Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

Social Sciences Board

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Title of programme
FHS Philosophy, Politics & Economics

Brief note about nature of change:
For the Comparative Demographic Systems paper the proposal removes the requirement for students to carry out demographic calculations in the examination using calculators, and instead expects them to show in an essay a more sophisticated level of interpretation of demographic methods than is presently required. This is considered to be a more appropriate test of their knowledge.

Clarification has also been added to the name for section II of the paper.

Effective date
For students starting FHS from MT 2013 (i.e. from matriculation in MT 2012)
For first examination from 2014-2015

Location of change
Examination Regulations 2013

Detail of change
1. P437 delete l42-44 “The paper will contain essay … and one of the latter.”
and replace with
“The paper will comprise two sections. Section 1 will test the candidate’s ability to interpret quantitative results and the methods of demographic analysis. Section 2 will test the candidate’s knowledge of substantive trends and their explanation. Candidates will be
required to answer three questions, one from Section 1 and two from Section 2.”

2. **P438 I1 After “II” insert “Demographic trends and explanations:” before “Limits to fertility and the lifespan....”**

**Explanatory Notes**

Clause 1 modifies the explanation of the paper requirements
Clause 2 adds a clarification to the name of section II of the paper