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CHAPTER III EXAMINATIONS

TAUGHT COURSES

1. The Ordinances in this Chapter shall apply to the examination and assessment of all taught courses taken by matriculated students. The General Board shall maintain a list of those courses in the Schedule to this Ordinance, publishing such alterations as it sees fit.

2. The General Board shall publish and keep under review policies and procedures on the appointment, duties and payment of Examiners and others appointed under the Ordinance for the Appointment of Examiners and Other Appointments in the Examination Process, on the conduct of Examiner meetings, and on the disclosure of examination marks.¹

SCHEDULE²

<u>Postgraduate Certificate in Education</u>	<u>Master of Corporate Law</u>
<u>Certificate of Postgraduate Study</u>	<u>Master of Design</u>
<u>All Diplomas</u>	<u>Master of Education</u>
<u>Bachelor of Arts</u>	<u>Master of Engineering</u>
<u>Bachelor of Medicine</u>	<u>Master of Finance</u>
<u>Bachelor of Music</u>	<u>Master of Law</u>
<u>Bachelor of Surgery</u>	<u>Master of Letters</u>
<u>Bachelor of Theology for Ministry</u>	<u>Master of Mathematics</u>
<u>Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine</u>	<u>Master of Music</u>
<u>Bachelor of Divinity</u>	<u>Master of Natural Sciences</u>
<u>Master of Accounting</u>	<u>Master of Philosophy by advanced study</u>
<u>Master of Advanced Study</u>	<u>Master of Research</u>
<u>Master of Architecture</u>	<u>Master of Science</u>
<u>Master of Business Administration (including the Executive M.B.A.)</u>	<u>Master of Studies</u>
<u>Master of the Conservation of Easel Paintings</u>	<u>Master of Surgery</u>

¹ The policies and procedures are available on the Examinations Office website at: https://universityofcambridgecloud.sharepoint.com/sites/AD_ExamOperationsandMitigatingCircumstances.

² Includes Preliminary, Qualifying and Honours Examinations, examinations requiring external accreditation, and re-sits.

HONOURS EXAMINATIONS

1. The Honours Examinations of the University shall be the examinations for any undivided Tripos, and the examinations for the several Parts and Sections of Triposes which are divided into Parts or Sections or into Parts and Sections. The term Honours Examination shall not include a Qualifying Examination or Preliminary Examination connected with any Tripos.

2. No one who is a member of the Senate or qualified to be admitted to a degree giving membership of the Senate, or is registered as a postgraduate registered student, shall be a candidate for honours in any Honours Examination.

3. No person shall be a candidate for honours in more than one Honours Examination in the same term.

ALLOWANCES TO CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATIONS

[changes noted for information; subject to separate approval by Grace]

1. The General Board shall have power:

- (a) to admit to candidature for an examination or for a University Studentship, Scholarship, Exhibition, Prize, or Medal, a person who is not qualified by Ordinance to be a candidate, and
- (b) to determine that for the purposes of candidature for an examination or competition one or more terms may be disregarded in reckoning the standing of a particular candidate,
- (c) to refer for consideration under the Procedure to Support and Assess Capability to Study³ any person in respect of whom an application is made under these regulations; and
- (d) to set conditions for a student to resume keeping terms by residence following an authorized period of intermission.

2. No person who is not qualified by Ordinance, or under the foregoing regulation, or by special Grace, shall be admitted to an examination leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate, except with the approval of the General Board who shall have power to determine the conditions of such admission and the fee, if any, to be paid for such admission. The name of a candidate admitted under this regulation to an Honours Examination shall, if they satisfy the Examiners, be published in a separate list under the heading:

The following, who are not candidates for honours, have satisfied the Examiners.

3. The General Board, on satisfactory evidence supplied by a candidate's Tutor that the candidate has been hindered by illness or other grave cause in preparing for or taking any University examination, except one for which candidates are examined solely by thesis and oral⁴ or one leading to the M.B., B.Chir. Degrees, or the Vet.M.B. Degree, shall have power, when they think fit to:

- (a) allow the candidate to progress to the next academic year, where the candidate would otherwise not be of standing;
- (b) where the candidate is a candidate for the B.A. Degree, and if the candidate has kept the requisite number of terms to qualify for the degree:
 - (i) declare the candidate to have attained the honours standard; or
 - (ii) declare the candidate to have deserved the Ordinary B.A. Degree;

³ See p. [236].

⁴ See the general regulations for certain postgraduate degrees and other qualifications (p. [435]).

- (c) where the candidate is a candidate for a degree other than the B.A. Degree and the degrees governed by the general regulations for certain postgraduate degrees and other qualifications:
- (i) declare the candidate to have attained the honours standard; or
 - (ii) approve the candidate to receive the degree or such other award as may be allowed under the regulations for the degree;
- (d) to require the Chair of Examiners, or a deputy appointed by the Chair from among the Examiners, ~~to disregard examination components worth up to and including 25% of the Tripos Part or of the course (where that course is examined as a single entity), and calculate the candidate's results on the basis of the remaining components to move the candidate's name to a higher class, provided that such an amendment shall not be made unless the Chair of Examiners or deputy, after consulting at least two other Examiners, is satisfied that the candidate has performed at the standard of the higher class in all but a relatively small part of the examination.~~
- (e) ~~to require the Chair of Examiners or a deputy appointed by the Chair from among the Examiners, after consulting at least two other Examiners, to determine the candidate's overall degree classification on the basis of~~
- ~~(i) examination for Tripos Parts unhindered by illness or grave cause; and/or~~
 - ~~(ii) examination permitted to be examined under other than the ordinary conditions.~~

4. The General Board shall consider the cases of candidates who for sufficient reasons apply to be examined under other than the ordinary conditions, or at other times than those previously advertised, and shall give or withhold permission for them to be examined otherwise. It shall also determine the conditions under which such permission may be given.

