

Humanities Divisional Board

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Preliminary Examination in Classics and English

Brief note about nature of change: Details of text prescriptions for individual papers relocated to the course handbook, in line with other examinations involving Classics.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*:

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=peiclasandengl&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2022&term=1>

Effective date

For Course I students starting the degree in MT 2023

For Course II students starting in MT 2022

And

for first examination in Trinity term 2024.

Detail of change

^{1.3}**B**

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^{1.17}2. *Literature in English 1550 – 1660* (excluding the plays of Shakespeare)

^{1.18}3. *Unseen translation from Greek and Latin*

^{1.19}Candidates may offer either Latin or Greek or both. ~~Two passages must be offered and in each language one prose passage and one verse passage will be set.~~

~~^{1.20}4., 5. *Greek and Latin Literature*~~

~~^{1.24}Candidates must offer two of the following.~~

~~1-22~~ They must offer either (a) or (b), but may not offer both.

~~1-23~~ (a) Homer, *Iliad*, I, VI, IX, XVI, XVIII, XXII-XXIV;*

~~1-24~~ (b) Virgil, *Aeneid*, I, II, IV, VI;*

~~1-25~~ (c) Euripides, *Bacchae* 1—1167; Aristophanes, *Frogs* 1—459, 830—1533;
Herodotus 7.1—53; 8.56—110; **

~~1-26~~ (d) Cicero, *Pro Caelio* 17—53 (...*dedisti.*); Catullus 1—16, 31—7, 42—5, 48—51, 53,
69—70, 75—6, 79, 83—6, 95, 99—101, 116; Propertius I.1—3, 6, 11, 14;
Petronius, *Cena Trimalchionis* 26.7—36, 47—78; Juvenal 3, 5.***

~~1-27~~ Paper 4 will consist of essay questions; all candidates will be required to answer questions on each of: Homer or Virgil; other texts; general topics. Paper 5 will comprise passages for translation and comment; all candidates will be required to answer on three passages, at least one passage of Homer or Virgil and at least one from the other texts.

4. Greek and Latin Literature: Essay Questions

5. Greek and Latin Literature: Translation and Comment

Details of the prescribed texts and editions for papers 4 and 5 will be published in the course handbook.

~~1-28~~ The Examiners shall publish the names of candidates who have satisfied them in all five papers, or all of papers 1 and 2 or all of papers 3, 4 and 5. Candidates who fail one or more of papers 1-5 may resit the failed paper(s) at a subsequent examination.

~~1-29~~ **N.B For prescribed editions, see the Classics and English handbook.**

~~1-30~~ * For the purposes of the essay paper (paper 4), candidates who offer these texts will be expected to have knowledge of the whole work and not merely the prescribed portions.

~~1-31~~ ** For the purposes of the essay paper (paper 4), candidates who offer these texts will be expected to have knowledge of the whole of *Bacchae*, *Frogs*, and Herodotus 7—8 and not merely the prescribed portions.

~~1-32~~ *** For the purposes of the essay paper (paper 4), candidates who offer these texts will be expected to have knowledge of the whole of *Pro Caelio*, Propertius I, and the *Cena Trimalchionis* and not merely the prescribed portions.

^{1.33}II. Course II

^{1.34}Candidates for Course II shall be required:

~~^{1.35}(a) during their first year of study to have passed an examination under the auspices of the Board of the Faculty of Classics during the Trinity Term. This examination is also available for appropriate candidates intending to offer papers in the Preliminary Examination for Modern Languages in their second year of study. Candidates who fail either or both of papers 1 and 2 may resit the failed paper(s) at a subsequent examination in the Long Vacation following their first year of study.~~

^{1.35}(a) during Trinity Term of their first year of study to pass a qualifying examination consisting of the following papers:

Either

1. Greek Texts and

2. Greek Language

or

1. Latin Texts and

2. Latin Language

Details of the prescribed texts and editions for paper 1 will be published in the course handbook.

Candidates who fail either or both of papers 1 and 2 may resit the failed paper(s) at a subsequent examination in the Long Vacation following their first year of study.

~~^{1.36}1. Greek or Latin texts. Candidates must offer either (a) or (b):~~

~~^{1.37}(a) Homer, *Iliad* 24; Lysias 1 and 3; Euripides, *Bacchae* 1-63, 180-369, 434-518.~~

~~^{1.38}(b) Virgil, *Aeneid* 6; Seneca, *Epistles* 1, 12, 18, 21, 24, 34, 57; Catullus 1-16, 31-4.~~

~~^{1.39}For a list of prescribed editions, see the Classics and English handbook. The paper will comprise passages from these texts for translation and comment.~~

~~^{1.40}2. Greek or Latin Language. The paper will consist of passages for unseen translation out of Greek or Latin and sentences for translation from English into Latin or Greek.~~

^{1.41}(b) during their second year of study, to offer papers as for Course I.

Explanatory Notes

Details of prescribed texts and editions are set out in the course handbooks rather than the Examination Regulations for all other degrees involving Classics. These changes bring Classics & English Prelims into line with the practice in other exams, and have also been reworded for greater clarity.