

## Humanities Divisional Board

**Approved by Humanities Education Development Panel on 15 May 2018**

### **Title of Programme**

Master of Philosophy in Oriental Studies

**Brief note about nature of change:** 1. Introduction of the award of merit 2. Clarification of assessment structure

### **Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2017 (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mopinoriestud/>)

### **Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2018**

**For first examination from 2019-20**

### **Detail of change**

1. Introduction of the award of merit for PGT programmes

Deletions struck-through:

~~1.247. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.~~

2. Clarification of assessment structure (Classical Indian Religion)

New text underlined, deletions struck-through:

~~1.82~~ **(iv) Classical Indian Religion**

~~1.83~~ A. *Qualifying Examination*

~~1.84~~ Candidates must pass a qualifying examination in Sanskrit not later than the end of the second term of the academic year in which the candidate's name is first entered on the register of M.Phil. students

unless exempted by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies.

**1.85 B. Final Examination**

**1.86** Candidates will be required to offer the following four papers, but a candidate may submit a thesis of not more than 20,000 words on a subject approved by the board<sup>13</sup> instead of Paper (iv).

**1.87** (i) Unprepared translation from epic and commentarial Sanskrit. ~~This written examination will take place at the end of Trinity Term.~~ and Translation from the set books in two of the sections.

**1.88** (ii) and (iii) ~~Translation from the set books in two of the sections.~~ Lists of set texts ~~must be submitted to~~ will be available from the Faculty office by Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term. This written examination will take place at the end of Trinity Term.

(ii) History of Indian Religions I

(iii) History of Indian Religions II

**1.89** In Papers (ii) and (iii), each of which is assessed by a three-hour examination, candidates will be expected to show background knowledge of relevant social and political history. Emphasis will be laid on the study of primary sources, which may, however, be read in translation.

**1.90** (iv) Approaches to the study of Indian religion: Candidates will be asked to give a critical appreciation of the contributions of different disciplines (theology, anthropology, philology etc.) and to discuss the application of various theoretical approaches (e.g. evolutionism, diffusionism, dialectical materialism, phenomenology, structuralism) to the subject. This written examination will take place at the end of Trinity Term.

### **Explanatory Notes**

1. Following the introduction of the award of merit for PGT courses, Taught Degrees Panel of Education Committee has decided that provision for the award of distinction and merit is included within the general regulations only.

2. This change amends the wording of the regulations so that it accurately reflects the structure of assessments for Classical Indian Religion. There is no change to the actual structure or assessments.