The regulations made by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies are as follows:

§1. General Regulations

1.1. Before admission to the course, candidates must satisfy the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies that they possess the necessary qualifications to profit by the course. The Board will not permit students to be admitted to the course if an M.St. in a particular subject under the aegis of the Board is considered more appropriate.

1.2. Candidates shall be required to attend for at least three terms such lecture courses and participate in such seminars as their supervisor shall specify.
3. Applications for approval of options must reach the Senior Academic Administrator, Oriental Institute, on or before Monday of week 0 of Hilary Term.

4. The dates for papers examined by three-hour sit-down examination will be published no later than five weeks before the examination.

5. In the case of failure in at most one examination, candidates may retake that examination at the next opportunity following their initial attempt.

1.3 Syllabus

1.4 There will be four Units:

1.5 Unit (i) Candidates shall submit either (A) two typed copies each of two essays of between 5,000 and 7,000 words in length, or (B) two typed copies of a thesis of between 12,000 and 15,000 words in length (excluding bibliography).

1.6 Option (A) may be any two of the following:

1.7a. what might become part of a thesis for the M.Litt or D.Phil;

1.7b. an essay on the theoretical issues raised by the subject which the candidate is proposing for the thesis;

1.7c. an essay on a topic relevant to the subject of the thesis;

1.7d. a discussion of the historical and literary background or of the source material which is relevant to the proposed subject.

1.11 Option (B) should be equivalent to a substantial draft chapter or chapters of a proposed thesis for the M.Litt or the D.Phil.

1.12 The essays or thesis must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners, M.St in Oriental Studies, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than 12 noon on Friday of fourth week of Trinity Term.

1.13 Units (ii) and (iii). Two three-hour examination papers, which may be any combination of language or non-language papers. When the elective papers are shared with another degree, the regulations for the paper follow that of the home degree.

1.14 Unit (iv). A prescribed essay, prepared in proper scholarly form, on research methods and materials relating to the area of study chosen under (i) above, of between 5,000 and 7,000 words. The topic of the essay will be set at the conclusion of the examination papers Units (ii) and (iii). The essay must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners, M.St in Oriental Studies, Examination Schools not later than seven days from the date on which the topic was set.

1.15 Candidates must submit titles for their written work (Unit (i) of the examination, above) and subjects for the two examinations (Units (ii) and (iii) of the examination, above) to the Faculty office by Monday of Week 0 of Hilary Term.

1.16 Lists of set texts must be submitted to the Faculty office by Friday of Week 7 of Michaelmas term.
All work submitted to the Chair of Examiners must be in typewritten form. Two copies must be submitted, securely sealed and addressed. An electronic copy of the thesis or essays for unit (i), must be submitted in PDF format in a memory stick or CD with the hard copies of the thesis or essays. The work must bear the candidate’s examination number (but not the candidate’s name, which must be concealed). Candidates must include a signed declaration sealed in an envelope addressed to the Chair of Examiners that the work is the candidate’s own.

Candidates may be required to attend a viva.

In the case of failure in just one element of the examination, the candidate will be permitted to retake that element of the examination on one further occasion, not later than one year after the initial attempt.

§2. Syllabus

1. Each candidate will be required to offer all of the following three papers:
   (a) Option paper 1; and
   (b) Option paper 2; and
   (c) Research methods and materials.

1.1. Papers 1(a) and 1(b) will be examined as three-hour sit-down examinations. They may be any combination of language or non-language papers. Proposed titles of these papers must be approved as defined under §1.3. If a chosen paper is also available to be offered for another degree, the regulations of that other degree will apply to the examination of the chosen paper.

1.2. Paper 1(c) will be examined as a take-home examination. The candidate must submit an essay of between 5,000 and 7,000 words on research methods and materials relating to the area of study relating to 1(a) and 1(b). The essay must be submitted not later than seven days from the date on which the topic was set, and in accordance with the regulations under §1.3.

2. In addition to the papers in §2.1, each candidate will be required to offer one of the following two papers:
   (a) Option paper 3;
   (b) A substantial draft chapter or chapters of a proposed thesis for the M.Litt or the D.Phil.

2.1. For paper 2(a), each candidate shall submit two essays of between 5,000 and 7,000 words in length each (excluding bibliography), on a topic to be approved as defined under §1.3. Guidelines for the scope and submission of this paper are published in the PGT Student Handbook Oriental Studies.

2.2. For paper 2(b), each candidate shall submit a paper of between 12,000 and 15,000 words in length, excluding bibliography, on a topic to be approved as defined under §1.3. Guidelines for the scope and submission of the thesis are published in the PGT Student Handbook Oriental Studies.
2.3. For papers 2(a) and 2(b), proposed titles must be approved as defined under §1.3.

3. Each candidate may be required to attend a viva.

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