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REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS PROCEEDING TO THE DEGREE OF B.A. IN PHILOSOPHY (2008-2009)

Candidates for the BA degree in Philosophy are required to comply with any additional regulations prescribed by the College of registration.

1. Definition

In accordance with the University's Ordinances, the BA degree in Philosophy is an academically coherent programme of study which is designed to ensure:

- (i) academic progress in terms of depth of study;
- (ii) ability to study at an advanced level, to assimilate, assess, interpret and apply information and to communicate effectively;

and the achievement of a satisfactory overall standard in a Scheme of assessment which tests the student's:

- (i) command of an appropriate body of knowledge and skills;
- (ii) familiarity and ability to deal with the methodologies appropriate to the discipline(s) concerned;
- (iii) capacity for independent and critical thought.

2. Entrance Requirements

2.1 An applicant is required to satisfy the entrance requirements prescribed by the College of registration.

3. Registration

3.1 Application for admission to the course and registration for that course shall be undertaken in accordance with procedures specified by the relevant College.

3.2 No student who is registered as an External Student may be registered concurrently as a student at a College of the University.

4. Communications from the University

4.1 Communications sent from the University to an individual student must be regarded as applying to that student only.

5. Applications for Exemptions

5.1 Applications on behalf of candidates for exemption from any of these Regulations shall be made by the College of registration to the Panel in Philosophy, whose recommendation on any application shall be submitted to the Federal Degrees Group for decision.

6. Course of Study

6.1 The College may, at its discretion, grant an interruption of course of study to a candidate on grounds of illness or other adequate cause.

6.2 The course of study is three academic years full-time or the equivalent in part-time study.

6.3 The examination will consist of eight papers, five of which will be compulsory. The examiners shall be at liberty to test any candidate by *viva voce* examination. In addition there will be a departmental assessment submitted by the candidate's department based on the candidate's work in that department.

- 1 *Logic and Metaphysics*. The main concepts of logic and the main problems of metaphysics.
- 2 *Epistemology and Methodology*. The main problems in the theories of knowledge, belief and perception, and the main principles of the methods of the natural and social sciences.
- 3 *Either (a) Ethics*. The main problems and history of ethics, *or (b) Political Philosophy*. The main problems and history of political philosophy.
- 4 *Greek Philosophy from the beginning to Aristotle*. The main doctrines of the chief philosophers of the period.
- 5 *Modern Philosophy from Bacon and Descartes to Kant*. The main doctrines of the chief philosophers of the period.

Optional papers

6, 7 and 8. Optional subjects. A candidate will be required to select three optional subjects from the following list, subject to the availability of courses of instruction, and to the approval of the Head of the Department of Philosophy in the College at which he/she is registered and, where option (v) is selected, to the approval of the Head of the relevant Department:

- (a) *Ethics*. This subject can be taken only if Political Philosophy has been chosen for paper 3.
- (b) *Political Philosophy*. This subject can be taken only if Ethics has been chosen for paper 3.
- (c) *Philosophy of Mind*. The general principles and history of the philosophy of mind.
- (d) *Philosophy of Religion*. The character and history of the main philosophical problems arising out of religion and religious thought.
- (e) *Philosophy of Language*. The general principles and history of the philosophy of language.
- (f) *Philosophy of Science*. The general principles and history of the philosophy of science.
- (g) *Aesthetics*. The main problems and history of aesthetics.
- (h) *Set Theory and Further Logic*. Basic axiomatic set theory and elements of a further area in logic, such as modal logic.

