

Changes to *Examination Regulations 2011*

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Medical Sciences Board; Faculty of Philosophy; Humanities Divisional Board

Approved: 13 March 2012

Title of Programme: BA in Psychology and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: To remove the Honour School of Psychology and Philosophy, which will be subsumed by the regulations for the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2015

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations, 2011*, p. 66, delete ll. 16-17.
2. Ibid., delete pp. 438-441 in their entirety (concerning the Special Regulations for the Honour School of Psychology and Philosophy).

Explanatory Notes

These amendments remove the separate regulations for the Honour School of Psychology and Philosophy, which will be incorporated within the regulations for the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics.

3. Candidates must offer three subjects at their first examination attempt.
4. A candidate who fails one subject will be permitted one further attempt at this failed subject, at the first available opportunity.
5. A candidate who fails two or three subjects shall be deemed to have failed the examination. He or she will be permitted one further attempt at the whole examination, at the first available opportunity.
6. The Moderators may award a Distinction to candidates of special merit who satisfy them in three subjects at their first examination attempt.'

B

(1) Introduction to Psychology

Methods and topics in: development; individual differences; social behaviour; animal behaviour; the neural basis of behaviour; perception; learning; memory; language; cognition; skills; abnormal behaviour.

One three-hour paper will be set.

(2) Introduction to Philosophy

As specified for the Preliminary Examination for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

(3) Introduction to Linguistics

Provides a foundation in phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics, with an introduction to Linguistic theory and the connections between Linguistics and other subjects such as philosophy of language, sociology and psychology.

One three-hour paper will be set.

(4) Introduction to Neurophysiology

Excitable Tissues. Membrane potential, ion pumps. Action potential, refractory period. Receptor potentials. Neuromuscular transmission. Synaptic mechanisms.

Chemical Transmitters. Storage and release of transmitter. Removal and synthesis of transmitter. Selected drugs acting on the nervous system.

Efferent Mechanisms. Muscle contraction. Muscle receptors. Spinal reflexes. Higher motor centres. Autonomic nervous system.

Afferent Mechanisms. Hearing. Vision. Somaesthetic system, including pain.

One three-hour paper will be set.

(5) *Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics*

This examination is intended to test the candidate's understanding of the elements of probability theory and of the principles of statistics as applied to the design and analysis of surveys and experiments and to the interpretation of the results of such investigations. The topics below are more fully detailed in *Definitions and Formulae with Statistical Tables for Elementary Statistics and Quantitative Methods Courses*, which is prepared by the Department of Statistics. Copies of this will be available at the examination.

Descriptive statistics and statistical presentation using graphs and simple measures of central tendency and dispersion. Frequency distributions. Samples and populations. The addition and multiplication laws of probability; conditional probability and Bayes' Rule. The binomial, Poisson and normal distributions: their properties and uses and the relationships between them. Statistical inference using sampling distributions, standard errors and confidence limits. Common uses of z, t, chi-square and F tests and nonparametric tests including tests of hypothesis for the mean, median or proportion of a single population or for the difference between two or more populations, goodness-of-fit tests and tests of difference between two population distributions.

Parametric one-way Analysis of variance. Kruskal-Wallis non-Parametric analysis of variance. The analysis of 2-way contingency tables using chi-square tests. Linear regression and correlation.

A comprehensive list of formulae together with statistical tables will be available at the examination.

One three-hour paper will be set.

For papers (1) and (5) only, examiners will permit the use of any hand-held pocket calculator subject to the conditions set out under the heading 'Use of calculators' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations*.

Explanatory Notes

These regulations introduce a new course in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics, with the first Preliminary examination taking place in 2013-14. The Honour School regulations will be introduced as of 2014-15, which will include new special regulations for Honour Schools involving Linguistics.

