HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Academic Committee

Change(s) in the regulations governing the Honour School of Literae Humaniores: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Classics

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

Humanities Divisional Board

Honour School of Literae Humaniores

Brief note on nature of the changes
Change to the syllabus for paper III.4 Lyric Poetry

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

1 In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 309, l. 12, insert "[Until 1 October 2012" immediately before “One of the following:".

2 Ibid., l. 43, delete “For Course II candidates or single-language Classics and English candidates:" and substitute “For Course II candidates or single-language candidates in Classics & English, Classics & Modern Languages and Classics & Oriental Studies offering Greek:".

3 Ibid., l. 46, delete “For Course II candidates or single-language Classics and English candidates:" with “For Course II candidates or single-language candidates in Classics & English, Classics & Modern Languages and Classics & Oriental Studies offering Latin:".

4 Ibid., l. 50, after “(5 vols., Loeb),” insert: ‘

5 Ibid., after l. 50 insert:

"[From 1 October 2012:

One of the following:

(i) For Course I candidates:

α All of (1) to (4) below:
(1) G. O. Hutchinson, Greek Lyric Poetry (Oxford): all texts, except Sophocles and Euripides.
(2) D. A. Campbell, Greek Lyric Poetry (2nd edition, Bristol), including the appendix: all texts by Archilochus, Semonides, Mimnermus, Solon, Sappho, Alcaeus, Ibycus, Anacreon, Theognis, and Bacchylides. Where texts overlap with Hutchinson’s, the latter’s edition should be used.
(3) M. M. Willcock, Pindar: Victory Odes (Cambridge): all seven texts.
(4) Catullus 11, 17, 34, 51, 61; Horace, Odes I.

β All of (5) to (8) below:
(5) M. L. West, Greek Lyric Poetry: a new translation (Oxford): all texts that are not α texts.
(6) Pindar: the remainder of the Olympians; all Pythians; Paeans 2, 4, 6; Partheneion 2.
(7) Timotheus 788-91; Callimachus, Iambi 1, 4, 5, 13, and Ektheosis Arsinoes; Theocritus 29 and 30.
(8) Catullus 4, 16, 21-6, 29-30, 38, 40-3, 52-60, 63; Horace, Odes II and IV, Carmen Saeculare, Epodes.
(ii) For Course II candidates or single-language candidates in Classics & English, Classics & Modern Languages and Classics & Oriental Studies offering Greek:

α (1), (2), (3), and (6) (except Pindar, Pythians and Paeans 4 and 6) from (i) above.
β (4), (5), (7), and (8) from (i) above, as well as Pindar, Pythians and Paeans 4 and 6.

(iii) For Course II candidates or single-language candidates in Classics & English, Classics & Modern Languages and Classics & Oriental Studies offering Latin:

α (4) and (8) from (i) above.
β (1), (2), (3), (5), (6) and (7) from (i) above.

Explanatory note

(i) Provide a rationale for the changes.
(ii) Confirm that there are no vested interests i.e. that current students will not be affected by the changes, or provide written confirmation (email) from students that they are content with the proposed changes.
(iii) Indicate whether there are any resource implications, e.g. if it is being proposed to add a new option, who will teach it, and will this be an additional teaching requirement over and above existing teaching offered by the faculty.

(i) The syllabus has been revised in response to low take-up and informal student feedback. The aim of the change has been to simplify the syllabus, to make the α texts more manageable and to take the opportunity to introduce some elegiac and iambic poetry since, after the removal of the ‘symposium’ option from Texts and Contexts, authors like Archilochus and Solon are no longer on any literature syllabus.

There are also minor corrections to the regulations in force until 1 October 2012, to correct an oversight when the regulations were first drafted.

(ii) There are no vested interests; this change will first affect candidates sitting finals in Trinity Term 2013.
(iii) There are no resource implications.