5. The Submitted Essay

   (i) Form and subject of the essay

   The length and format of the Submitted Essay shall be according to guidelines that will be published by the Medical Sciences Board.

   The subject matter of a candidate’s essay shall be within the scope of the school. The essay may relate to any of the themes taught in the options of the school, regardless of the candidate’s chosen option for Paper 1.

   A list of essay titles registered by students in previous academic years will be made available by Week 5 of the Trinity Term of the academic year preceding that of the examination, to assist
candidates in the choice of topic or general field for the essay.

(ii) Registration

No later than noon on Friday of Week 8 of Michaelmas Term in the academic year of the examination, every candidate must submit via WebLearn a completed essay registration form. A decision on the application shall be made by the Director of Pre-clinical Studies or their deputy and shall be communicated to the candidate.

(iii) Application to change title of essay

If required, candidates may apply to change the title of their essay through the Faculty of Physiological Sciences Undergraduate Studies Office on one occasion and no later than noon on Friday of Week 8 of Hilary term in the academic year in which they intend taking the examination.

(iv) Authorship

The essay must be the candidate's own work. Candidates' tutors, or their deputies nominated to act as advisors, may discuss with candidates the proposed field of study, the sources available, and the method of treatment, but on no account may they read or comment on any written draft. Every candidate shall submit a certificate to the effect that this rule has been observed and that the essay is their own work; and the candidate's tutor or adviser may be asked to confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, this is so.

(v) Submission

Essays must be submitted via WebLearn (according to the instructions set out in the letter to candidates from the Chair of Examiners), not later than noon on the Friday of Week 0 of the Trinity Term in which the candidate intends to take the examination. Each essay shall be accompanied by a certificate of authorship as specified in the preceding paragraph.

Explanatory Notes

Due to a revision in teaching, the reference to Paper 1 is no longer relevant. This is a wording change, not affecting the content of the regulations.