B6 Historical Linguistics

C Linguistic Project

D Thesis

E1 Linguistic Studies I (=Paper IV of the Honour School of Modern Languages)

E2 Linguistic Studies II (=Paper V of the Honour School of Modern Languages)

F A Special Subject in Linguistics

Linguistic Project

The Linguistic Project will consist of a project report of between 8,000 and 10,000 words. Projects should be submitted by hand to the Examination Schools and addressed to the Chair of Examiners in the candidate's Honour School, by noon on the Friday of the ninth week of Hilary Term in the year of the examination, together with a statement, sent under separate cover, certifying that the project is the candidate's own work and has not already been submitted, either wholly or substantially, for a degree in this university or elsewhere.

Candidates proposing to offer a Linguistic Project must submit, through their college, to the Director of Undergraduate Studies of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics (on a form obtainable from the Linguistics Faculty Office) a statement of their name, college, the Honour School they intend to offer, the academic year in which they intend to take the examination, and the title of the proposed project together with

- (a) a statement of approximately fifty words of how the subject is to be treated,
- (b) a statement signed by a supervisor or tutor that he or she considers the subject suitable, and suggesting a person or persons who might be invited to be an examiner or an assessor (the Board will not approve a title unless it is satisfied that a suitably qualified examiner or assessor based in Oxford will be available),
- (c) a statement by a college tutor that he or she approves the candidate's application, and
- (d) confirmation that relevant CUREC approval has been obtained no later than the Wednesday of the second week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination.

Thesis

1. Candidates may offer a Thesis, subject to the following provisions:

- (i) The subject of every thesis shall, to the satisfaction of the Board of the Faculty, fall within the scope of Linguistics.
- (ii) The subject of a thesis may, but need not, overlap any subject on which the candidate offers a paper, but candidates should avoid repetition of material presented in the extended essay in other parts of the examination.

(iii) Candidates proposing to offer a thesis must submit, through their college, to the Director of Undergraduate Studies of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics (on a form obtainable from the Linguistics Faculty Office) a statement of their name, college, the Honour School they intend to offer, the academic year in which they intend to take the examination, and the title of the proposed thesis together with (a) a statement of approximately fifty words of how the subject is to be treated, (b) a statement signed by a supervisor or tutor, preferably in the language or in one of the languages or in the field of study with which the thesis is concerned, that he or she considers the subject suitable, and suggesting a person or persons who might be invited to be an examiner or an assessor (the Board will not approve a title unless it is satisfied that a suitably qualified examiner or assessor based in Oxford will be available), and (c) a statement by a college tutor that he or she approves the candidate's application, not later than the Wednesday of the second week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination.

(iv) The Board of the Faculty will decide by the end of the third week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination whether the candidate has permission to offer a thesis. Permission may be granted on the condition that the candidate agrees to amend details of the title to the satisfaction of the Board, and submits the required amendments to the Faculty Office for the Board's approval by Friday of the sixth week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination. If the proposed title is approved, this will be notified by the Administration and Faculty Office, together with any conditions attached to the approval, to the candidate and to the Chairman of the Examiners for the candidate's Honour School.

(v) A candidate may seek approval after Friday of the sixth week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination for an amendment of detail in an approved title, by application to the Faculty Office. The Chairman of the Examiners and the Chairman of the Board, acting together, will decide whether or not a proposed amendment shall be approved.

2. Every thesis must be the candidate's own work. Tutors may, however, discuss with candidates the proposed field of study, the sources available, and the method of presentation. Tutors may also read and comment on a first draft. All quotations, whether direct or indirect, from primary or secondary sources must be explicitly acknowledged. The use of unacknowledged quotations will be penalized. Candidates must sign a certificate stating that the thesis is their own work and this certificate must be sent at the same time as the thesis, but under separate cover, to the Examination Schools, Oxford, addressed to the Chairman of the Examiners in the candidate's Honour School.

3. No thesis shall be ineligible because it has been submitted, in whole or in part, for any scholarship or prize in this university.

4. Candidates shall present a one-page summary of the arguments at the beginning of their thesis. Theses shall be in the range 10,000-12,000 words (exclusive of the

footnotes, the bibliography, any appendices, and summary (where this applies)). No person or body shall have authority to permit the limit of 12,000 words to be exceeded, except that, in the case of a commentary on a text, and at the discretion of the Chairman of the Examiners, any substantial quoting of that text need not be included in the word limit. The examiners will not take account of such parts of an essay as are beyond these limits. There must be a select bibliography, listing all primary and secondary sources cited in the thesis, and full details must be given of all citations at the end of the thesis. All theses must be typed in double-spacing on A4 paper, and must be bound or held firmly in a stiff cover. Two copies must be submitted to the Chairman of the Examiners, and a third copy must be retained by the candidate.

