

**Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Division**

**Approved at the meeting of 21 JANUARY 2015 of the PHYSICS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

(decision agreed at Physics Faculty Trinity Term 2014 meeting)

**Title of Programme**

**Honour School of Physics**

**Brief note about nature of change:**

1. Revision of the regulations for Part B of the third year course.
2. A small amendment for Part B of the four year course.

**Effective date**

**With immediate effect**

For *Examination Regulations 2015*

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2015*

**Detail of change**

On p. 395, l. 3-15 to 34, amend the text as shown below:

“1. In Part B

(a) the candidate shall be required

- (i) to offer four ~~of the~~ written papers on Physics B1 to B6 in the Schedule for Part B below and
- (ii) to submit to the Examiners such evidence as they require of the successful completion of practical work normally pursued during ~~one and a half~~ three terms in the academic year of the examination, and
- (iii) to offer a written paper on one Short Option.

~~(b) to offer a project report in the form of either an extended essay on a subject approved by the Head of the Teaching Faculty of Physics or deputy (by the end of sixth week of Hilary Full Term), or an account of extended practical work undertaken in the academic year in which the examination takes place. A candidate may also offer a written paper on a second Short Option, in which case the candidate need only submit evidence of the successful completion of practical work normally pursued during one and a half terms of the three terms specified in cl. 1(a)(ii).~~

(c) to offer a project report on practical work or other work undertaken in the academic year in which the examination takes place on a subject approved by the Head of the Teaching Faculty of Physics or deputy.

(ed) candidates may be examined by viva voce.

2. ~~With respect to cl. 1(a)(ii) a candidate may offer instead a written paper on a second Short Option. The titles of the written papers of cl. 1(a)(i) are given in the Schedule below. Their syllabuses shall be approved by the Faculty of Physics and shall be published in the Course Handbook not later than the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term for the examination three terms thence. The four papers offered shall include B3, B4 and B6.~~

3. The list of Short Option subjects in cl. 1(a)(iii), cl. 2 and their syllabuses shall be approved by the Faculty of Physics and shall be published in the Course Handbook not later than the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term for the examination three terms thence. One of the short options included in the list shall be S07, Classical Mechanics.

4. In cl. 1(a)(ii), practical work may be replaced by project work, if an appropriate supervisor is available. The subject, duration, and replacement value shall be approved by the Head of the Teaching Faculty of Physics or deputy, by the end of Michaelmas Full Term.

5. With respect to cl. 1(a)(iii) a candidate may take, as alternative to the written examination, an assessed course of instruction in a foreign language. A candidate proposing to take this alternative must have the proposal approved by the Head of the Teaching Faculty of Physics or deputy and by the Director of the Language Centre or deputy, by the end of the first week of Hilary Full Term. Approval shall not be given to candidates who have, at the start of the course, already acquired demonstrable skills exceeding the target learning outcomes in the chosen language.

6. With respect to subjects under cl. 1(a)(iii) a candidate may propose to the Head of the Teaching Faculty of Physics or deputy, not later than the fourth week of Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination, another subject paper. Candidates shall be advised of the decision by the end of eighth week of that term.”

On p. 396, l. 50

replace text

“3. The list of Short Option subjects in ~~cl. 1(a)(iii), 1(b)~~ cl. 1(a)(iii), 1(b) and their syllabuses shall be approved by the Faculty of Physics and shall be published in the Course Handbook not later than the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term for the examination three terms thence. ~~One of the short options included in the list shall be S07, Classical Mechanics.~~”

### Explanatory Notes

The changes to the regulations reflect:

- (a) identical practical work requirements for the third year of the three and four year degree courses.
- (b) specific reference to four papers required for the three year degree course.
- (c) removal of specific reference to S07: Classical Mechanics.