- (i) *Mathematical Logic* Metatheory of first order logic and the limitative results on formal systems.
- (j) *Post-Aristotelian Philosophy*. The main doctrines of the chief philosophers.
- (k) *Medieval Philosophy*. The main doctrines of the chief philosophers.
- (l) *Indian Philosophy*. The main doctrines of the chief philosophers.
- (m) *The Philosophy of Kant*. The doctrines of Kant, with special reference to the *Critique of Pure Reason*, the *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, and the *Critique of Judgement*, Pt I.
- (n) *19th Century German Philosophy*
- (o) *Phenomenology*
- (p) *The Philosophies of Frege, Russell, and early and late Wittgenstein*, together with their various 19th and 20th century precursors and followers.
- (q) *Marxism*. The main doctrines of Karl Marx.
- (r) *Philosophy of Mathematics*. The general principles and history of the philosophy of Mathematics.
- (s) **Greek Philosophical Texts*. The principal texts of the period of ancient Greek philosophy.
- (t) *Philosophy of Psychology*. The general principles and history of the philosophy of psychology.
- (u) A paper to be set from time to time on another topic. When this option is available, the title will be published in the candidates' Colleges in June of the year preceding the degree examination.
- (v) *A paper in another subject*. A suitable paper in one of the following subjects: Chemistry, Classics, English, French, History of Art, History of Science, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, Sanskrit or Zoology, and such other subjects as may from time to time be approved by the Panel. Any such paper must be approved by the Panel and will be examined in advance of and/or at the same time as the other papers in the final examination.
- (w) *Dissertation*. The dissertation to be normally of 5,000 words in length, with a maximum of 7,500 words. It is to be on a subject selected by the candidate and approved by his/her supervisor, and is to be written by the candidate in his/her final year. Two copies should be submitted by the first Monday in the April preceding the final examinations.

Candidates taking option (w) may substitute for up to *three* other papers taken under examination conditions three essays per paper, each of not more than 2,500 words, done in their own time on subjects from the field covered by the paper [but not papers marked with *]; candidates not taking option (w) may substitute for up to *four* papers taken under examination condition three such essays. [Where candidates taking the paper(s) under examination conditions are required to answer questions from given sections of the paper, those candidates substituting three essays for the paper(s) shall be similarly required to submit essays on topics falling under relevant sections of the paper.] The choice of topics is subject to the approval of the candidate's Department. Two copies of each essay should be submitted by the first Monday in the April preceding the final examination through the College concerned.

6.4 The questions and other tests at all examinations will be so selected as duly to represent any different schools of thought or modes of dealing with the subject which may exist among Teachers of the University.

7. Dates of Examinations

7.1 The examination for each unseen written paper shall take place on one occasion each year in April/May. Candidates shall submit essays in lieu of unseen written papers and/or a dissertation by the first Monday in the April preceding the final examination.

7.2 Each candidate will be provided with a copy of the time-table of his/her examination by the Director of External and Internal Student Administration (EISA), showing both the time and place of the written and oral examinations.

8. Entry and Re-Entry to Examinations

8.1 All entries to the examination must be received by the University by 17 January.

8.2 When submitting his/her entry form a student must state clearly the subjects he/she wishes to offer and give full details of any options or alternatives he/she selects.

8.3 Candidates are bound by the Regulations in force at the time of their entry to the examination.

8.4 No student will be admitted to the examination unless the certificate (on his/her examination entry form) of having attended the appropriate course of study therefor in accordance with the regulations shall have been completed by the authorities of his/her College.

8.5 If dissatisfied with the conduct or diligence of any student the certifying authority may withhold a certificate of attendance either temporarily or permanently.

8.6 A candidate who informs in writing the Director of EISA of the withdrawal of his/her entry not less than seven days before the date of the first unseen written paper will not be regarded as having made an entry or re-entry. All other candidates will be regarded as having made an entry or re-entry, except that in the case of illness or other adequate cause for which certification must be provided, a candidate may be permitted, at the discretion of the Director of EISA, to withdraw his/her entry to the examination in the week before the commencement of the examination and up to and including the date of his/her first paper provided that he/she has not entered the examination hall.

8.7 Colleges have procedures for the consideration of special arrangements for a candidate who is ill or otherwise disabled to take his/her examinations. Applications should be made to the College of registration, in accordance with that College's procedures.

Re-entry

8.8 A candidate who at his/her first entry does not complete successfully the examination may re-enter for the relevant examination on not more than one occasion. When such re-entry would

involve further attendance at the College, a candidate may re-enter the relevant examination only with the agreement of the College concerned.