5. The candidate shall submit two copies of the thesis, identified by the candidate's examination number only, not later than noon on Friday of the week before the Trinity Full Term of the examination, to the Examination Schools, Oxford, addressed to the Chairman of the Examiners in the candidate's Honour School.

Special Subjects

Special Subjects available in Linguistics will be published in the *Gazette* and on-line by the beginning of the fifth week of the Trinity Term preceding the year of examination. Candidates in the Joint Schools involving Linguistics may offer any of the special subjects for paper XII in the Honour School of Modern Languages, provided they are marked with the Linguistics identifier L.

The method of assessment for each subject will be published in the *Gazette* and on-line by the beginning of the fifth week of the Trinity Term preceding the year of examination, according to the following key:

A. Three-hour unseen written paper. N.B. For the option paper in Phonetics and Phonology, candidates must also offer either a 30 minute Phonetics Transcription aural test or a Laboratory Report of a Phonetics experiment.

B: An essay or portfolio of essays (the number of essays required to be shown in parentheses) aggregating to approximately 6,000 words and not exceeding 8,000 words, to be submitted by hand to the Examinations Schools, High Street, Oxford by noon on the Friday of the ninth week of Hilary Term in the year of the examination, together with a statement certifying that the essay(s) are the candidate's own work and that they have not already been submitted, either wholly or substantially, for a degree in this university or elsewhere.

C: An essay or portfolio of essays (the number of essays required to be shown in parentheses) aggregating to approximately 6,000 words and not exceeding 8,000 words written as answers to an examination paper to be collected from the Examination Schools, and signed for by candidates, on the Friday of the fifth week of the Hilary Term next before the examination. Completed essay(s) should be submitted by hand to the Examination Schools by noon on the Friday of the ninth week of Hilary Term in the year of the examination, together with a statement certifying that the essay(s) are the

candidate's own work and that they have not already been submitted, either wholly or substantially, for a degree in this university or elsewhere.

General Regulations

Candidates in the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics may offer paper E1 or E2 only with the agreement of the Board of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics.

No candidate may offer more than one special subject F. Candidates may not be permitted to offer certain special subjects in combination with certain other subjects, or may be permitted to do so only on condition that in the papers on the other subjects they will not be permitted to answer certain questions.

Regulations for Particular Honour Schools

Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics

Candidates may take at most five subjects in Linguistics. All candidates must take eight subjects in total. Candidates may only take subjects in Psychology if they offer Psychology Parts I and II.

Candidates may take no more than one paper from group F.

All candidates in Linguistics must take paper A.

Candidates who take **two** subjects in Linguistics must take paper A and one of papers B1-B6.

Candidates who take **three** subjects in Linguistics must take (1) paper A, (2) one of papers B1, B2, B3, and (3) one of papers B1-6, C, D, F.

Candidates who take **four** subjects in Linguistics must take (1) paper A, (2) one of papers B1, B2, B3, and (3) two of papers B1-6, C or D, E1 or E2, F.

Candidates who take **five** subjects in Linguistics must take (1) paper A, (2) one of papers B1, B2, B3, and (3) three of papers B1-6, C, D, E1 or E2, F.'

3. Ibid., p. 404, after l. 14, insert:

'Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics

Candidates may take at most five subjects in Philosophy. All candidates must take eight subjects in total. Candidates may only take subjects in Psychology if they offer Psychology Parts I and II.

Candidates who take one subject in Philosophy may take any subject, except 121, in conformity with the General Regulations. Candidates who take two subjects in

Philosophy must take at least one of 101, 102, 104, 108, 124 or 125. Those offering three or more Philosophy subjects must choose at least two from the above list. Their further subjects taken in Philosophy must be chosen in conformity with the General Regulations.'

