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Change(s) in the regulations governing Honour Moderations in Classics: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Classics

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Honour Moderations in Classics

Brief note about nature of the change(s)
Revision of Homer and Virgil papers to include a compulsory comment element.

With effect from 1 October 2011 (for first examination in 2012)

1. In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 75.11-4, replace “One paper....short passage” with “One paper (3 hours) of translation and questions. Compulsory passages for translation and commentary will be set from Iliad I-IX and XVI-XXIV. Candidates will be expected to have knowledge of the whole poem. They will also be required to scan a short passage.”

2. In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 75.16-9, replace “One paper...short passage” with “One paper (3 hours) of translation and questions. Compulsory passages for translation and commentary will be set from Aeneid I-VI and XII. Candidates will be expected to have knowledge of the whole poem. They will also be required to scan a short passage.”

3. In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 80.24-6, replace “One paper....short passage” with “One paper (3 hours) of translation and questions. Compulsory passages for translation and commentary will be set from Iliad I, IX, XXII, XXIV. Candidates will be expected to have knowledge of the whole poem. They will also be required to scan a short passage.”

4. In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 83.30-2, replace “One paper....short passage” with “One paper (3 hours) of translation and questions. Compulsory passages for translation and commentary will be set from Aeneid I, IV and VI. Candidates will be expected to have knowledge of the whole poem. They will also be required to scan a short passage.”

5. In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 86.8-11, replace “One paper....short passage” with “One paper (3 hours) of translation and questions. Compulsory passages for translation and commentary will be set from Aeneid I, II, IV, VI, and XII. Candidates will be expected to have knowledge of the whole poem. They will also be required to scan a short passage.”

6. In Examination Regulations, 2010, pp. 88.44-89.2, replace “One paper....short passage” with “One paper (3 hours) of translation and questions. Compulsory passages for translation and commentary will be set from Iliad I, VI, IX, XXII, XXIV. Candidates will be expected to have knowledge of the whole poem. They will also be required to scan a short passage.”

Explanatory note
Rationale for the changes: Every other 3-hour Literature paper for Mods or Schools includes a compulsory comment element, as do the Ancient Philosophy and Ancient History options for Mods, and the Sub-Faculty judged it was time to remove this anomaly, and to ensure that students encounter and practise this fundamental part of what we aim to teach in these initial compulsory papers.