5. When the General Board allows a candidate an examination which is an Honours Examination, such a candidate shall thereby have obtained honours therein.

6. The General Board shall not, save in exceptional circumstances, normally make an allowance to a candidate for the B.A. Degree of an examination under Regulation 3 on more than one occasion, save that, for the purpose of this regulation, an allowance under Regulation 3(d) shall not be regarded as such an allowance.

7. Where the regulations for an examination provide for a candidate to submit by a specified date a dissertation, thesis, essay, or other coursework in addition to the written papers or in substitution for one or more of them, the General Board may, with the concurrence of the Chair of Examiners or the Senior Examiner, grant a brief extension to a specified date by which the work shall be submitted. A dissertation, thesis, essay, or other coursework submitted later than the date specified by the General Board, or in the regulation concerned if no extension has been granted, shall not be accepted.

8. In the case of a candidate who has been ~~granted an allowance a statement shall be appended to any certificate issued by the Registry relating to that examination confirming that the candidate has been granted an allowance in accordance with the University's regulations, that the authorities concerned are of the opinion that the candidate was hindered by illness or grave cause and the marks recorded do not adequately represent the candidate's attainment declared to have deserved honours under Regulation 3(b), the following statement shall be appended to any certificate issued by the Registry relating to that examination:~~

~~*This candidate has been awarded an allowance in accordance with the University's regulations. The authorities concerned are of the opinion that, for good reason, it would be unfair to classify the candidate since they believe that this would not adequately represent the candidate's attainment. They have accordingly agreed to declare the candidate to have deserved honours in this examination.*~~

9. A student may request a review of a decision made under these regulations. A request for review shall be made under the Procedure for the Review of Decisions of University Bodies established by the General Board.⁵

LEAVE FOR ALLOWANCES TO CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATIONS: NOTICE⁶

The General Board has approved the following procedure for dealing with applications under these regulations through its Examination Access and Mitigation Committee (the Committee):

- (i) No application is considered unless it is submitted by the candidate's Tutor.
- (ii) An application must state under which regulation or regulations it is made.
- (iii) An allowance made under Regulation 1(b) is normally granted in respect of up to three terms of an academic year. ~~It may be granted in respect of the terms of up to three academic years. Exceptionally it may be granted in respect of the terms of more than one academic year.~~
- (iv) Where a student has been out of residence for more than a term, the Committee shall make such recommendations to the student's College as the Committee thinks fit and shall have the power to set conditions for return, including, but not limited to, one or more of the following:
 - (a) satisfactory evidence of capability to study, as determined by the Committee;
 - (b) in the case of a disabled student, ensuring reasonable adjustments, as appropriate, to support the student in their study and examination are in place;
 - (c) in the case of a medical or veterinary student, confirmation from the relevant Fitness to Practise Committee that the student is currently fit to continue on the course of study.
- (v) ~~All applications must be supported by independent, contemporaneous evidence; an application made on medical grounds must be supported by medical evidence. The Committee may determine which type of evidence it requires in relation to applications under particular regulations. Evidence must be received by the deadline set out in guidance issued by the Committee for this purpose. An application made on medical grounds must be supported by medical evidence. The Committee may determine which type of evidence it requires in relation to applications under particular regulations.~~
- (vi) An application must include a detailed statement of reasons and be accompanied by copies of all supervision reports.
- (vii) ~~First- and second-year students taking Tripos examinations shall be limited to allowances listed under Regulations 3(a) and 3(e)(i). An application for exemption from an academic condition for taking a particular examination is not normally approved unless the Faculty Board or similar body concerned have given their concurrence, and that concurrence is indispensable in the case of examinations forming part of the requirements for a professional qualification.~~
- (viii) The Committee is empowered to give permission for a candidate to offer a non-standard combination of papers, whether within one examination or from more than one examination, which is not provided for by Ordinance or by regulations made under Ordinance. Such permission will not be granted unless the Faculty Board or other authority concerned are in agreement.
- (ix) The Committee shall issue notes on procedures adopted in its consideration, on behalf of the General Board, of applications for allowances under these regulations.
- (x) The Committee is authorised to agree a procedure for referral of cases to the Study Capability Assessment Committee.
- (xi) Decisions of the Committee will be subject to review under the Procedure for the Review of Decisions of University Bodies.

⁵ See p. [218]

⁶ Reporter, 6509, 2017–18, p. 677 (Grace 3 of 27 June 2018).

ENTRIES AND LISTS OF CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATIONS

~~1. No candidate may be entered for any examination after the latest date specified in the Table of Dates for the submission of entries; nor shall any alteration of an entry in the list of candidates, other than the withdrawal of a candidate or of an entry, be permitted after that date. These regulations shall apply to all Honours Examinations, Preliminary Examinations, and to any other examinations for which written papers are set (except those covered by the regulations for the Ph.D., M.Sc., and M.Litt. Degrees, and the M.Phil. Degree by thesis), and to the examination for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education.~~

~~2. In September of each year the Registry shall circulate to Senior Tutors a Table of Dates giving the dates of the examinations to be held in the following academic year and the dates by which entries of candidates and corrections of those entries are to be submitted.~~

~~3. Candidates *in statu pupillari* shall enrol for the examinations listed in Regulation 11 by entering the details, as approved by each student's Director of Studies, into the University's on-line student record database during the period 1 October to 8 November each year.~~

~~4. Entries of candidates *in statu pupillari* into the examinations listed in Regulations 12–15 shall be signed by the candidates concerned and sent to the Registry by Senior Tutors of Colleges by the date specified by the Registry under those regulations.~~

~~5.2. Any entry of a candidate who proposes to offer less than is required by the regulations for the examination concerned shall require the sanction-approval of the General Board. The name of any such candidate shall not be included in the class-list for that examination concerned.~~

