(a) Special Regulations for Doctor of Philosophy in English

Subject to the approval of the Humanities Divisional Board and Education Committee, the following changes in special regulations are proposed:

With effect from 1 October 2010

1 In Examination Regulations, 2009, p. 851, after l. 12, insert:

‘For students admitted to the D.Phil. in English before 1 October 2010:’.

2 Ibid., after l. 47, insert:

‘For students admitted to the D.Phil. in English from 1 October 2010:

(i) Application for confirmation of D.Phil. status, with endorsements by the candidate’s society and supervisor, shall normally be presented to the English Faculty’s Graduate Office not later than Monday of third week in the eighth term after admission to the D. Phil. programme. In exceptional cases the Graduate Studies Committee may permit the candidate to postpone submission by up to one term: candidates seeking such postponement should apply to the Committee through the Director of Graduate Studies well in advance.

(ii) Application for confirmation of D.Phil. status shall be accompanied by: (1) a full outline of chapters (c.100 words per chapters), summarising the scope of individual chapters and their state of completion, including a timetable for completion of the work which remains to be done before submission of the thesis; (2) a draft abstract of the thesis as a whole, of approximately 1,000 words; (3) a sample chapter, of between 6,000 and 10,000 words; (4) a confidential report from the supervisor which should be sent direct to the English Faculty’s Graduate Office. The English Graduate Office will send the written work and the confidential report as well as any previous reports on transfer to the interviewer appointed by the English Graduate Studies Committee on behalf of the English Faculty Board.

(iii) The interviewer shall examine the candidate orally. If the interviewer considers it necessary, a second assessor may be appointed in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies.

(iv) The interviewer(s) shall report to the English Graduate Studies Committee in writing whether the candidate’s subject is satisfactory and whether he or she is competent to tackle it. If confirmation is not recommended the interviewer may 1) recommend reapplication after a further period of study or 2) recommend transfer to M.Litt. status.

(v) Any candidate whose first application for confirmation is refused may reapply on one (only) further occasion, normally within two terms of the first. The material required will be the same as (ii) above.’.