).

OR: **Part III**

6, 7, 8. Three papers chosen from Course II, Subjects 1 to 6 of the Honour School of English Language and Literature. The papers will be written examinations of three hours’ duration, unless otherwise specified. Candidates shall choose three from:

(i) **Literature in English 650 – 1100** [Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course II, Subject 1].

(ii) **Medieval English and Related Literatures 1066 to 1550** [Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course II, Subject 2].

(iii) **Literature in English 1350 - 1550** [Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course II, Subject 3].

(iv) **The History of the English Language to c.1800** [Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course II, Subject 4].

(v) EITHER **The Material Text** (a portfolio of one essay and one commentary, each of not fewer than 2,000 and not more than 2,500 words in length) [Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course II, Subject 5(a)]. See in addition the introductory regulations for ‘Submitted work’ for the Honour School of English and Modern Languages.

OR **Shakespeare** (a portfolio of three essays, each of not fewer than 1,300 and not more than 1,500 words in length) [Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I, Subject 1 / Course II, Subject 5(b)]. See in addition the introductory regulations for ‘Submitted work’ for the Honour School of English and Modern Languages.

(vi) **Special Options** (an extended essay of not fewer than 5,000 and not more than 6,000 words in length) [Honour School of English Language and Literature, Course I & II, Subject 6]. See in addition the introductory regulations for ‘Submitted work’ for the Honour School of English and Modern Languages.
9. **Dissertation** (an extended essay of not fewer than 7,000 and not more than 8,000 words in length). See the regulations above for Part II, subject 9. See in addition the regulations in 3. for ‘Submitted work’.

3. **Submitted Work for Part II and Part III**

   (a) Two typed copies of each extended essay or portfolio essay must be delivered to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of English Language and Literature, Examination Schools, High Street, according to the deadlines specified in the regulations for each subject. It is additionally strongly recommended that the candidate keep a third copy of his or her submission. A certificate signed by the candidate to the effect that each extended essay or portfolio is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with each submission (see (b) below).

   (b) Every submission must be the work of the candidate alone, and he or she may not discuss with any tutor either his or her choice of content or the method of handling it after the last date indicated in the regulations for each subject.

   (c) Essays previously submitted for the Honour School of English and Modern Languages may be re-submitted. No essay will be accepted if it has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for a final honour school or other degree of this University, or degree of any other institution.

   (d) Essays may be penalised that are deemed to be either too short or of excessive length in relation to the word limits specified in the regulations for each subject.’.

(6) **Preliminary Examination in History and English**

With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

In *Examination Regulations*, 2011, delete p. 122, ll.31 to p. 123, l.35, and substitute:

‘**Special Regulations for the Preliminary Examination in History and English**

A

1. The Preliminary Examination in History and English shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Faculties of History and English Language and Literature and shall consist of such subjects as they shall jointly by regulation prescribe.

2. The Chairs of the Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in History and of the Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature shall consult together and designate such of their number as may be required for the examination for the Preliminary Examination in History and English, whereupon the number of examiners shall be deemed to be complete.

B

Each candidate shall offer four papers as set out below. The papers will be of three hours' duration, except where otherwise specified. The Moderators shall publish the names of candidates who have satisfied them in the whole of the examination, or in papers 1 and 2 only, or in papers 3 and 4 only.

1. *The History of the British Isles* (any one of the periods specified for the Preliminary Examination in History).

2. One of the following:

   (a) One of the Optional Subjects as specified for the Preliminary Examination in History.

   (b) *Approaches to History* (as specified for the Preliminary Examination in History).
(c) Historiography: Tacitus to Weber (as specified for the Preliminary Examination in History).

The individual specifications and prescribed texts for these papers will be published in the Handbook for the Preliminary Examination in History by Monday of noughtth Week of Michaelmas Term each year for the academic year ahead. Depending on the availability of teaching resources, with the exception of Optional Subject 1, not all the Optional Subjects listed in the Handbook will be available to candidates in any given year. Candidates may obtain details of the choice of options for that year by consulting the Definitive List of Optional Subjects posted at the beginning of the first week of Michaelmas Full Term in the History Faculty and circulated to tutors.

3. Introduction to English Language and Literature.

The paper will be examined by a portfolio of work, comprising one commentary answer and one discursive essay, of not fewer than 1,500 and not more than 2,000 words each. Footnotes will be included in the total word count, but bibliographies do not count towards the limit. The list of questions for this paper will be divided into Section A (Language) and B (Literature) and will be published on Monday of the fourth week of the Trinity Term of the first year. Candidates must select one question from Section A and one question from section B.

