Humanities Divisional Board

Communication from the Board of the Faculty of Philosophy

A) Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: Change to mode of assessment

With effect from 1 October 2014

In Examination Regulations 2013

[1] p.413, ll.8-9, delete: “A three hour written… except 199.” and substitute: “A three-hour written examination paper will be set in each subject, except 199, and any other paper where expressly indicated below.”

[2] p.416, l.40, after “chanics.”, insert “This paper will be examined by two submitted essays of 5,000 words each. There will be no written paper in this subject. The submitted essays will be of the kind for Philosophy specified under the regulations for the Honour School of Physics and Philosophy, part C, except that (i) candidates must submit two essays for this subject, rather than one, and (ii) candidates will not select essay titles from past papers but seek approval for their titles in the way set out in the Physics and Philosophy regulations referred to.’

[3] p.422, l.10, after “5,000 words”, insert “, except 121 Advanced Philosophy of Physics, which will be assessed by two essays of at most 5,000 words, and no written paper”.

Explanatory Notes

The Advanced Philosophy of Physics paper is taught jointly between MSt students and MPhysPhil students, and covers the same material and the same level. The change would bring parity into the method of assessment between the two cohorts. The paper will be assessed by means of a two submitted essays of 5,000 words, rather than by the current one essay of 5,000 words plus an exam paper.
B) Honour School of Physics and Philosophy

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In Examination Regulations 2013, p. 453

[1] l.4, after “…at most 5,000 words”, insert ”, except 121 Advanced Philosophy of Physics, which shall be examined by two essays of at most 5,000 words each”.

[2] l.14, after “…formal exercises.” insert “Candidates offering Advanced Philosophy of Physics should not take essay titles from old papers, but should seek approval for both their essay titles.”

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