~~3. In accordance with regulations made from time to time by the General Board governing postgraduate degrees and other qualifications,⁷ the Examiners for any taught course shall have power at the request of a Degree Committee to arrange for the examination of postgraduate students and to report their results to the Secretary of the Degree Committee. The names of such students shall not appear in any class-list.~~

~~6. Entries and corrections shall be deemed to have been sent to the Registry on the day on which they were received by the Registry.~~

~~7. If the latest date for the submission of entries or corrections falls on a Saturday or Sunday, they shall be due on the previous Friday. If the day for the issue of a list of candidates falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the list shall be issued on the previous Friday.~~

~~8. For every examination a first list of candidates shall be issued, followed by a final, corrected list. The first list and the final list for each examination shall be sent by the Registry~~

~~(a) to the Chair of Examiners concerned, or, if there is no Chair, to the senior resident Examiner;~~

~~(b) to the Head of the Faculty or the Department concerned or, in the case of Faculties not organized in Departments, to the Secretary of the Faculty Board;~~

~~(c) to the Senior Tutor of each College.⁸~~

~~9. For the examinations specified in Regulations 11–15 the Registry shall send to Colleges, for transmission to individual candidates, an entry verification form showing the details of each candidate's entry; each candidate shall either sign the form as correct or indicate what amendments of the entry are required, and shall return the form to the Senior Tutor, who shall inform the Registry of any amendments required. The Registry shall subsequently send to Colleges for each candidate an entry confirmation form giving details of the candidate's entry;~~

⁷ See the General Regulations for Certain Postgraduate Degrees and Other Qualifications, p. [435].

⁸ For the examinations specified in Regulations 11–15 the lists shall be divided by College, and the list sent to each College shall comprise the members of that College who are entered for the examination in question.

the time and place of each written paper for which the candidate is entered, and any identification number allocated to the candidate.

~~10.~~ The latest dates for the submission of entries and corrections of entries, and for the issue of lists of candidates and of entry verification and confirmation forms, shall be as shown in Regulations 11–15, provided that the Registry shall have authority to amend those dates in respect of any Tripos, Preliminary, or other examinations held before the division of the Easter Term.

~~11.~~ For the examinations specified below the procedures shall be as shown in the following table in accordance with Regulation 3:

	<i>Not later than</i>
Entries received via the on-line student record database	8 November
First lists of candidates to be issued	End of third quarter of Michaelmas Term
Entry verification forms to be issued	Division of Lent Term
Corrections of entries to be sent to the Registry by Colleges	Last day of Full Lent Term
Final lists of candidates and entry confirmation forms to be issued	First day of Full Easter Term
Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic Tripos, Parts I and II, and Preliminary Examination for Part I	
Archaeology Tripos, Parts I, IIa, and IIb	
Architecture Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II	
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Parts Ia and Ib	
Design Tripos, Parts Ia and Ib	
Chemical Engineering Tripos, Parts I, IIa, and IIb	
Classical Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II, and Preliminary Examinations for Parts Ia and II	
Computer Science Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II	
Economics Tripos, Parts I, IIa, and IIb	
Economics, Advanced Diploma in	
Education Tripos, Parts I and II, and Preliminary Examinations for Parts I and II	
Education, Postgraduate Certificate in	
Engineering Tripos, Parts Ia and Ib	
English Tripos, Parts I and II, and Preliminary Examinations for Parts I and II	
Geographical Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II, and Preliminary Examination for Part II	
History of Art Tripos, Parts I, IIa, and IIb	
Historical Tripos, Parts I and II, and Preliminary Examinations for Parts I and II	
History and Modern Languages Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II	
History and Politics Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II	
Human, Social, and Political Sciences Tripos, Parts I, IIa, and IIb	
Land Economy Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II	
Law Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II	
Law for European students, Examination in	
LL.M. Examination	
M.C.L. Examination	
Linguistics Tripos	
Management Studies Tripos	
Manufacturing Engineering Tripos, Parts IIa and IIb	
Mathematical Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II	
Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos, Parts Ia and Ib (except Ib Lent Term Examination in Head and Neck Anatomy; from these entries, entries for the various Lent Term and Easter Term Second M.B. Examinations are created)	
Medical Sciences Tripos, Parts Ia and Ib (from these entries, entries for the various Lent Term and Easter Term Second M.B. Examinations are created)	

Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II⁹
 Music Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II
 Mus.B. Examination
 Natural Sciences Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, II, and III (excluding Astrophysics and Physics), and Preliminary Examination for Part II
 Philosophy Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II
 Psychological and Behavioural Sciences Tripos, Parts I, IIa, and IIb
 Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion Tripos, Parts I, IIa, and IIb
 Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion, Advanced Diploma in
 Veterinary Sciences Tripos, Parts Ia and Ib (from these entries, entries for the various Lent Term and Easter Term Second Veterinary M.B. Examinations are created)

12. For the examinations specified below the procedures shall be as shown in the following table in accordance with Regulation 4:

	<i>Not later than</i>
Entries received by the Registry	8 November
First lists of candidates to be issued	End of third quarter Michaelmas Term
Entry verification forms to be issued	Division of Lent Term
Corrections of entries to be sent to the Registry by Colleges	Last day of Full Lent Term
Final lists of candidates and entry confirmation forms to be issued	First day of Full Easter Term

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, Part II¹⁰ and the Preliminary Examination for Part II
 Theology for Ministry, First and Second Examination

13. For the examinations specified below the procedures shall be as shown in the following table in accordance with Regulation 4:

	<i>Not later than</i>
Entries received by the Registry	Eight weeks before the beginning of the examination
First lists of candidates and entry verification forms to be issued	Six weeks before the beginning of the examination
Corrections of entries to be sent to the Registry by Colleges	Four weeks before the beginning of the examination
Final lists of candidates and entry confirmation forms to be issued	Two weeks before the beginning of the examination

Oral Examinations in Arabic, Hebrew, and Persian for Part II of the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos
 Oral Examinations for Part II of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos
 Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos, Part Ib (Lent Term examination)
 Second M.B. Examination (Lent Term and September examinations)
 Second Vet.M.B. Examination (Lent Term and September examinations)
 Final M.B. Examination
 Final Veterinary Examination

14. For the examinations specified below the procedure for submission of entries (in accordance with Regulation 4) and for the circulation of lists of candidates shall be as shown:

⁹Except for the oral examinations for Part II, for which the procedure shall be as specified in Regulation 13.

