Change in the regulations governing the Preliminary Examination in Theology: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Theology

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Humanities Divisional Board

Preliminary Examination in Theology

Brief note about nature of the change(s)

Addition of a description of the Sanskrit paper.

With effect from 1 October 2011 (for first examination in 2012)

1. In Examination Regulations, 2011, p.153, l.35 delete ‘papers 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10’ and substitute ‘papers 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11’.

2. Ibid, p.154, after l.46 insert:

‘11. Sanskrit

Candidates will be expected to show knowledge of basic Sanskrit grammar, syntax and vocabulary. The course book will be Walter Maurer’s The Sanskrit Language and the texts for study will be Bhagavad Gita chapter 2 and Nala chapter 1. Passages from these texts will be chosen for translation and grammatical comment.’

Explanatory note

The regulations for the Preliminary Examination in Theology were updated last year to include the new Sanskrit paper; however, while Section A was updated, and allows students the option of taking this paper, Section B was not updated in line with this, meaning that a full description of the new paper is currently absent from the regulations. The regulation change also adds the number of the paper to the list of options available.

The text included above has already been made available to incoming students who will be taking the Preliminary Examination in Theology in Hilary Term 2012, via their Prelims Handbook.