HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 12 June 2018

Title of Programme

Preliminary Examination in Religion and Oriental Studies

Brief note about nature of change: introduction of new language and its assessments

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

For first examination in 2018-19

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2017 (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/peireliandoriestud/)

Detail of change

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- 1.21. The languages, subjects, and papers, in the examination shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Faculties of Theology and Religion, and of Oriental Studies, which shall appoint a standing joint committee to make, and to submit to the two boards, proposals for regulations concerning the examination.
- ^{1.3}2. All candidates must offer Paper 1301 *Religion and Religions*.
- ^{1.4}3. All candidates must offer one of *Pali*, *Tibetan*, *Sanskrit*, *Hindi*, *Arabic*, *Hebrew*, or *Greek*.
- 1.54. A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the examination when he or she shall have satisfied the Examiners in all the papers associated with one of the languages specified in the regulations, and Paper 1301.

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Schedule of papers

- ^{1.9}1301. Religion and Religions
- 1.10 Candidates will be required to offer one three-hour paper.
- ^{1.11}Pali

- 1.12 Candidates will be required to offer three three-hour papers.
- 1.131. Texts I: Candidates will be expected to comment on set texts from the Pali Canon.
- 1.142. Texts II
- ^{1.15}3. Grammar: Candidates will be expected to show knowledge of Pali grammar, syntax and vocabulary.
- ^{1.16}Tibetan
- 1.17 Candidates will be required to offer two three-hour papers and an oral/aural examination.
- 1.181. Set texts: Candidates will be expected to translate and comment on Tibetan set texts.
- 1.192. Unseen translation, prose composition and grammar: Candidates will be expected to show knowledge of Tibetan grammar and an ability to translate unseen texts from Tibetan into English and to compose a passage in Tibetan.
- 1.203. Oral/aural examination
- ^{1.21}Sanskrit
- 1.22 Candidates will be required to offer three three-hour papers.
- 1.231. Texts I
- 1.242. Texts II
- 1.253. Grammar

<u>Hindi</u>

Candidates will be required to offer three three-hour papers.

- 1. Texts I
- 2. Texts II
- 3. Grammar and Translation.
- 1.26 Arabic
- 1.27 Candidates will be required to offer two three-hour papers and an oral/aural examination.
- ^{1.28}1. Translation and precis into English
- ^{1.29}2. Comprehension, composition, and grammar
- 1.203. Oral/aural examination

Explanatory notes

This change is made in order to include the language Hindi, in line with the introduction of new assessments for Hindi in the Honour School of Religion and Oriental Studies.