Oriental Studies Faculty Board

Approved at the meeting of 3 March 2022

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Honour School of Religion and ~~Oriental Studies~~ <u>Asian and Middle Eastern Studies</u>

Brief note about nature of change:

Change of Faculty name to Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Revision of regulations to correct error in number of papers offered under Buddhism strand, to align papers offered under ROS with papers offered under Honour School of Oriental Studies (to be Asian and Middle Eastern Studies), and to increase the range of options available to ROS candidates.

Location of change

https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=hsoreliandoriestud&srchYear=2021&srchTerm=1&year=2018&term=1

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2022

For first examination from 2023-2024.

Detail of change

1.86**1. Buddhism**
1.87~~All candidates must offer a paper from either B1A or B1B.~~
1.88~~[B1A]: *either* Pali *or* Sanskrit *or* Tibetan~~
1.89~~[B1B]: *either* Advanced Pali *or* Advanced Sanskrit *or* Advanced Tibetan Language and Texts~~

<u>All candidates must offer two papers, unprepared translation and prepared texts, from one</u>

of the following language options:

Sanskrit: [B1A]: Sanskrit unprepared translation, and [B2A]: Sanskrit prepared texts.

or

Advanced Sanskrit: [B1B]: Advanced Sanskrit unprepared translation, and [B2B]: Advanced Sanskrit prepared texts.

or

Pali: [B1C]: Pali unprepared translation, and [B2C]: Pali prepared texts.

or

Advanced Pali: [B1D]: Advanced Pali unprepared translation, and [B2D]: Advanced Pali prepared texts.

or

Tibetan: [B1E]: Tibetan prose composition and unprepared, and [B2E]: Tibetan prepared texts, with questions.

or

Advanced Tibetan: [B1F]: Advanced Tibetan prose composition and unprepared translation, and [B2F]: Advanced Tibetan prepared texts.

1.90Candidates must offer one paper and may choose up to three papers from the following:
1.91[B2]: Set Texts in a Buddhist Canonical Language: [B3]: Buddhist set texts: Pali *or* Sanskrit *or* Tibetan
1.92[B3]: [B4]: Foundations of Buddhism (Theology 2306)
1.93[B4]: [B5]: Buddhism in Space and Time (Theology 2403)
1.94[B5]: [B6]: Further Buddhist Texts: Pali *or* Sanskrit *or* Tibetan

[B7]: Essay questions on classical Indian literature, history and culture

[B8]: Questions on Tibetan culture and history

[B9]: Essay questions on Pali language, literature and culture

1.1053. Hinduism

1.106All candidates must offer *either* paper [H1A]: Sanskrit Language and Texts I *or* [H1B]: Advanced Sanskrit Language and Texts I *or* [H1C]: Hindi Language and Texts I.

1.107All candidates must offer *either* paper [H2A]: Sanskrit Language and Texts II *or* paper [H2B]: Advanced Sanskrit Language and Texts II *or* [H2C]: Hindi Language and Texts II.

All candidates must offer two papers, unprepared translation and prepared texts, from one of the following language options:

Sanskrit: [H1A]: Sanskrit unprepared translation, and [H2A]: Sanskrit prepared texts.

or

Advanced Sanskrit: [H1B]: Advanced Sanskrit unprepared translation, and [H2B]: Advanced Sanskrit prepared texts.

or

Hindi: [H1C]: Hindi unprepared translation, and [H2C]: Hindi prepared texts.

or

Advanced Hindi: [H1D]: Advanced Hindi unprepared translation, and [H2D]: Advanced Hindi prepared texts.

[1.108]All candidates must offer paper [H3]: ~~Brahminism.~~ Essay questions on classical Indian literature, history and culture.

[1.109]Candidates may offer up to two papers from:

[1.110][H4]: ~~Texts on the Nature of Dharma~~ Brāhmanism
[1.111][H5]: ~~Vedic Religion and Brahmanism~~ Vaiṣṇavism
[1.112][H6]: ~~Shaiva Doctrine and Practice~~ Śaivism
[1.113][H7]: ~~Hindi Bhakti Texts~~ Sanskrit chosen area
[1.114][H8]: ~~Religion and Society in Hindi Literature~~ Hindi Bhakti Texts
 [H9]: Religion and Society in Hindi Literature

[H10]: Any other paper, relevant to Hinduism, in the Honour School of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies approved by the Interfaculty Committee.

Explanatory Notes

The Buddhism regulations previously required only one language paper, which left a deficit of papers in the regulations. This is now increased to two, and paper names are aligned with paper names under the Hinduism regulations, and under the Honour School of Oriental Studies, permitting students on these different strands/degrees to be examined together (as they are taught together). Specifically, under the proposed changes:

B1A = H1A = Honour School of OS Sanskrit subsidiary paper 1.

B2A = H2A = HS of OS Sanskrit subsidiary paper 2.

B2B = H2B.

B1B = H1B = HS of OS Sanskrit main language paper 1.

B1C and B2C = HS of OS Pali subsidiary papers 1 and 2 (under proposed revisions to latter).

B1E and B2E = HS of OS Tibetan subsidiary papers 1 and 2.

B7 = H3 = HS of OS Sanskrit main language paper 2.

B8 = HS of OS Tibetan subsidiary paper 3.

B9 = HS of OS Pali subsidiary paper 3.

H7 = HS of OS Sanskrit main language paper 5.

H8 = HS of OS Sanskrit main language paper 6.

In addition, Advanced Hindi has been added to the Hinduism options, to allow a natural progression for students who take Hindi at Prelims. This brings Hindi in line with Sanskrit, and Tibetan and Pali under the Buddhism strand.