HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Academic Committee

Change in the regulations governing the Honour School of History: communication from the Board of the Faculty of History

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Subject to approval on behalf of the divisional board, which is now sought, and by Education Committee, the following change in regulations has been made:

Humanities Divisional Board

Honour School of History

Brief note about nature of the change(s)

Marking conventions for Optional Additional Thesis.

With immediate effect

In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 273, after l. 26 insert: ‘10. The Final Honour School Examiners will arrive at a formal degree result for candidates who submit an Optional Additional Thesis by inclusion of the 7 highest marks awarded for the 8 papers submitted, except that the mark awarded for the Optional Additional Thesis may not substitute for a mark lower than 50. Thus, the papers to be included are determined by the following procedures:

i) In the event that the Optional Additional Thesis is awarded a mark below 50, it will be disregarded and the formal degree result will be determined solely by the marks awarded for the compulsory papers.

ii) In the event that the Optional Additional Thesis is awarded a mark of 50 or above, the paper awarded the lowest mark of 50 or above (which may be the Optional Additional Thesis) will be disregarded. All other papers awarded a mark of 50 or above, and all papers awarded a mark below 50 will be included.’.

Explanatory note

Candidates for the History Final Honours School, and for the Joint Schools in Ancient and Modern History, History and Economics, History and English, and History and Modern Languages, may select to complete an Optional Additional Thesis, the regulations for which are provided at Section VII, paragraphs 1-9, of the Special Regulations for the Honour School of History. The regulations do not, however, detail the mechanism by which the Optional Additional Thesis may count towards a candidate’s final average mark. A change of regulations is therefore here submitted in order to provide clarification on this matter.