4. Ibid., after p. 441, insert on a new page:

'Special Regulations for the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics

A

1. The branches of the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics shall be Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics. Candidates must offer two or three branches.

2. No candidate shall be admitted to the examination in this school unless he or she has either passed or been exempted from the First Public Examination.

3. For candidates offering Psychology, the examination shall consist of two parts. Part I shall consist of the one subject area, Psychology. Part II shall consist of two or three subject areas: Psychology, and one or both of Philosophy and Linguistics. For candidates not taking Psychology Parts I and II, the examination shall consist only of papers in Philosophy and Linguistics.

4. No candidate who offers Psychology shall be admitted for the Part II examination in this school unless

(a) he or she has passed the Part I examination specified for this school; and

(b) he or she has satisfied the Moderators for the Preliminary Examination for Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics, in the subject *Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics* or has passed the Qualifying Examination in Statistics for this school.

The Head of the Department of Experimental Psychology may dispense a candidate from the Qualifying Examination in Statistics in cases where it is clear that the candidate has reached an adequate standard in Statistics by virtue of previous study and qualification.

5. Candidates offering Psychology shall be examined by such of the Public Examiners in the Honour School of Experimental Psychology as may be required; candidates offering Philosophy shall be examined by such examiners as are nominated by a committee of which the two elected members shall be appointed by the Board of the Faculty of Philosophy; and candidates offering Linguistics shall be examined by such examiners as are nominated by the Board of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics.

6. The examinations in this school shall be under the joint supervision of the Medical Sciences Board and the Faculty Boards of Philosophy and of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, which shall make regulations concerning them subject always to the preceding clauses of this sub-section.

B

Candidates may offer *either* Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics *or* Psychology and Philosophy *or* Psychology and Linguistics *or* Philosophy and Linguistics.

For candidates offering Psychology, the examination shall consist of two parts. The five papers for Psychology Part I shall count as two papers for the Final Honour School. Part II will consist of six papers covering two or three subject areas; Psychology, and one or both of Philosophy and Linguistics.

For candidates not offering Psychology, the examination shall consist of eight papers in Philosophy and Linguistics.

No candidate who offers Psychology shall be admitted for the Part II examination in this school unless he or she has passed the Part I examination specified for this school.

The examination for Psychology Part I shall be taken during Weeks 0 and 1 of Trinity Term of the candidate's second year. The examination for Psychology Part II and for Philosophy and Linguistics shall be held during Trinity Term of the candidate's third year. The dates of submission for assessed work are those prescribed in sections 1-3 below.

The subjects in Psychology shall be those specified in *1. Psychology* below; in Philosophy those listed in the *Special Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy*, and in Linguistics those specified in the *Special Regulations for Linguistics in all Honour Schools including Linguistics*.

Candidates may offer *either* a research project *or* a library dissertation in Psychology, *or* a thesis in Philosophy, *or either* a thesis *or* project in Linguistics.

There are further restrictions on the choice of subjects and requirements to be satisfied within each branch, which are set out below.

The highest honours can be obtained by excellence in any of the branches offered, provided that the candidate has taken sufficient subjects in the branch and that adequate knowledge is shown in the other branch(es) of examination.

Every candidate shall give notice to the Academic Registrar and Secretary of Faculties of all papers being offered not later than Friday in Week 8 of Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination.

1. PSYCHOLOGY

PART I

1. The five written papers as specified for Part I of the Honour School of Experimental Psychology will be set:

Paper I Biological Bases of Behaviour

Component parts: (i) Cognitive Neuroscience, (ii) Behavioural Neuroscience.

Paper II Human Experimental Psychology 1

Component parts: (i) Perception, (ii) Memory, Attention, and Information Processing.

Paper III Human Experimental Psychology 2

Component parts: (1) Language and Cognition, (ii) Developmental Psychology.

Paper IV Social Psychology, and Personality, Individual Differences and Psychological Disorders

Component parts: (i) Social Psychology, (ii) Personality, Individual Differences and Psychological Disorders.

Paper V Experimental Design and Statistics

Candidates will be required to answer essays and short answer questions in *four* of the eight components of Papers I-IV. All candidates are required to offer Paper V.

