HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Academic Committee

Changes in the regulations governing the MPhil in Oriental Studies (xiii) Modern South Asian Studies and (vi) Modern Jewish Studies: communication from the Oriental Studies Board

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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 special regulations have been made:

Humanities Board

Brief note about nature of the changes

Assessment.

(1) MPhil in Oriental Studies (xiii) Modern South Asian Studies

With immediate effect

1 In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 569, l. 32, after ‘year.’ insert:

‘Candidates, who will submit a take-home essay in their first year of the course to partially fulfil the requirements of (b) in the Final Examination, must enter for this paper in their first year. The mark for such essays will not be moderated until the candidate’s final year of the course. Any failed Final Examination papers may be retaken on one occasion only, at the same time in the following academic year.’.

2 Ibid., p. 570, l. 14, after ‘completed.’ insert: ‘When a paper assessed by essay is taught in the first year of the course, candidates must enter for the paper in the first year.’.

(2) MPhil in Oriental Studies (vi) Modern Jewish Studies

With immediate effect

1 In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 562, l. 4, delete ‘The use of a dictionary will be permitted in this paper.’ and substitute ‘Candidates who fail the Qualifying Examination may be allowed to retake that part in Trinity Term of the first year of the course.

Candidates, who will submit a take-home essay in their first year of the course to partially fulfil the requirements of (b) in the Final Examination, must enter for this paper in their first year. Marks will not be moderated for Final Examination take-home essays taken in the first year of the course until the end of the second year of the course. Any failed Final Examination papers may be retaken on one occasion only, at the same time in the following academic year.’.

2 Ibid., l. 11, delete ‘either written examination or’.

3 Ibid., l. 12-14, delete ‘Written examinations…M.Phil. students.’.


5 Ibid., l. 15, after ‘2,500 words each’ insert ‘for each of the four papers chosen’.
6  Ibid., l. 17, after ‘paper was taught.’ Insert: ‘When a paper assessed by take-home essay is taught in the first year of the course, candidates must enter for the paper in the first year.’.

7  Ibid., delete ll. 36-37.

8  Ibid., l. 44, after ‘Faculty Board.’ insert: ‘Any failed Final Examination papers or thesis may be retaken on one occasion only, at the same time in the following academic year.’.

Explanatory note
These changes are to enable candidates to enter for take-home essay assessment in their first year, when the subject is taught and the essays submitted, which will be moderated in their second year. This will allow such assessment to be tracked more efficiently. (vi) Modern Jewish Studies is also streamlining the assessment method for its four optional papers, so that all are take-home essays.