Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Board and Board of the Faculty of Philosophy

(a) Honour Moderations in Computer Science and Philosophy

With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

1. In Examination Regulations, 2009, p.57, l.14, insert:

‘Computer Science and Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Philosophy Division and Faculty of Philosophy’

2. Ibid., p.94, after l.33 insert:

‘Special Regulations for the Honour Moderations in Computer Science and Philosophy

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1. The subjects of Honour Moderations in Computer Science and Philosophy shall be (a) Computer Science, (b) Philosophy.

2. All candidates must offer both (a) and (b).

3. The examination shall be under the joint supervision of the Divisional Board of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences and the Board of the Faculty of Philosophy, which shall appoint a joint supervisory committee to make regulations concerning it, subject always to the preceding clauses of this subsection.

4. The Moderators shall indicate on the pass list each candidate who has not passed this examination but has passed in one subject, and shall indicate in which subject the candidate has passed.

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1. Each candidate shall offer six papers as follows:

   CS1 Functional Programming, and Design and Analysis of Algorithms;
   CS2 Imperative Programming;
   CS3(CS&P) Discrete Mathematics;
   M1(CS&P) Applied Mathematics;
   P1 Introduction to Philosophy;
   P2 Elements of Deductive Logic.

   Papers CS1, CS2, P1 and P2 will be of three hours’ duration; paper CS3(MS&P) will be of two hours’ duration; paper M1(CS&P) will be of one and a quarter hours’ duration.

2. The syllabus for each paper will be published by the joint supervisory committee in a handbook for candidates by the beginning of the
Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination, after consultation with the Faculty of Computer Science (for papers CS1, CS2, CS3(CS&P)), the Faculty of Mathematics (for paper M1(CS&P)), and the Faculty of Philosophy (for papers P1 and P2).

3. Each of papers CS1, CS2, CS3(CS&P) and M1(CS&P) will contain questions of a straightforward character.

4. The use of calculators is generally not permitted but certain kinds may be allowed for certain papers. Specifications of which papers and which types of calculators are permitted for those exceptional papers will be announced by the Examiners in the Hilary Term preceding the examination.

5. All candidates will be assessed as to their practical ability in Computer Science under the following provisions:

(a) The Director of the Computing Laboratory, or a deputy, shall make available to the Examiners evidence showing the extent to which each candidate has pursued an adequate course of practical work. Only that work completed and marked by noon on Monday of the fifth week of the Trinity Term in which the candidate takes the examination shall be included in these records.

(b) Candidates shall submit to the Chairman of the Moderators, Honour Moderations in Computer Science and Philosophy, c/o the Academic Administrator, Oxford University Computing Laboratory, Oxford, by noon on Monday of the fifth week of the Trinity Term in which the examination is being held, their reports of practical exercises completed during their course of study. For a report on a practical exercise to be considered by the moderators, it must have been marked by a demonstrator and must be accompanied by a statement that it is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

(c) The moderators shall take the evidence (a) and the reports (b) into account in assessing a candidate's performance. Candidates whose overall performance on practical work is not satisfactory may be deemed to have failed the examination.