Changes in the regulations governing the Preliminary Examination in Philosophy, Politics and Economics: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Philosophy

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Brief note about nature of the change(s) Clarification of syllabus

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

1. In Examination Regulations, 2011, p. 148, ll. 16-17, delete: ‘Each candidate... two sections.’ and substitute: ‘Each candidate will be required to show adequate knowledge in each of the three sections.’.

2. Ibid, l. 19-22, delete: ‘knowledge, scepticism... on these topics.’ and substitute: ‘knowledge and scepticism, induction, mind and body, personal identity, free will, and God and evil. Candidates will have the opportunity, but will not be required, to show first-hand knowledge of Descartes’ Meditations and Hume’s An Enquiry concerning Human Understanding.’.

3. Ibid., l. 28-29, delete: ‘the ‘proof’ of consequentialism... morality; virtue.’ and substitute: ‘alternatives to consequentialism; ethical truth, ethical realism and the ‘Proof’ of Utilitarianism; justice and rights; virtue, character and integrity.’.

4. Ibid., l. 36, after ‘...in this publication.’, insert: ‘The first question in this section of the paper will be a question of an elementary and straightforward nature.’

Explanatory note
This change implements a slight revision to the first-year syllabus in Philosophy in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. There are no resource implications or vested interests.