Candidates who wish to be deemed eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society (BPS) must ensure that the components they select provide coverage of all five of the areas defined in the GBC curriculum. In order to achieve this, candidates must offer one component from each of four areas, chosen from the five areas prescribed below:

1. Cognitive Neuroscience *or* Behavioural Neuroscience from Paper I;
2. Perception; *or* Memory, Attention and Information Processing; *or* Language and Cognition from Papers II and III;
3. Developmental Psychology from Paper III;
4. Social Psychology from Paper IV;
5. Personality, Individual Differences and Psychological Disorders from Paper IV.

In addition, candidates must sit additional short answer questions covering one component from the remaining fifth area.

The other requirements for BPS Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership are set out in Part II below.

Qualifying Examination in Statistics

Any candidate who has not satisfied the Moderators for the Preliminary Examination for Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics in the subject *Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics* must pass a Qualifying Examination in Statistics before being admitted for examination in the Honour School. The Head of the Department of Experimental Psychology shall have the capacity to dispense a candidate from the examination in cases where it is clear that an individual has reached an adequate standard by virtue of previous study and qualification.

The syllabus and paper set for the examination shall be that for the subject *Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics* in the Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics.

For all papers in Psychology and for the Qualifying Examination in Statistics, the examiners will permit the use of any hand-held pocket calculator subject to the conditions set out under the heading 'Use of calculators' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations*.

Practical work

Candidates will be required to undertake practical work, as specified by the Head of the Department of Experimental Psychology, and this will constitute a part of the examination. In exceptional circumstances the Proctors may dispense a candidate from the specified requirements on the recommendation of the Head of Department or deputy.

Reports of practical work completed during the course of study for Part I and submitted for marking shall constitute a portfolio which shall be available to examiners as part of the examination. Every report submitted for marking must be accompanied by a statement indicating that the work submitted is the candidate's own work. Where the work submitted has been produced in collaboration the candidates shall indicate the extent of their own contributions. Reports of practical work previously submitted for the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics may be resubmitted, but reports will not be accepted if they have already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution. The Head of Department or deputy shall inform the examiners by the end of Week 0 of the Trinity Term in which the Part I examination is to be held as to which candidates have (a) failed to satisfy the requirement to undertake practical work or (b) failed to submit a portfolio. Candidates in category (a) will be deemed to have failed Paper V. Candidates in category (b) will be deemed to have failed the entire Part I examination. The Head of Department or deputy shall also make available to the examiners records showing the extent to which each candidate has adequately pursued a course of practical work. The examiners shall take this evidence into consideration along with evidence of unsatisfactory or distinguished performance in each portfolio of practical work.

A candidate who fails the Part I examination may retake the examination once only, in the Long Vacation of the same academic year as the original examination. The highest

mark that can be awarded to a candidate retaking the examination is a Pass.

PART II

Candidates must offer six papers for Part II. At least one and at most three of the papers must be in Psychology, the others to be chosen from those available in Philosophy and/or Linguistics below. Candidates taking three papers in Psychology may offer a Research Project or a Library Dissertation in place of one of the three Psychology papers.

In order to be deemed eligible for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society, candidates must take at least two subjects in Part II Psychology.

Written papers, Research Project, and Library Dissertation:

Each candidate will be examined in either one, two or three areas of Psychology by means of one, two or three written papers, each of three hours *or* two written papers, each of three hours, and *either* a Research Project *or* a Library Dissertation. The written papers will be selected from the list of at least 12 options approved by the Medical Sciences Division and published at the Department of Experimental Psychology. A list of options will be posted in the Department of Experimental Psychology not later than noon on Friday of Week 5 of Hilary Term in the year preceding that in which the examination is taken.

Research Project

As specified for the Honour School of Experimental Psychology.

Library Dissertation

As specified for the Honour School of Experimental Psychology.