¹⁰Except for the oral examinations in Arabic, Hebrew, and Persian for which the procedure shall be as specified in Regulation 13.

	<i>Not later than</i>
Entries received by the Registry (names only)	8 November
First lists of candidates to be issued (names only)	End of the third quarter of Michaelmas Term
Entries received from the Secretary of the Faculty Board (details)	End of the sixth week of Full Lent Term
Final lists of candidates and entry confirmation forms issued	Beginning of the last week of Full Lent Term

Engineering Tripos, Parts IIa and IIb

Natural Sciences Tripos, Part III, Physics

~~15.~~ For the examinations specified below the procedure for submission of entries (in accordance with Regulation 4) and for the circulation of lists of candidates shall be as shown:

	<i>Not later than</i>
Entries received by the Registry (names only)	8 November
First lists of candidates to be issued (names only)	End of the third quarter of Michaelmas Term
Entries received by the Registry from the Secretary of the Faculty Board (details)	End of second week of Full Easter Term
Final lists of candidates and entry confirmation forms to be issued	Beginning of the third week of Full Easter Term

Mathematical Tripos, Part III

Natural Sciences Tripos, Part III, Astrophysics

~~16.~~ No alteration of an entry, other than a withdrawal of it, and no additional entry shall be accepted after the latest date specified for the submission of corrections:

~~17.~~ In accordance with the general regulations for certain postgraduate degrees and other qualifications, the Examiners for any Tripos or for the LL.M. Examination shall have power at the request of a Degree Committee to arrange for the examination of postgraduate students and to report the result of such examination direct to the Secretary of the Degree Committee. The names of such students shall not appear in any class-list.

~~18.~~ No student shall be admitted to an examination leading to the degree of M.Phil. by advanced study, M.B., B.Chir., LL.M., B.A., Mus.B., or Vet.M.B., except, in the case of a student holding a degree of another university, the Second M.B. Examination, unless (a) the student has satisfied the matriculation requirements for certain prospective students or (b) the student belongs to one of the classes of persons whom the Council have approved as qualified for matriculation.

~~19.~~ Notwithstanding the above regulations or the Ordinance for Setting the Table of Dates of for Examinations, the General Board may accept a list of candidates or a class-list or a list of candidates approved for a degree or other award later than the latest day or time prescribed, if the General Board considers it necessary to take this action to protect the interests of students and is satisfied that academic standards will be maintained.

SETTING THE TABLE OF DATES OFFOR EXAMINATIONS

~~1. The dates on which the Qualifying Examination in Theology for Ministry, the First and Second Examinations for the B.Th. Degree, all examinations for the M.Phil. Degree by advanced study, and all Preliminary Examinations shall begin shall be determined by the Registry in consultation with the Faculty Boards and other similar bodies concerned:~~

~~2. The dates on which all other examinations held in the Easter Term shall begin (except for examinations for the M.B., B.Chir., and Vet.M.B. Degrees, and for Certificates of Postgraduate Study, which shall begin on dates determined in accordance with the regulations for those examinations) shall be as set out in the table below, provided that~~

- ~~(a) in any year in which candidates for an examination are permitted to offer a paper or subject included in another examination, the timetables of the examinations shall be arranged accordingly;~~
- ~~(b) in any year in which Full Easter Term begins on or after 22 April, all examinations held in that term which are specified in the table below as beginning on or after the Monday before the last Sunday but one in May shall begin one week later than the dates specified in the table;~~
- ~~(c) it shall be competent for the Registry, on the recommendation of the Committee for the Natural Sciences Tripos, to determine that practical examinations for Part Ia of that Tripos be held on up to four of the weekdays immediately preceding the date specified for the beginning of examinations for that Part, and that the practical examination for the subject Physiology, Development, and Neuroscience in Part II of that Tripos be held at any time after the first day of Full Easter Term;~~
- ~~(d) subject to the agreement of the Faculty Board or other comparable body concerned, it shall be competent for the Registry to determine that any particular paper of an examination in the following list shall be held up to three days (Saturdays and Sundays not being counted) before the date specified for the beginning of that examination:~~

Monday before first day of Full Easter Term	Classical Tripos, Part Ia Engineering Tripos, Parts IIa and IIb
First day of Full Easter Term	Architecture Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II Natural Sciences Tripos, Part III^{††} (Easter Term examination)
Second day of Full Easter Term	Manufacturing Engineering Tripos, Part IIb Design Tripos, Parts Ia and Ib
First Monday of Full Easter Term	Chemical Engineering Tripos, Part IIa
First Friday of Full Easter Term	Manufacturing Engineering Tripos, Part IIa
Second Tuesday of Full Easter Term	Management Studies Tripos
Wednesday before last Sunday but one in May	Education Tripos, Parts I and II
Thursday before last Sunday but one in May	English Tripos, Part I English Tripos, Part II Geographical Tripos, Part II

^{††} Examination in Physics only. See also Regulation 3.

