Humanities Divisional Board

Board of the Faculty of Philosophy

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: Change to examination requirements

Effective date
With immediate effect

Location of change
In Examination Regulations online

Detail of change

1.18. 106. Philosophy of Science and Social Science

1.19. The paper will include such topics as:

1.20. Part A: the nature of theories; scientific observation and method; scientific explanation; the
interpretation of laws and probability; rationality and scientific change; major schools of philosophy of
science.

1.21. Part B: social meaning; individualism; rationality; rational choice theory; prediction and explanation
in economics; the explanation of social action; historical explanation, ideology.

1.22. Candidates in the Honour School of Physics and Philosophy will be required to answer at least one
question from each part of the paper. Candidates in other schools will be required to answer at least
one question from Part B, and may answer exclusively from part B if they wish.
Candidates will be required to answer at least one question from each part of the paper.

**Explanatory Notes**

Change to requirement concerning choice of topics for candidates from other schools than the Honour School of Physics and Philosophy, to reflect current examining practice.