### MPLS Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of: MPLS Division Trinity Term 2017 and reconfirmed at Mathematics Teaching Committee on 28th February 2018 MPLS Division Hilary Term 2018.

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Honour School of Mathematics

**Brief note about nature of change:**

(i) The dissertation will be made compulsory

(ii) Change to progression requirements

(iii) change to outcomes for Part C

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2017*: [https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/hsoofmath/administratorview/](https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/hsoofmath/administratorview/)

**Effective date**

**For students starting from:** FHS in 2018–19

**For first examination from:** Part C in 2020-21

1. Amend citation reference 1.8

5. The Examiners shall classify assess and publish the combined results of the examinations in for Part A and Part B, and in respect of candidates taking the four-year course shall separately classify assess and publish results in for Part C. Candidates will have their outcomes determined in accordance with Part 17 of the Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations, with candidates for Part A and B combined considered for Honours and candidates for Part C considered for the same outcomes as graduate taught programmes.
2. Amend citation reference 1.11

(b) In order to proceed to Part C, a candidate must achieve upper second class Honours or higher in Parts A and B together, and must achieve an upper second class Honours or higher in Part B alone (as defined in the Examination Conventions).

3. Amend citation reference 1.14

A candidate on the four-year course adjudged worthy of Honours on both Parts A and B together, and who passes Part C may supplicate for the degree of Master of Mathematics provided that the candidate has fulfilled all the conditions for admission to a degree of the University.

4. Amend citation reference 4.9

Candidates must offer a double unit which is a Dissertation. If the Dissertation is a mathematical topic this would be offered under the schedule of Mathematics Department units. If the Dissertation is on a mathematics-related topic, this would be offered under the schedule of 'other options'.

5. Amend citation reference 4.16

Rules governing submission of the dissertation, and any extended essay, dissertation or mini-project, including deadlines, provided that these shall always be submitted to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of Mathematics, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. In addition an electronic copy must be submitted to the Mathematical Institute’s website, details will be included in the relevant Notice to Candidates. No part of any extended essay, dissertation or mini-project submitted may include work previously submitted for this or any other degree.

Explanatory Notes

A) The dissertation will be made compulsory.

B) The hurdle to proceed to Part C will be raised slightly. Currently, a candidate must achieve upper second class Honours or higher in Parts A and B together in order to proceed to Part C. Candidates will be required to obtain an upper second or higher in Part B alone, alongside upper second class Honours or higher in Parts A and B together, in order to proceed to Part C. A definition of what constitutes an upper second or higher in Part B alone will be added to the Examination Conventions.

C) Students are currently classified as either First/2.1/2.2/Third/Pass/Fail on the basis of their performance in Part C. Students will be awarded a Distinction/Merit/Pass/Fail on the basis of their performance in Part C.