Friday before last Sunday but one in May	History and Modern Languages Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II Land-Economy Tripos Linguistics Tripos Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib ¹² , and II ¹³ Philosophy Tripos
Saturday before last Sunday but one in May	Medical Sciences Tripos, Parts Ia and Ib Natural Sciences Tripos, Part Ib Veterinary Sciences Tripos, Parts Ia and Ib ¹⁴
Monday before last Sunday in May	Chemical Engineering Tripos, Part IIb Economics Tripos, Part IIb Law Tripos LL.M. Examination M.C.L. Examination Music Tripos, Parts Ib and II Mus.B. Examination
Tuesday before last Sunday in May	Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion Tripos Advanced Diploma in Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion
Wednesday before last Sunday in May	Classical Tripos, Part II Advanced Diploma in Economics Geographical Tripos, Part Ia Historical Tripos, Part I History and Politics Tripos, Parts Ia, Ib, and II Music Tripos, Part Ia Natural Sciences Tripos, Part II
Thursday before last Sunday in May	History of Art Tripos, Part I Mathematical Tripos, Parts Ia and III Psychological and Behavioural Sciences Tripos, Parts IIa and IIb
Friday before last Sunday in May	Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos ¹⁵ Historical Tripos, Part II
Monday before first Sunday in June	Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic Tripos Chemical Engineering Tripos, Part I Computer Science Tripos, Parts Ia and Ib Economics Tripos, Part IIa Engineering Tripos, Part Ib Mathematical Tripos, Part II Natural Sciences Tripos, Part III
Tuesday before first Sunday in June	Computer Science Tripos, Part II Mathematical Tripos, Part Ib

¹² Except for the following examinations, which shall begin on the dates specified:

- (i) — Oral examination A, the fourth Friday of Full Easter Term;
- (ii) — Oral examination B, the Monday before the first day of Full Easter Term;
- (iii) — Section (b) (listening comprehension test) of Paper B3 in the several languages, the Monday before the last Sunday but one in May.

¹³ Except for the oral examinations, which shall begin not earlier than the eighth day before the first day of Full Michaelmas Term:

¹⁴ Except the *viva voce* examination in Comparative Vertebrate Biology, which shall begin on the first day of Full Easter Term:

¹⁵ Except for the following oral examinations:

- (i) — for Part II in Arabic, Hebrew, and Japanese, which shall be held not earlier than the eighth day before the first day of Full Michaelmas Term;
- (ii) — Part II in all other languages, which shall be held not earlier than the third Monday of Full Easter Term;
- (iii) — for Part IA and IB of the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos, which shall be held not earlier than the third Monday of Full Easter Term.

Wednesday before first Sunday in June	Classical Tripos, Part Ib ¹⁶ Engineering Tripos, Part Ia Geographical Tripos, Part Ib
Thursday before first Sunday in June	Archaeology Tripos, Parts I, IIa, and IIb Human, Social, and Political Sciences Tripos, Parts I, IIa, and IIb Psychological and Behavioural Sciences Tripos, Part I
Friday before first Sunday in June	Natural Sciences Tripos, Part Ia History of Art Tripos, Parts IIa and IIb
Monday after first Sunday in June	Economics Tripos, Part I

~~3. The dates on which all examinations not held in the Easter Term shall begin (except for the examinations for the M.B., B.Chir., and Vet.M.B. Degrees, which shall begin on dates determined in accordance with the regulations for those examinations) shall be as follows:~~

~~Medical Sciences Tripos, Part Ib¹⁷ (Lent Term examination)~~

~~The last day of Full Lent term~~

~~Natural Sciences Tripos, Part III¹⁸ (Lent Term examination)~~

~~The Monday that next precedes the first day of Full Lent Term.~~

~~4. If it is necessary, from whatever cause, to begin an examination on a date other than that specified by Ordinance and there is not time to obtain approval by Grace for the change, the Council, or if a meeting of the Council cannot conveniently be convened, the Registry or a deputy, shall have power to approve the change, on the recommendation of the Chair of Examiners, provided that the change shall be announced in the *Reporter* as soon as possible.~~

~~1. In September of each year the General Board shall announce a Table of Dates in consultation with the Faculty Boards or comparable authorities concerned giving the earliest date of the examinations to be held in the following academic year and the dates by which entries of candidates and corrections of those entries are to be submitted to the Registry. The General Board shall determine the information to be provided and the manner in which that information is to be provided.~~

~~52. The latest dates for providing to the Registry, where applicable, the approved class-lists of Preliminary Examinations and of examinations for all taught courses the dates of which are specified in Regulation 2 shall be as follows:~~

~~The Monday before the days of General Admission:~~

~~The class-lists for undivided Triposes, Part II examinations for Triposes, Part IIa of the Chemical Engineering Tripos, Part Ib of the Medical and Veterinary Sciences Tripos, Part Ib of the Natural Sciences Tripos, Part IIa of the Manufacturing Engineering Tripos, and the Second Examination for the B.Th. Degree.~~

~~The Friday after the days of General Admission:~~

~~The class-lists for all other Honours Examinations, for the LL.M. Examination and the Mus.B. Examination, for the Preliminary Examinations, Qualifying Examinations, Certificate Examinations, and the First Examination for the B.Th. Degree.~~

~~3. Each Chair of Examiners shall send to the Registry by the date specified in the Table of Dates a list of such examinations as require one or more Examiners to be present in person at the start of the examination.~~

¹⁶Except for Papers H1 and H2, the examinations for which shall be held on the first and second days of Full Easter Term:

¹⁷Examination in Head and Neck Anatomy only:

¹⁸Examination in Physics only:

64. Notwithstanding the above regulations, the General Board may start any examination later than as prescribed, if the General Board considers it necessary to take this action to protect the interests of students and is satisfied that academic standards will be maintained.

ASSESSMENT FORMATS

All examinations and assessments will be in one of the following formats unless otherwise specified in the General Board Regulations for the course. The General Board will publish guidance on expectations and good practice in respect of each format.

- (a) Coursework
- (b) In-person invigilated handwritten examinations
- (c) In-person invigilated digital examinations
- (d) Digital non-invigilated open-book examinations
- (e) Presentations

INTERVIEWS

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Ordinance, the Examiners for any examination taught course for which candidates are not examined solely by thesis and oral¹⁹ shall have discretion, ~~after consultation with the Registry,~~ to summon a particular~~any~~ candidate ~~or particular candidates~~ for an interview on any aspect of the written work examined submitted~~which in the opinion of the Examiners requires elucidation~~.