Questions in Section A (Language) invite candidates to make their own selection of texts or passages of texts for commentary, in accordance with the terms of the particular question chosen. Copies of the texts or passages used must be included as an appendix to the portfolio. The combined length of all texts or passages chosen must not exceed 70 lines. The texts or passages used will not count towards the word limit for the commentary answer.

Two typed copies of the portfolio must be delivered to the Chairman of the Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature, Examination Schools, High Street, by noon on Wednesday of the sixth week of the same Trinity Term. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each answer is the candidate's own work, and that the candidate has read the Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with each portfolio.

Following the publication of themes for this subject on Monday of the fourth week of Trinity Term, the candidate must neither discuss his or her choice of themes nor the method of handling them with any tutor. Every portfolio must be the work of the candidate alone, but he or she may discuss with his or her tutor the subjects and approach to the essays up until the stated publication date of the portfolio themes.

Portfolios previously submitted for the First Public Examination in English Language and Literature may be resubmitted. No answer will be accepted that has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for a final honour school or any other degree of this University, or degree of any other institution.

Work deemed to be either too short or of excessive length may be penalised.

Candidates must avoid duplicating material used in this paper when answering other papers. In addition, candidates are not permitted to duplicate material between Section A and Section B of the portfolio.

4. One of the following:

(a) Literature in English 650 – 1350 (as specified in the regulations for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature, subject 2).

(b) Literature in English 1830 – 1910 (as specified in the regulations for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature, subject 3).

(c) Literature in English 1910 – present day (as specified in the regulations for the Preliminary Examination in English Language and Literature, subject 4).
Candidates who fail one or more of papers 1, 2, 3, or 4 above may resit that subject or subjects at a subsequent examination.

(7) Honour School of History and English

With effect from 1 October 2014 (for first examination in 2015).

Please note that students matriculating before October 2012 will continue to follow the existing regulations until they come to the end of their course, so the changes are an addition, not a substitution, and are for the attention of students matriculating from October 2012 onwards.

In Examination Regulations, 2011, p.272, after l.47, insert:

‘Special Regulations for the Honour School of History and English

A

1. The Honour School of History and English shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Faculties of History and English Language and Literature and shall consist of such subjects as they shall jointly by regulation prescribe. The boards shall establish a joint committee consisting of three representatives of each faculty, of whom at least one of each side shall be a member of the respective faculty board, to advise them as necessary in respect of the Honour School and of the Preliminary Examination in History and English.

2. No candidate shall be admitted to the examination in this school unless he or she has either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.

3. The Chairmen of Examiners for the Honour School of History and for the Honour School of English Language and Literature shall consult together and designate such of their number as may be required for the examination for the Honour School of History and English, whereupon the number of examiners shall be deemed to be complete.

B

Each candidate shall offer seven subjects as set out below. The subjects will be examined by written examinations of three hours’ duration, unless otherwise specified.

1. Submitted work

(a) Candidates should note that no more than four out of the total of seven Final Honour School papers can be examined by submission. Candidates should also note that some English and History papers are examined only by submission and should bear this restriction in mind when making their choices.

(b) Two typed copies of each extended essay or portfolio must be delivered by hand to the relevant Chair of Examiners, Examination Schools, High Street, according to the deadlines specified in the regulations for each subject. It is additionally strongly recommended that the candidate keep a third copy of his or her submission. A certificate signed by the candidate to the effect that each extended essay or portfolio is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the History Faculty and English Language and Literature Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with each submission (see (d) below). Certificates will be circulated to candidates for completion by the History Faculty Office and the English Faculty Office.

(c) Every submission must be the work of the candidate alone, and he or she may not discuss with any tutor either his or her choice of content or the method of handling it after the last date indicated in the regulations for each subject.

(d) Essays previously submitted for the Honour School of History and English may be re-submitted. No essay will be accepted if it has already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for a final honour school or other degree of this University, or degree of any other institution.
(e) Essays may be penalised that are deemed to be either too short or of excessive length in relation to the word limits specified in the regulations for each subject.

2. History and English papers

(i) One compulsory interdisciplinary bridge paper, which shall be examined by an extended essay of between 5,000 and 6,000 words, including footnotes and notes but excluding bibliography. The list of topics for this paper shall be published to candidates by the beginning of the first week of the Michaelmas Term in the first year of the Honour School, and shall be available thereafter from the English Faculty Office and the History Faculty Office.