8.9 Candidates who fail the examination will be required to re-enter for the whole of the examination at one time.

8.10 Re-entry to the examination must be made at the next following examination for which the candidate is eligible unless the College at which he/she is or was registered determines that a candidate may defer re-entry until a subsequent examination as prescribed in the relevant course regulations and so informs the University.

Instructions to Candidates

8.11 Candidates at any examination by written papers taken under supervision and within a defined time limit or at any practical, oral or similar examination are permitted to use such books, notes, instruments or other materials or aids as are specifically permitted by the Board of Examiners for the degree.

8.12 Except as provided in paragraph 8.11 above, no books, notes, instruments or other materials or aids whatsoever may be introduced into an examination room or be handled or consulted during an examination. Any such materials or aids in the possession of the candidate on entry to the examination room shall be deposited immediately with the Invigilator.

8.13 Any unauthorised materials or aids introduced by a candidate into an examination room must upon request be surrendered to the Invigilator. Any aids so surrendered may be handed over by the Invigilator to the University which may make copies thereof, and the original aids (together with all such copies) may be retained by the University at its absolute discretion.

8.14 Candidates shall not, unless expressly so authorised, pass any information from one to another during an examination nor shall any candidate act in collusion with another candidate or other person or copy from another candidate or engage in any similar activity.

8.15 All work submitted as part of the requirements for any examination of the University of London must be expressed in the candidate's own words and incorporate his/her own ideas and judgments. Plagiarism is the presentation of another person's thoughts or words as though they were the candidate's own and is an examination offence. Direct quotations from the published or unpublished work of another must always be clearly identified as such by being placed inside quotation marks, and a full reference to their source must be provided in the proper form. A series of short quotations from several different sources, if not clearly identified as such, constitutes plagiarism as much as does a single unacknowledged long quotation from a single source. Equally, if another person's ideas or judgments are summarised, the candidate must refer to that person in his/her text, and include the work to which reference is made in the bibliography.

8.16 Failure to observe any of the provisions of paragraphs 8.11, 8.12, 8.13, 8.14 or 8.15 above will constitute an *examination offence*. All examination offences will be treated as cheating or irregularities of a similar character under the appropriate procedure of the College of registration or, if this degree is specifically excluded from that procedure, under the Regulations for

Proceedings in respect of Examination Offences for Candidates for University Awards [made under former Ordinance 15, para. 12]. Under these Regulations candidates found to have committed an offence may be excluded from all further examinations of the University.

8.17 All answers to examination questions must be written in English unless instructions are given to the contrary.

8.18 All examination material is the property of the University and will not be returned to candidates.

9. Conditions of Admission to the Degree

9.1 To be admitted to the degree, a candidate must:

- (a) have completed to the satisfaction of his/her College the course of study prescribed in these Regulations;
- (b) have been examined in all parts of the examination prescribed for the degree and shown a competent knowledge in the examination as a whole.

9.2 To be eligible for the award of a degree a candidate must satisfy the examiners in the examination prescribed for the course within a period of two years from the satisfactory completion of the prescribed period of study.

9.3 If a student has entered for the last examination necessary to qualify for admission to the degree but the authorities of a College, or of a Central Activity, or of the University Library, or the University Accountant notify the Head of the Academic Office of the University that he/she has not settled with them or made acceptable arrangements to settle any account outstanding, no report will be made on the result of the examination until the same authority certifies that payment has been made in full.

10. Pass Lists

10.1 Successful candidates at the examination for the BA degree shall be awarded either (a) First Class Honours, or (b) Second Class Honours, or (c) Third Class Honours or (d) Pass. The Second Class Honours list will be divided into an Upper and Lower Division. The names shall be in alphabetical order in each class or division.

11. Notification of Results

11.1 Marks obtained by candidates at the examination shall be routinely issued to candidates in confidence for their personal information following the examination concerned.

11.2 After the examiners have reached a decision, every candidate shall be notified by the Director of EISA of the result of his/her examination by no later than 22 August.

