HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD
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Changes in the regulations governing the First Public Examination in Oriental Studies: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies

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Humanities Divisional Board

Moderations in Egyptology and Preliminary Examination in Oriental Studies

Brief note about nature of the change(s): To replace the Moderations in Egyptology with a Preliminary Examination, and to clarify resit arrangements for the Preliminary Examination in Oriental Studies.

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

1. In Examination Regulations, 2011, p. 57, delete l. 37.

2. Ibid., p. 60, delete ll. 35-6.


4. Ibid., p. 100, delete ll. 1-30.

5. Ibid., p. 144, l. 36, delete “” and the corresponding footnote.

6. Ibid., p. 145, delete ll. 11-13 and substitute:

‘Candidates offering Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies are required to offer four three-hour papers:

1, 2 Either Akkadian texts. (Lists are available from the Oriental Institute)
and
Akkadian grammar and unprepared translation.
Or
Egyptian texts: Middle Egyptian texts, ed. Baines and Smith. (Copies are available from the Oriental Institute)
and
Middle Egyptian grammar and unprepared translation.
4. History of the Ancient Near East to 30 BCE.’

7. Ibid., p.144, delete ll. 28-31 and substitute:

‘3. Candidates must offer all subjects at one examination provided that: (i) in languages for which four papers are required, a candidate who fails in one or two papers may offer those subjects at one subsequent examination, and a candidate who fails three or four papers must offer all four subjects at one subsequent examination; and (ii) in languages for which three papers are required, a candidate who fails in one paper may offer that subject at one subsequent examination, and a candidate who fails two or three papers must offer all three subjects at one subsequent examination.’

Explanatory note
These changes will remove the regulation for the Moderation in Egyptology entirely from the Regulations, and Part B of the rubric for the Moderation will replace the current regulation for the Preliminary Examination, which at present is only possible as a re-sit. This is to bring Egyptology into
line with the rest of the Faculty and the Humanities Division. The change also clarifies resit arrangements for all languages, following recent Education Committee guidance.

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