HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

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Change in the regulations governing the Honour School of Theology: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Theology

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With effect from 1 October 2011 (for first examination in 2013)

Brief note about nature of the change(s): The change is intended to provide clearer guidance and to remove the need to translate from Classical Arabic

1. In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 456, delete ll. 31-43, and substitute ‘The paper covers the historical origins and development of the theology, law and mysticism of Islam, from the seventh to the fifteenth centuries. It will consist of questions on the Prophethood of Muhammad; the Quran; the Hadith; Shiism; the theologies of the Mutazilis, Asharis, and Hanbalis; Sufism (tasawwuf) and the major Sufi orders; and classical Muslim authorities. Candidates should be aware of the various interpretative methods relating to Muslim Scripture, the main debates and historical controversies of the Islamic tradition, and of contemporary methodologies in philosophy of religion. References to other religious traditions may be included.’

2. Ibid., p. 456-7, delete ll.44 – l.3, , and substitute ‘The paper examines Islam against the background of recent history, including such topics as: Islamic reformism in the nineteenth to the twenty-first centuries; various Islamic movements including the anti-Hadith faction and Wahhabism; women and Islam; democracy and Islam; violence and war in Islam; and various modern Muslim thinkers.’

Explanatory note

Vested interest is not affected and there are no resource implications.