11.3 A diploma under the Seal of the University shall be subsequently delivered to each candidate who has been awarded a degree. The date of the award of the degree to successful candidates shall be 1 August.

12. Aegrotat Provisions

12.1 A candidate who has completed his/her course of study and who, through his/her illness or other cause judged sufficient by the University such as death of a near relative, (i) has been absent from the whole or part of the examinations at the end of his/her final year *or* (ii) though present at the whole of the examinations at the end of his/her final year, considers that his/her performance has been adversely affected by any of the above causes, may be considered for the award of an Aegrotat or classified degree under the following Regulations.

12.2 An application for consideration must be made by the candidate's College on his/her behalf as soon as possible and no later than six weeks from the last day of the examination and must be accompanied by a medical certificate or other statement of the grounds on which the application is made and by records of the candidate's performance during the course and by assessments provided by the candidate's teachers.

12.3 If the examiners are able to determine on the basis of examination evidence that a candidate on whose behalf an application has been made under paragraph 12.2, and who has been present for all papers or who has been absent from one or two papers, has reached the standard required for the award of a degree with a Pass or Honours classification they shall recommend the award of such a degree and shall not consider the candidate for the award of an Aegrotat degree. The examiners shall not recommend the award of a class of degree higher than the overall level which the candidate has achieved in the work actually presented.

12.4 In the case of a candidate not recommended for a classified degree under paragraph 12.3 the examiners, having considered the work which the candidate has submitted at the examination or in such part of the examination as he/she has attended if any; records of the candidate's performance during the course; and assessments provided by the candidate's teachers, will determine whether evidence has been shown to their satisfaction that, had he/she completed the examination in normal circumstances, the candidate would clearly have reached a standard which would have qualified him/her for the award of the degree.

12.5 A candidate on whose behalf an application has been made under paragraph 12.2 above, will be informed whether the examiners have determined that he/she is eligible to apply for the award of an Aegrotat degree and that, if so, he/she may either:

- (i) apply for the award of the Aegrotat degree;
- (ii) not apply but re-enter for the same examination at a later date.

12.6 A candidate who under paragraph 12.5 above has applied for the award of an Aegrotat

degree

will be informed that the degree has been conferred and will not be eligible thereafter to re-enter for the examination for the classified degree.

12.7 On re-entry for the classified degree, a candidate who under paragraph 12.5 above has been informed that he/she is eligible to apply for the award of an Aegrotat degree ceases to be eligible so to apply.

12.8 An Aegrotat degree will be awarded without distinction or class.

12.9 Holders of an Aegrotat degree are not permitted to re-enter for the same examination, but may apply for permission to proceed to a second or higher degree.

13. Representations from Candidates concerning Examination Results

13.1 There is no procedure for the consideration of appeals against the results of examinations on academic grounds. The University has a procedure (see paragraph 13.2 below) for the consideration of representations made on the grounds of administrative error or where there is concern that the examination may not have been conducted in accordance with the relevant Regulations and/or Instructions.

13.2 Chairmen and examiners must not communicate with candidates on behalf of the Board of Examiners about their performances at the examination. Any representation which a candidate may make in connection with the examination of his/her options must be referred to the Director of External and Internal Administration of the University. Representations shall be considered in accordance with the Procedure made under Paragraph 10(17) of Ordinance 15. The Procedure may be obtained from the Head of the Academic Office or found at

http://www.london.ac.uk/fileadmin/documents/about/governance/ordinances/Ordinance_015_regulations_para_10_17_06.pdf

Marking Scheme for the BA degree

1. To be awarded a pass degree or a classified degree in Philosophy the student must satisfy the examiners in eight Finals papers in Philosophy, fulfilling all attendance and course work requirements, submitting all written work prescribed for assessment purposes and taking all parts of any examination in those courses.
2. The class of degree will be determined by the Board of Examiners for the BA degree in Philosophy in the first instance on the basis of results achieved in the eight Philosophy Finals papers.
3. Classification will be based in the first instance on a consideration of the median of marks in the following way: to be awarded a classified degree of class n, four papers must be of class n or higher, and not more than two papers should normally be of class n-2 or lower.
4.
 - (i) A candidate who receives an absolute fail mark of F normally fails the degree.
 - (ii) A candidate who receives two fail marks of D normally fails the degree.
5. Candidates with the following mark profiles are considered borderline:
 - (i) having four marks at class n and three or more marks in class n-2 or lower
 - (ii) having three marks in class n and one or more marks at the borderline n/n-1

and will be considered for raising to a higher class. Such consideration will be at the discretion of the Board of Examiners which will pay close attention to:

