

**Humanities Divisional Board****Approved by Education Committee 7 May 2024****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Preliminary Examinations in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Renaming of Ancient and Near Eastern Studies and Ancient and Near Eastern Studies and Egyptology degrees to Assyriology and Egyptology

**Effective date**For students starting from **MT2025**

and

For first examination from **2025-26****Location of change**In *Examination Regulations* 2023-24

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=peitfoaamiddeaststud&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

**Detail of change**

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<sup>1.1</sup>1. The examination in these schools shall be under the supervision of the Board of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

<sup>1.2</sup>2. A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the examination when they shall have satisfied the Moderators in all the papers associated with one of the languages specified in the regulations.

<sup>1.3</sup>3. Candidates must offer all subjects at one examination provided that: (i) in languages for which four papers are required, a candidate who fails in one or two papers may offer those

subjects at one subsequent examination, and a candidate who fails three or four papers must offer all four subjects at one subsequent examination; and (ii) in languages for which three papers are required, a candidate who fails in one paper may offer that subject at one subsequent examination, and a candidate who fails two or three papers must offer all three subjects at one subsequent examination.

<sup>1.4</sup>4. In the case of candidates who have satisfied the Moderators in all the papers at a single examination, the Moderators may award a distinction to those of special merit.

## **B**

<sup>1.5</sup>The awards which may be offered will be in Arabic, Assyriology, Chinese, Egyptology and ~~Ancient Near Eastern Studies~~, Hebrew, Japanese, Persian, Sanskrit, and Turkish.

### **Arabic**

<sup>1.6</sup>Candidates will be required to offer three written examinations (papers (i), (ii), and (iv) below), plus an oral/aural examination as specified under (iii) below.

<sup>1.7</sup>(i) Translation and precis into English.

<sup>1.8</sup>(ii) Comprehension, composition, and grammar.

<sup>1.9</sup>(iii) Oral/aural examination

<sup>1.10</sup>(iv) Islamic history and culture.

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### **Assyriology**

*Candidates offering Assyriology are required to offer four written examinations:*

(i) Akkadian texts

(ii) Akkadian grammar and unprepared translation.

(iii) Civilizations of the Ancient Near East and Egypt.

(iv) History of the Near East and Egypt to 30 BCE.

### **Chinese**

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### **Egyptology**

*Candidates offering Egyptology are required to offer four written examinations:*

(i) Egyptian texts

(ii) Egyptian grammar and unprepared translation.

(iii) Civilizations of the Ancient Near East and Egypt.

(iv) History of the Near East and Egypt to 30 BCE.

### **~~Egyptology, and Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies~~**

~~1-15~~ Candidates offering Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies are required to offer four written examinations

~~1-16~~ For the examination in Egyptology:-

~~1-17~~ (i) Egyptian texts

~~1-18~~ (ii) Egyptian grammar and unprepared translation.

~~1-19~~ (iii) Civilizations of the Ancient Near East and Egypt.

~~1-20~~ (iv) History of the Near East and Egypt to 30 BCE.

~~1-21~~ For the examination in Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies:-

~~1-22~~ Either (i) Akkadian texts; and

~~1-23~~ (ii) Akkadian grammar and unprepared translation.

~~1-24~~ Or (i) Egyptian texts; and

~~1-25~~ — (ii) Egyptian grammar and unprepared translation.

~~1-26~~ (iii) Civilizations of the Ancient Near East and Egypt.

~~1-27~~ (iv) History of the Near East and Egypt to 30 BCE.

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### **Explanatory Notes**

Major changes approved by Education Committee on 7 May 2024. Undergraduate degrees of *Egyptology*, *Ancient and Near Eastern Studies* and *Egyptology* renamed to adopt the terms Assyriology and Egyptology in course titles, in order to clarify information to applicants and to streamline the application process.