HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

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Change in the regulations governing the Preliminary Examination in History and Economics: communication from the Board of the Faculty of History

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Humanities Divisional Board

Preliminary Examination in History and Economics

With effect from 1 October 2011

Brief note about nature of the change(s)

(i) To extend to History and Economics Prelims students a choice from the full range of Optional Subject papers available within the History Main School.

(ii) To remove the possibility of History and Economics candidates selecting Quantification in History.

1. In Examination Regulations, 2010, p.121, delete lines 14-17, and replace with:

“3. Optional Subject: any one of an approved list of subjects, as specified for the Preliminary Examination in History.”

2. In Examination Regulations, 2010, p.121, line 22 delete “or (d) Quantification in History”.

Explanatory note

The choice for History and Economics students from amongst the History optional subjects to just two – one of which has now been discontinued – is considered very restrictive by both the Joint School Committee and the History USC. It is consistent with other Joint Schools to make the full range of Optional Subject papers available.

The removal of Quantification in History as a possible choice for paper 4 for History and Economic students results from a review of the content of this paper and the compulsory paper, Quantitative Economics, in the FHS programme. The Joint School Committee found that the extent of overlap between the two papers was such as to make it desirable to discontinue the availability of Quantification in History as a Prelims paper for History and Economics students. Since this paper is a History paper (and available in the Main School Prelims syllabus) and the Quantitative Economics paper is a PPE paper (available in the PPE FHS syllabus), calibrating the two papers for the sole purposes of the Joint School was not viewed as a viable option.