- (i) the Departmental Mark
- (ii) the distribution and preponderance of class marks

Borderline candidates may be called for a viva voce examination.

Reference may be made to medical certificates in cases where there are good reasons for supposing a candidate's performance to have been adversely affected by illness, bereavement or similar circumstances.

Reports of academic performance may be taken into account.

NB. A dissertation which is submitted after the deadline without prior permission will lose one quantum for every working day it is late. After ten working days it automatically fails.

Guidelines on marking standards

F: Candidate fails to achieve level necessary for award of D

D: Candidate shows at least one of the following to some degree:

- (i) Awareness of the philosophical issues that arise in the general area of the question.
- (ii) Knowledge of relevant philosophical texts or arguments.
- (iii) Appreciation of the philosophical techniques relevant to the general area of the question.

CD: Candidate shows each of (i), (ii) and (iii) above to some degree, or one or two of them to a fair degree.

BC: Candidate shows each of (iv),(v) and (vi) below to a fair degree, or one or two of them to a good degree.

- (iv) Awareness of the philosophical issues that arise in the area of the question.
- (v) Knowledge of relevant philosophical texts or arguments.
- (vi) Appreciation of philosophical techniques relevant to the question, and some attempt to apply such techniques.

B+: Candidate shows each of (vii), (viii), and (ix) below to a good level; or one or two of them to an excellent level and the remainder to at least a fair level; or shows each of (vii), (viii), (ix) and (x) to a fair level.

- (vii) Awareness of the philosophical issues that arise in the precise area of the question.
- (viii) Knowledge of relevant philosophical texts or arguments.
- (ix) Appreciation of philosophical techniques relevant to the question, and makes a successful attempt to apply such techniques.
- (x) Capacity for independent critical thought about the question.

AB: Candidate shows each of (vii), (viii), (ix) and (x) above to an excellent level, or one or two of them to an outstanding level and the remainder at least a good level.

REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS PROCEEDING TO THE DEGREE OF M.A. IN PHILOSOPHY [2008-2009]

Candidates for the MA degree in Philosophy are required to comply with any additional regulations prescribed by the College of registration.

1. Definition

The Postgraduate Taught degree is intended for award on the satisfactory completion, including formal examination, of a prescribed course of full-time study beyond the bachelor's degree level of at least one calendar year or its equivalent in part-time study.

2. Entrance Qualifications

2.1 The normal minimum entrance qualification for registration for the degree is normally an Upper Second Class Honours degree of a UK university or of the CNAA, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard obtained after a course of study extending over not less than three years in a university (or educational institution of university rank), in a subject appropriate to that of the course to be followed.

2.2 Candidates possessing alternative qualifications obtained by written examination may also be considered by a College for registration for a Master's degree. A College may require such a candidate to pursue the course for the period of at least one year longer than the minimum period prescribed in the course Regulations and/or may prescribe a qualifying examination for such a candidate.

2.3 English language and other tests may be prescribed by the College at which the course is to be pursued.

3. Registration

3.1 Application for admission to a course and registration for that course shall be undertaken in accordance with procedures specified by the relevant College.

3.2 No student who is registered as an External Student may be registered concurrently as a student at a College of the University.

4. Communications from the University

4.1 Communications sent from the University to an individual student must be regarded as applying to that student only.

5. Applications for Exemptions

5.1 Applications on behalf of candidates from exemption from any of these Regulations shall be made by the College of registration to the Panel in Philosophy, whose recommendation on any application shall be submitted to the Federal Degrees Group for decision.

