HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Title of Programme

MPhil Oriental Studies – Tibetan and Himalayan Studies

Brief note about nature of change: Amendments to administrative procedures for the degree and clarifying the requirements for the examination.

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2014

For first examination from 2015-16

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2014, p.520, ll.24-42.

Detail of change

(xi) Tibetan and Himalayan Studies

A. Qualifying Examination Candidates must pass a qualifying examination in Tibetan language at the end of the Hilary Term of their first year. This will consist of a written and an oral examination.

B. Final Examination

1. All candidates will be required to offer the following three written examination papers at the end of Trinity Term, to offer a thesis of not more than 30,000 words, and to present themselves for an oral examination.

   (i) Unseen translation both from and into Tibetan.

   (ii) Translation from two set texts, which will include a modern Tibetan work and a classical work. Lists of set texts must be submitted to the Faculty office by Friday of seventh week of Michaelmas Term. The texts will be reported to the Faculty Board’s second meeting of Trinity Full Term in the second year of the course. 

   (iii) History and civilisation of Tibet and the Himalayas. Topics covered will include the history, politics, religion, and anthropology of the region.

C. Thesis Candidates must submit a thesis of not more than 30,000 words on a topic selected by the candidate in consultation with his or her supervisor and approved by the faculty board.