MARKING AND CLASSING CONVENTIONS AND CRITERIA

Faculty Boards and comparable authorities shall be entitled to issue to the Examiners and Assessors appointed for the examination concerned details of the conventions and criteria to be applied in marking written papers and other work and, where applicable, in determining class-lists. Such details and any changes to them shall be issued not later than the end of the Full Michaelmas Term preceding the examination.

EXAMINATION MEETING ATTENDANCE AND APPROVAL OF CLASS-LISTS

1. Save in so far as the General Board shall (either before or after the meeting in question) allow otherwise, every Examiner who has taken part in an examination shall be present, unless prevented by grave cause approved before the meeting by the Vice-Chancellor, at the final meeting of the Examiners, which shall be defined as follows:

- (a) ~~Each Examiner~~ for any Part of the Medical Sciences Tripos or the Veterinary Sciences Tripos, or for Part IA or Part IB of the Natural Sciences Tripos, ~~shall be present at~~ the meeting of the Examiners at which the marks of the candidates in their particular subject are finally approved.
- (b) ~~Each Examiner~~ for any other examination for which a class-list is published, ~~shall be present at~~ the meeting of the Examiners at which that list is finally approved.

¹⁹ See the general regulations for certain postgraduate degrees and other qualifications (p. 435).

2. For each of the examinations specified in Regulation 1(a) there shall be held, in addition to the final meetings of Examiners in particular subjects, a subsequent meeting of the Chair and the Senior Examiners, at which the class-list for the whole examination shall be finally approved, and at which the following shall be present:

- (a) the Chair of Examiners or, in the absence of the Chair, an Assistant Chair of Examiners;
- (b) the Senior Examiner (or a designated deputy) for each particular subject of the examination.

3. At the final meeting of the Examiners held under Regulation 1(b), or at the meeting of the Chair and the Senior Examiners held under Regulation 2, the class-list, as finally approved, shall be signed by all those present. The duly signed class-list shall be sent without delay to the Registry by the Chair of Examiners. That signed printed copy of the class-list, or if the Examiners' agreement to sign is verified in another way, a printed copy subsequently signed by the Chair of Examiners, shall be preserved in the Registry as the authoritative list.

4. Where any Examiner fails to attend a meeting referred to in Regulation 1(a) or 1(b) without such absence being excused in advance by either the General Board or the Vice-Chancellor under Regulation 1, those present may, if they consider it appropriate to do so, proceed with the meeting, but the Chair of Examiners must immediately thereafter seek the General Board's approval to the absence under Regulation 1. If the General Board does not grant such approval, the final approval of the class-list under Regulation 3 shall be invalid and the process for the approval of the class-list for the examination in question shall start again as set out in Regulations 1 to 4.

5. In deciding whether to exercise its discretion under Regulation 1, the General Board must be satisfied that it is in the interests of students to do so and that academic standards have been and will be fully maintained. In determining whether academic standards have been (or will be) fully maintained, the General Board must have regard to whether there was or would be sufficient expertise among the Examiners who were or would be present at the meeting (and in doing so may consult with the Chair of Examiners).

6. Where the Chair of Examiners considers it necessary to protect the interests of students and is satisfied that academic standards will be maintained, any meeting referred to in this Ordinance may consider the marks of only some of the candidates for an examination, provided that for those candidates sufficient marks are available to enable a class to be awarded, with the marks of the remaining candidates for that examination to be considered at a separate meeting.

7. The General Board may, in circumstances other than those described in Regulation 3 of the Ordinance for Allowances to Candidates for Examinations and Regulation 1 of the Ordinance for the degree of Bachelor of Arts by Honours,²⁰ approve candidates for inclusion on a class-list for any examination under the heading 'Declared to have deserved honours' or on a list of successful candidates, at the request of the Chair of Examiners where the regulations for the course require this, provided that the Board is satisfied that to do so is in the interests of students and that academic standards continue to be maintained.

²⁰ See p. [249] and [p. 438].

DISCLOSURE OF EXAMINATION MARKS

~~1.~~ Regulations 2-5 below shall apply to the following University examinations:

All Tripos, Preliminary, and Qualifying Examinations

The Examination in Law for European students

The LL.M. Examination

The Second M.B., and Final M.B. Examinations

The Mus.B. Examination

The Second Veterinary M.B. Examination and the Final Veterinary Examination

The examination for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education

The Qualifying Examination in Theology for Ministry and the First and Second Examinations for the B.Th. Degree.

~~2.~~ The Examiners for each of the examinations specified in Regulation 1 above shall communicate to the Registry and to Tutors or other designated College officers, or officers of institutions within the Cambridge Theological Federation, for transmission to their pupils, the marks of their pupils and such other information as may be considered advisable; provided that, in the case of examinations leading to the degrees of M.B., B.Chir., and Vet.M.B., such communication shall be in accordance with the regulations for those degrees.

~~3.~~ Marks and other information shall also be communicated on request to bodies responsible for making University or College awards, to bodies responsible for awarding postgraduate studentships, to the Board of Graduate Studies, and to Heads of Departments, Chairs of the Boards of Faculties not organized in Departments, and Secretaries of Degree Committees, and, in the case of marks obtained in the Final M.B. Examination, to the Director of Medical Education in the Clinical School.

~~4.~~ Marks and other information may also be provided in a statement of verification by the Registry, on evidence supplied by the Examiners, to examining bodies external to the University, for the purpose of exemption from their examinations. The fee to be charged for such a certificate shall be determined by the General Board from time to time.

~~5.~~ The nature of the marks and other information to be communicated under Regulations 2-4 above shall be determined from time to time by the Faculty Board or comparable authority concerned, or by the Committee of Management for the Natural Sciences Tripos in the case of that Tripos, and shall be notified to the General Board for its approval.

