

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
<b>Approved by divisional officers on behalf of the Board on 11 July 2018</b>	
<b>Title of Programme</b>	Honour School of Oriental Studies
<b>Brief note about nature of change:</b>	amendment to assessment to be compulsory
<b>Effective date</b>	<p><b>For students starting from MT 2018</b></p> <p><b>For first examination from 2019-20</b></p>
<b>Location of change</b>	In <i>Examination Regulations 2017</i>
<b>Detail of change</b>	<p><b>1.30 <i>Either, for Arabic and Islamic Studies</i></b></p> <p><b>1.31</b> 1. Arabic unprepared translation into English and comprehension.</p> <p><b>1.32</b> 2. Composition in Arabic.</p> <p><b>1.33</b> 3. Oral.1</p> <p><b>1.34</b> 4. Arabic literature.</p> <p><b>1.35</b> 5. Islamic history, 570-1500.</p> <p><b>1.36</b> 6. Islamic religion.</p> <p><b>1.37</b> 7. A Further Subject, chosen from a list published in the course handbook.</p> <p><b>1.38</b> 8. and 9. A Special Subject (to be examined in two papers, <u>as outlined below</u>), chosen from a list published in the course handbook.</p> <p><u>10. A dissertation</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p><b>1.39</b> <del>10.</del> (i) Candidates for all Special Subjects will be examined by means of a timed paper, and by means of an extended essay, which shall not exceed 6,000 words (including footnotes but excluding bibliography), and shall be on a topic or theme selected by the candidate from a question paper</p>

published by the examiners on the Friday of the fourth week of Michaelmas Term in the year of examination. Candidates will be contacted with details of how to collect or access the question paper. Essays should be typed or word-processed in double-spacing and should conform to the standards of academic presentation prescribed in the 'Guidelines for writers of Theses' in the course handbook. Essays (two copies) shall normally be written during the Michaelmas Term in the year of examination and must be delivered by hand to the Examination Schools (addressed to the Chair of Examiners, Honour School of Oriental Studies, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford) not later than 12 noon on the Friday before the beginning of Hilary Full Term of the year of examination. Candidates delivering essays will be required to complete a receipt form, which will only be accepted as proof of receipt if it is countersigned by a member of the Examination Schools staff. Each essay must be accompanied by a sealed envelope (bearing only the candidate's examination number) containing a formal declaration signed by the candidate that the essay is his or her own work. The University's regulations on Late Submission of Work will apply.

<sup>1.40</sup>~~11.~~ (ii) Any candidate may be examined viva voce.

<sup>1.41</sup>~~12.~~ A dissertation.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1.42</sup>~~or, for Arabic with a Subsidiary Language,~~ Papers 1-6 above **and** 10 above. A dissertation is to be approved by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies. See the 'Guidelines for writers of theses' under Arabic and Islamic Studies above for notes concerning the preparation and submission of a dissertation.~~13, 14, and 15. Three papers from one of the following:-~~

**and 11, 12, 13: three papers from one of the following languages:**

<sup>1.43</sup>Akkadian.

<sup>1.44</sup>Aramaic and Syriac.

<sup>1.45</sup>Armenian.

<sup>1.46</sup>Classics (in the Honour School of Classics and Oriental Studies).

<sup>1.47</sup>Hebrew.

<sup>1.48</sup>Hindi/Urdu.

<sup>1.49</sup>Persian.

<sup>1.50</sup>Turkish.

<sup>1.51</sup>~~16. An optional dissertation to be approved by the Board. See under Arabic and Islamic Studies above for notes concerning the choice and approval of options and the preparation and submission of theses.~~

**Explanatory notes:**

This change makes a dissertation compulsory for students of Arabic who elect to study a subsidiary language in the first year of the Final Honour School. The dissertation was previously optional.

The change also includes minor textual amendments to the regulations for Arabic and Islamic Studies to make them clearer.