Humanities Divisional Board

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Preliminary Examination in Modern Languages

Brief note about nature of change: changes to modes of assessment

Effective date

For students starting the degree in MT 2022; for first examination in TT 2023.

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2019-20: citation numbers 1.26 (insert new section), 1.89 and 1.93.

1.25 Or: I, IIA, IIB, III, IV in French, German, Spanish or Russian together with XI and XII in the same language and Polish XIII. (For candidates offering French, German, Spanish or Russian sole with Polish.) 1.26 Or: I, IIA, IIB, III, IV in a modern language together with BI, BIIA, BIIB, BIII; and BIV Oral Test (for candidates admitted to Russian Course B) or BI, BIIA, BIIB, BIII Oral Test and BIV (for candidates admitted to German Course B).

[New section here:]

The assessment for papers I, II, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII and XII will normally take the form of a three-hour written paper as detailed in the Course Handbook. Paper III will be certified, except for Spanish and Italian, where candidates will be required to take a three-hour written paper. Paper IV will be examined via a three-hour written paper, except for Spanish and Italian, where candidates will be certified.

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^{1.89} Italian:	1.90 The paper will consist of: (α) audio or video listening comprehension exercises; (a) reading comprehension exercises; (b) one guided essay in Italian.
^{1.91} Spanish:	1.92The paper will consist of: (a) translation into Spanish: a set of grammatical sentences. 1½ hours will be allowed for each part.
^{1.93} Portuguese:	1.94The paper will consist of: (a) audio or visual listening reading comprehension exercises; (b) translation into Portuguese; (c) a guided composition (d) linguistic tests.

Explanatory Notes

These changes increase the diversity of the assessment methods for the course.