~~6.~~ Except as may be otherwise required by law, marks and other information communicated under Regulations 2-4 shall not be disclosed to any person or body except (i) those specified in those regulations and (ii) the individual candidate to whom the marks relate.

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS AND ASSESSORS OR OTHER APPOINTMENTS IN THE EXAMINATION PROCESS

1. The Faculty Board or comparable authority shall appoint Examiners and Assessors for all taught courses.

2. The General Board shall appoint, on the nomination of the Faculty Board or comparable authority, for each taught course a resident member of the Regent House as Chair of Examiners for each board of Examiners and where required, a Senior Examiner and/or External Examiners.

3. The General Board shall announce the dates by which all appointments under this Ordinance shall normally have been made. If necessary, appointments may be made after the normal date subject to the approval of the General Board.

~~1. Examiners, Chairs of Examiners, and Assessors shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Regulations 2-3 below, provided always that the General Board shall have power, after consulting the Faculty Board or other authority concerned, and subject to the provisions of Statute B III 1, to authorize an alternative procedure, or to vary the timetable set out in Regulation 3, in the case of a particular examination:~~

~~2. Examiners and Assessors for the examinations specified in the Schedule to these regulations shall be appointed by the General Board on the nomination of the body specified in the special regulations for each examination. For each board of Examiners the General Board shall also appoint, on the nomination of the same body, a resident member of the Regent House as Chair of Examiners:~~

~~3. Nominations shall be made in accordance with the following timetable:~~

~~Chairs of Examiners and Senior Examiners: not later than the first day of the Michaelmas Term in the academic year in which the examination is to be held:~~

~~Other Examiners: not later than the division of the Michaelmas Term in the academic year in which the examination is to be held:~~

~~Assessors: not later than four weeks before the beginning of the examination concerned:~~

~~4. If it is necessary from whatever cause for an Examiner or Assessor to be nominated after the normal date, the General Board or (if the nomination cannot be considered by the General Board without undue delay) the Secretary of the General Board or a deputy appointed by the Secretary shall have power, on the recommendation of the Chair of Examiners, to approve such a nomination and to make the appointment.~~

~~5. The Chair of Examiners shall call such meetings as may be necessary for considering the papers proposed to be set and settling them in common, and for drawing up the list of successful candidates, and generally shall see that the regulations for the examination are observed.~~

~~6. In an equality of votes a Chair of Examiners shall have a second or casting vote.~~

~~7. Each body of Examiners shall draw up, and the Chair of Examiners shall send to the Registry, a scheme showing which of the Examiners is to attend at the beginning of each session with which they are concerned:~~

~~8. Except as may be provided otherwise in the regulations for a particular examination, in a year in which a candidate for any examination ('Examination A') offers a paper from another examination ('Examination B'), any Examiner or Assessor responsible for that paper in Examination B shall act as Assessor to the Examiners for Examination A and shall advise them on the candidate's performance; provided that, if no candidate for Examination B has entered for that paper, the body responsible for nominating Examiners for Examination B shall nominate for appointment in the Lent Term an Assessor or Assessors to set the paper and advise the Examiners for Examination A on the performance of the candidate. Assessors so acting or~~

appointed under this regulation may be summoned to meetings of the Examiners for the purpose of consultation and advice, but shall not be entitled to vote.

~~9. The duty to examine students which is imposed by Statute C14 on every University officer specified in the Schedule to Special Ordinance C (i) 1 shall be restricted to the examining of candidates for any of the degrees of Master of Advanced Study, Accounting, Architecture, Business Administration, the Conservation of Easel Paintings, Design, Engineering, Finance, Law, Corporate Law, Mathematics, Music, Natural Sciences, Philosophy, and Research, or Bachelor of Arts, Medicine, Music, Surgery, and Veterinary Medicine, or for any Certificate or Diploma of the University listed in the Table of Fees under University Composition Fees:~~

SCHEDULE

- ~~(a) Preliminary and Qualifying Examinations:~~
- ~~(b) Honours Examinations:~~
- ~~(c) The examinations for the degrees of LL.M., M.C.L., M.Arch., M.B.A., M.C.E.P., M.Des., M.Ed., M.Fin., M.B., B.Chir., Vet.M.B., Mus.B., M.Phil. by Advanced Study, M. Res. and M.St.~~
- ~~(d) Examinations for all Diplomas except those in International Law and Legal Studies:~~
- ~~(e) The examination for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education and the Certificate of Postgraduate Study:~~
- ~~(f) The Examination in Law for European students:~~
- ~~(g) The Qualifying Examination in Theology for Ministry, and the First and Second Examinations for the degree of B.Th.~~

~~PAYMENTS TO EXAMINERS, ASSESSORS AND SUPERVISORS~~

~~1. (a) No payment shall be made to any University officer in respect of any of the examining duties for the examinations listed in the Schedule to the General Regulations for Examiners and Assessors:~~

~~(b) No payment shall be made to any member of the staff of an institution within the Cambridge Theological Federation in respect of such duties undertaken in connection with any of the following examinations: the Qualifying Examination in Theology for Ministry; the First Examination and the Second Examination for the B.Th. Degree:~~

~~(c) No payment shall be made, in respect of any of the supervising duties specified in these regulations, to the holder of a University office specified in the Schedule to Special Ordinance C (i) 1 or of an office in an institution which maintains a formal University Partner Institute agreement with the University for any supervision undertaken during the duration of that agreement.²¹~~

~~(d) No one shall receive more than one additional payment for acting as an External Examiner, Examiner or Assessor unless granted special permission by the General Board:~~

~~(e) When a remission or reduction is made as a student has completed the number of terms of research or study and residence required for the degree or other qualification for which the student is registered, the School in which the student is registered shall decide whether the Supervisor is to be paid a fee in respect of that student.~~