Reports of practical work completed during the course of study for Part II and submitted for marking shall constitute a portfolio which shall be available to examiners as part of the examination. Every report submitted for marking must be accompanied by a statement indicating that the work submitted is the candidate's own work. Reports of practical work previously submitted for the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics may be resubmitted but reports will not be accepted if they have been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution. The Head of Department or deputy shall inform the examiners by the end of Week 0 of the Trinity Term in which the Part II examination is to be held as to which candidates have failed to satisfy the requirement to undertake practical work. Failure to satisfy the requirement to undertake practical work will result in the candidate's final degree classification being lowered by one class. Candidates who fail to submit a portfolio will be deemed to have failed the entire Part II examination. The Head of Department, or deputy, shall make available to the examiners records showing the extent to which candidates have adequately pursued a

course of practical work. The examiners shall take this evidence into consideration along with evidence of unsatisfactory or distinguished performance in each portfolio of practical work.

2. PHILOSOPHY

Candidates must satisfy both the General Regulations, and those relating specifically to Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics in the *Special Regulations for Philosophy in all Honour Schools including Philosophy*.

3. LINGUISTICS

Candidates must satisfy both the General Regulations, and those relating specifically to Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics in the *Special Regulations for Linguistics in all Honour Schools including Linguistics*.

Explanatory Notes

These regulations introduce the Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics. Also included are new special regulations for Honour Schools involving Linguistics.

Changes to *Examination Regulations 2011*

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Medical Sciences Board, Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities Divisional Board

Approved: 7 March 2012

Title of Examination: Prelim in Biomedical Sciences, Prelim in Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, Prelim in Psychology and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: To implement changes required by the University Education Committee in relation to First Public Examinations. Additionally, to regulate the use of calculators for the Preliminary Examination in Biomedical Sciences.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations, 2011*, p. 105, delete ll. 9-18 and substitute:
 - '2. Candidates shall be deemed to have passed the examination if they satisfy the Moderators in all three subjects.
 3. Candidates must offer all three subjects at their first examination attempt.
 4. A candidate who fails one subject will be permitted one further attempt at this failed subject, at the first available opportunity.
 5. A candidate who fails two or three subjects shall be deemed to have failed the examination. He or she will be permitted one further attempt at the whole examination, at the first available opportunity.
 6. The Moderators may award a Distinction to candidates of special merit who satisfy them in all three subjects at their first examination attempt.'
2. Ibid., after l. 21, insert:

'The Moderators will permit the use of hand-held pocket calculators subject to the conditions set out under the heading 'Use of calculators' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations*. A list of recommended calculators will be provided by the Chairman of the Moderators not later than the Wednesday of the fourth week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination. The use of calculators may not be permitted in certain papers.'

3. Ibid., p. 141, delete ll. 25-42 and substitute:

'2. Candidates shall be deemed to have passed the examination if they satisfy the Moderators in all five subjects.

3. Candidates must offer all five subjects at their first examination attempt.

4. A candidate who fails one or two subjects will be permitted one further attempt at the failed subject/s, at the first available opportunity.

5. A candidate who fails three or more subjects shall be deemed to have failed the examination. He or she will be permitted one further attempt at the whole examination, at the first available opportunity.

6. The Moderators may award a Distinction to candidates of special merit who satisfy them in all five subjects at their first examination attempt.'

4. Ibid., p. 151, delete ll. 29-35 and substitute:

'2. Candidates shall be deemed to have passed the examination if they satisfy the Moderators in three subjects.

3. Candidates must offer three subjects at their first examination attempt.

4. A candidate who fails one subject will be permitted one further attempt at this failed subject, at the first available opportunity.

5. A candidate who fails two or three subjects shall be deemed to have failed the examination. He or she will be permitted one further attempt at the whole examination, at the first available opportunity.

6. The Moderators may award a Distinction to candidates of special merit who satisfy them in three subjects at their first examination attempt.'

Explanatory Notes

Changes to the First Public Examinations are required by the University Education Committee as of 2012-13: unless candidates pass 50% or more of papers at the first sitting, they will be required to re-sit all of the original papers at the first available opportunity. This requires an additional change to the regulations for the Preliminary Examination in Psychology and Philosophy, so that all candidates are required to offer all subjects at their first examination, rather than spreading them across several sittings.

There is an additional amendment to the regulations for the Preliminary Examination in Biomedical Sciences, which regulates the use of calculators.