Candidates must submit their proposed essay title to the Chair of Examiners for the Honour School of History and English, care of the History Faculty Office, not later than Friday of the fourth week of the Michaelmas Term in the first year of study for the Honour School. Approval of the title may be assumed unless the Chairman of Examiners contacts a candidate’s tutor by Monday of the sixth week of the same Michaelmas Term.

The candidate must deliver two typed copies of the bridge paper essay by hand to the Chair of Examiners for the Joint School of History and English, at the Examination Schools, High Street, by noon on Friday of the eighth week of the Trinity Term in the first year of study for the Honour School. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the History Faculty and English Language and Literature Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with the submission (see the introductory regulations for ‘submitted work’ for the Honour School of History and English).

(ii) One period of British History not taken in the First Public Examination (as specified in the regulations for History).

(iii) and (iv) Two subjects chosen from subjects 1 to 6 of Course I or Course II of the Honour School of English Language and Literature (as specified in the regulations for the Honour School of English Language and Literature).

(v) and (vi) Two subjects from the Honour School of History, consisting of either (a) Special Subject (which comprises a three hour paper and an extended essay, constituting two papers), or (b) Two of the following:

1. One General History paper from the Honour School of History;
2. One Further Subject from the Honour School of History;
3. One additional British History period not taken in the First Public Examination;
4. One additional subject chosen from papers 1 to 6 of Course I or Course II of the Honour School of English Language and Literature.

See the regulations for History and for English Language and Literature. The individual detailed specifications and prescribed texts for the Further and Special Subjects as specified for the Honour School of History will be given in the Handbook for the Honour School of History. This will be published by the History Board by Monday of week 1 of the first Michaelmas Full Term of candidates' work for the Honour School.

Depending on the availability of teaching resources, not all Further and Special Subjects will be available to all candidates in every year. Candidates may obtain details of the choice of Further and Special Subjects available for the following year by consulting the supplement to the Handbook for the Honour School of History. This will be issued by the beginning of the fourth week of the first Hilary Full Term of candidates' work for the Honour School and will contain full specifications and prescribed texts for any Further or Special Subjects specified for History introduced for the following year, and any amendments to the specifications and prescribed texts of existing Further and Special Subjects approved by the History Board.
(vii) One compulsory interdisciplinary dissertation, which shall be examined by an extended essay of not more than 10,000 words, including notes and source material but excluding bibliography.

Candidates must submit to the Chairman of Examiners for the Joint School of History and English, care of the History Faculty Office, not later than 5 p.m. on Friday of the sixth week of the Michaelmas Term preceding the examination, a title and abstract of not more than 200 words detailing the proposed dissertation topic.

The candidate must deliver two typed copies of the dissertation by hand to the Chairman of Examiners for the Joint School of History and English, at the Examination Schools, High Street, by noon on Tuesday of the ninth week after the commencement of the Hilary Full Term preceding the examination. A certificate, signed by the candidate to the effect that each essay is the candidate’s own work, and that the candidate has read the History Faculty and English Language and Literature Faculty guidelines on plagiarism, must be presented together with the submission (see the introductory regulations for ‘submitted work’ for the Honour School of History and English).’

Explanatory note

(i) In 2007 it was agreed that the English Faculty’s undergraduate syllabus should be reviewed, having remained largely unchanged for over thirty years. Since then there has been a considerable amount of effort given to considering ways to redevelop the syllabus, including discussions with external advisors; consideration of examiners’ reports and course statistics (including teaching norms and financial matters); and consultation with Faculty members, relevant Faculties and junior members.

The overarching principles agreed at the beginning of the process were to maintain/develop:

- a continued commitment to broad period coverage;
- a sustained commitment to the tutorial system and college autonomy;
- a more effective sharing of resources and teaching expertise, particularly in relation to year 3 FHS options papers and the dissertation.

In addition, the restructure was accelerated by suggestions from the Humanities Division for the Faculty to reduce the number of FHS papers from 8 to 7, and to introduce a compulsory dissertation for students. In restructuring the syllabus to accommodate these requirements, the Faculty has continually sought advice and approval from its members and from the student body via the JCC.

(ii) The new syllabus will affect incoming first year students from October 2012 onwards. Current students will continue under the original syllabus until the conclusion of their course.

(iii) As part of the development process, resources and teaching arrangements have been fully taken into account.