~~2. Any person appointed to be an Examiner who does not hold a University office, or a Fellowship or some other office or post in a College, and who does not teach any course of instruction which forms part of the teaching programme for the examination concerned, may be appointed as an External Examiner by the General Board, or other authority as~~

²¹Institutions that currently hold a formal University Partner Institution agreement are Animal Health Trust, BBSRC Babraham Institute, British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge Crystallography Data Centre, European Bioinformatics Institute, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, National Institute for Agricultural Botany, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute.

appropriate, on the nomination of the body specified in the regulations for the examination concerned. Any payment to an External Examiner shall be conditional on them meeting the requirements of an External Examiner as laid out by the General Board from time to time:

~~3. (a) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 1, payment for acting as an Examiner, Assessor in any of the examinations specified in the Schedules to the General Regulations for Examiners and Assessors and the General Regulations for certain postgraduate degrees and other qualifications, or acting as a Supervisor of postgraduate students under the latter regulations, shall be made at the rates published by the General Board from time to time and reproduced in the Schedule to these regulations below.~~

~~(b) The payment for supervising a postgraduate student or examining or assessing components of an examination other than those specified in the Schedule below shall be determined by the General Board, having regard to the nature of the examining or assessment.~~

~~4. Payment to any person for acting as Examiner, Assessor, or referee in any examination leading to one of the degrees of Master of Surgery, Science, Letters, or Studies, or to the degree of Doctor of Business or Engineering or Philosophy or to any higher degree shall be made in accordance with the regulations for the degree concerned.~~

~~5. The Chair of Examiners or the Senior Examiner shall be responsible for notifying the Registry of the details of the payments to be made to those Examiners and Assessors, if any, who are qualified to receive payment.~~

~~6. An External Examiner or Assessor appointed to examine within the University shall be entitled to receive travel expenses and a subsistence allowance, payable at rates determined from time to time by the Finance Committee of the Council.~~

~~Claims for travel expenses and a subsistence allowance must be made through, and be approved by, the Chair of Examiners or the Degree Committee concerned. In addition to payment for the expenses provided for in this regulation, the Registry may approve payment of other reasonable expenses incurred by an Examiner or Assessor, whether internal or external, in connection with the execution of their duties.~~

NOTICE BY THE GENERAL BOARD

SCHEDULE

Payments to Examiners, Assessors and Supervisors who are not medically qualified

The tables below set out the rates for examination by type of degree or other qualification, then by category. Daily rates are calculated by multiplying the hourly rate at the relevant spine point for the examination below by 7.3 hours:

~~Degrees and other qualifications included in the Schedule to the General Regulations for Examiners and Assessors~~

The examination of undergraduate and taught Master's students is assessed at the hourly rate for spine point 45, with the exception of the external examiner rate (E below) which is set at the hourly rate for spine point 49:

(a) Payments to External Examiners, Examiners and Assessors

Rate	Category of examining	Rationale
E	External Examiner	Fee equivalent to four days
A	Examiner responsible for setting a paper	Fee equivalent to two days
B	Examiner not responsible for setting a paper	Fee equivalent to one day
C	Assessor	Fee equivalent to half a day

Individuals would accrue an entitlement to holiday based on an entitlement of 5.6 weeks per annum *pro rata* for rates A, B and C:

(b) — Payments for examined work

Category	Rationale
Examinations	
EM1—text-dense	15 minutes per examined hour
EM2—hybrid	7.5 minutes per examined hour
EM3—simple	5 minutes per examined hour
Coursework	
EG	One examiner hour per 8,000 words, including note-taking and breaks
Practicals, oral presentations, etc.:	
EP	1.25 hourly rate per examined hour, including note-taking and breaks

Individuals would accrue an entitlement to holiday based on an entitlement of 5.6 weeks per annum *pro rata*.

Degrees and other qualifications included in the Schedule to the General Regulations for certain postgraduate degrees and other qualifications, and certain other degrees²²

The supervision and examination of postgraduate research students is assessed at the hourly rate for spine point 49. These payments apply to research degrees and to the research component (dissertation) of taught Master's degrees.

Examinations	With oral	No oral
Ph.D., M.Sc., M.Litt. and doctoral degrees	Fee equivalent to one day plus three hours	Fee equivalent to one day
M.Phil. by thesis and oral	Fee equivalent to five hours	Fee equivalent to three hours

Other	Rationale
Progress examination	Fee equivalent to three and a half hours
Supervision fees	Fee equivalent to half a day per term per supervised student
Additional oral examination	Fee equivalent to three hours

The following apply to the other, mostly doctoral degrees covered by this Schedule:

Category of examining	Rationale
Referee	Fee equivalent to one day
Assessor	Fee equivalent to three hours

Individuals would accrue an entitlement to holiday based on an entitlement of 5.6 weeks per annum *pro rata*.

Payments to Examiners and Assessors who are medically qualified

The table below sets out the rates for examination for the Second M.B. Examination in Preparing for Patients, and for all parts of the Final M.B. Examination. These examinations are assessed at the hourly rate (using a 46-week working year) for point 2 of the clinical consultant salary scale. Medically qualified Examiners and Assessors are those with relevant professional registration with the General Medical Council, the Nursing and Midwifery Council, or the Health and Care Professions Council.

Type of Examination	Type of Examiner	Proposed fee (in hours)
Final M.B. written components	External Examiner	Twelve hours
Final M.B. clinical components	External Examiner	Twelve hours + four hours per half day of examining beyond the first day (up to a maximum of two additional half days)
Final M.B. written components	Assessor	Eight hours
Final M.B. clinical components	Assessor	Four hours per half day of examining
Second M.B. Preparing for Patients	External Examiner	Twelve hours
Second M.B. Preparing for Patients	Assessor	One hour per 3,000 words

²² Bachelor of Divinity, Doctor of Philosophy (Special Regulations), Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Law, Doctor of Science, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Music, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.