

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board****Approved at the meeting of USC on 7 June 2019****Title of Examination**

Honour School of Medical Sciences

**Brief note about nature of change:** Minor amendment to rubric for one paper.**Location of change**In *Examination Regulations 2018* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/hsofmediscie/studentview/>**Effective date****For students starting from TT 2019**

And

**For first examination from 2019-20****Detail of change**

1. The options of the school shall be published by the Faculty of Physiological Sciences Undergraduate Studies Office not later than noon on Friday of Week 6 of Hilary Term in the year preceding that in which the examination is due to be taken.

Each option shall be divided into themes. The list of themes shall be published no later than Week 0 of Trinity Term in the academic year preceding that in which the examination is due to be taken. Most themes will be specific to a single option, but some may be shared. The total number of themes comprising each option shall be 4. Each candidate will be expected to have studied 8 themes in total in order to address the synoptic questions of Paper 2, and to have prepared sufficient of those themes in depth to be able to address the requirements of Paper 1 (see paras 2, 3, and 5 below).

2. The following written papers shall be set:

Paper 1 One paper consisting of questions from all the options

Paper 2 One paper consisting of synoptic questions

Paper 3 Critical reading, data analysis and experimental design

Paper 1 shall be of three hours duration and shall contain a choice of questions addressing in-depth knowledge and understanding within individual specified themes of each option. Paper 1 will require candidates to answer questions on three different themes, including one theme from ~~each of~~ at least two different options.

Paper 2 shall be of three hours duration and questions will not be specific to any option. Each question will require a synoptic approach. Candidates shall be required to answer any two questions from this paper.

Paper 3 shall be of three hours duration and shall have questions relating to pieces of primary literature.

3. Each candidate must offer three written papers:

Paper 1 for at least ~~two chosen~~ options, Paper 2, and Paper 3.

In addition, each candidate must both:

(i) undertake and be examined in a research project

and

(ii) submit an Essay.

If, in any part of the examination, a candidate presents essentially the same information on more than one occasion, then credit will be given in only the first instance.

### **Explanatory Notes**

The Faculty of Physiological Sciences Advanced Options committee would like to make a small amendment to the rubric for one of the written papers, to give the students a wider choice of questions.