MPLS Divisional Board

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Title of Programme

Preliminary Examination in Mathematics/Mathematics and Statistics

Brief note about nature of change:

The Preliminary Examination in Mathematics/Mathematics and Statistics replaces the Preliminary Examination in Mathematics.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2023-24, Preliminary Examination in Mathematics (ox.ac.uk)

Effective date

For students starting course in MT24
For first examination in TT25

Detail of change

Inclusion of new regulations

A

The subject of the examination shall be mathematics and its applications. The syllabus and number of papers shall be prescribed by regulation from time to time by the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Board.

B

1. Candidates shall take five written papers. The titles of the papers shall be:
   A. Mathematics I
   B. Mathematics II

     C. Mathematics III
     D. Mathematics IV
     E. Mathematics V

2. In addition to the five papers in clause 1, a candidate must also offer a practical work assessment.

3. Candidates shall be deemed to have passed the examination if they have satisfied the Examiners in all five papers and the practical assessment at a single examination or passed all five papers and the practical assessment in accordance with the proviso of clause 4.

4. A candidate who fails to satisfy the Examiners in one or two of papers A–E may offer those papers on one subsequent occasion; a candidate who fails to satisfy the Examiners in three or more of papers A–E may offer all five papers on one subsequent occasion; a candidate who fails to satisfy the Examiners in the practical work assessment may also offer the assessment on one subsequent occasion.

5. The Examiners may award a distinction to candidates of special merit who have passed all five written papers and the practical work assessment at a single examination.

6. The syllabus for each paper shall be published by the Mathematical Institute on the Mathematical Institute's website by the beginning of the Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination, after consultation with the Mathematics Teaching Committee. Each paper will contain questions of a straightforward character.

7. Deadlines for submitting practical work will be published in a handbook for candidates by the beginning of Michaelmas Full Term in the academic year of the examination. Candidates are required to submit such practical work electronically; details shall be given in the handbook for the practical course.

Explanatory Notes

Following the discontinuation of the Preliminary Examination in Mathematics the programme has been renamed as the Preliminary Examination in Mathematics/ Mathematics and Statistics. UCAS applications will be submitted for this one programme and this removes the differentiation between the two courses at the application stage to bring clarity about the way students are admitted.