6. Course of Study

6.1 The College may, at its discretion, grant an interruption of course of study to a candidate on grounds of illness or other adequate cause.

6.2 The course of study is one calendar year full-time or two calendar years part-time.

6.3 Candidates shall select three subjects from those listed in paragraph 6.5 below, which shall be examined by unseen written paper. For one of the three papers, other than General Philosophy, a candidate may substitute three essays of up to 2,500 words each on topics approved by the candidate's College and written in his/her own time. Such essays may not form part of the dissertation.

6.4 The paper in General Philosophy may normally be offered only by candidates who do not hold a first degree in Philosophy. Those candidates taking the paper shall be required to demonstrate an adequate knowledge in the examination of at least two of the areas listed; candidates may not answer questions in an area which is the subject of either of the other two papers on which they are being examined.

6.5 The subjects from which candidates may select are (*not all options will necessarily be available in any year*):

- (a) General Philosophy, which includes Elementary Symbolic Logic, Epistemology and Methodology, Ethics, Logic and Metaphysics and Political Philosophy;
- (b) Aesthetics (offered every second year)
- (c) Arabic Philosophy
- (d) Epistemology and Methodology
- (e) Ethics
- (f) Greek Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle
- (g) Kierkegaard
- (h) Logic and Metaphysics
- (i) Philosophy of Language
- (j) Philosophy of Mathematics
- (k) Philosophy of Mind
- (l) Philosophy of Psychology
- (m) Philosophy of Religion
- (n) Philosophy of Science
- (o) Political Philosophy
- (p) Wittgenstein
- (q) Schopenhauer and Nietzsche
- (r) Gender and Philosophy
- (s) Early Modern Philosophy

A candidate may be examined in some philosophical subject or in some philosopher or school of philosophy other than those mentioned, subject to the approval of the Panel.

The choice of papers must be approved by the Course Tutor.

6.6 Candidates shall also submit a dissertation of normally about 10,000 and not exceeding 12,000 words.

7. Entry and Re-Entry to Examinations

7.1 All entries to the examination must be received by the University by 16 December.

7.2 Candidates are bound by the Regulations in force at the time of their entry to the examination.

7.3 No student shall be admitted to the examination unless the certificate (on his/her examination entry form) of having attended the appropriate course of study therefor in accordance with the regulations shall have been completed by the authorities of his/her College.

7.4 A candidate who informs in writing the Director of External and Internal Student Administration (EISA) of the withdrawal of his/her entry not less than seven days before the date of the first unseen written paper will not be regarded as having made an entry or re-entry. All other candidates will be regarded as having made an entry or re-entry, except that in the case of illness or other adequate cause for which certification must be provided, a candidate may be permitted, at the discretion of the Director of EISA, to withdraw his/her entry to the examination in the week before the commencement of the examination and up to and including the date of his/her first paper provided that he/she has not entered the examination hall.

7.5 Colleges have procedures for the consideration of special arrangements for a candidate who is ill or otherwise disabled to take his/her examinations. Applications should be made to the College of registration, in accordance with that College's procedures.

7.6 If dissatisfied with the conduct or diligence of any student the certifying authority may withhold a certificate of attendance either temporarily or permanently.

8. Examination

8.1 The examination consists of three unseen written papers (but *see* paragraph 6.3 above) and a dissertation, normally of 10,000 words (and not exceeding 12,000 words). In all papers candidates will be given credit for breadth of knowledge. Candidates may be called for oral examination at the discretion of the examiners.

8.2 The examination for each unseen written paper shall take place on one occasion each year in May/June, in the final year of the course of study for part-time students. Candidates submitting three essays in lieu of one of the papers (see paragraph 6.3 above) shall submit two copies of each essay by the first working day in May.

8.3 The dissertation shall be examined on one occasion each year and two copies shall be

submitted by 1 September. For part-time students the dissertation shall be submitted in the final year of the course of study.

8.4 To be eligible for the award of a degree a candidate must satisfy the examiners in the examination prescribed for the course within a period of two years from the satisfactory completion of the prescribed period of study.

8.5 Examiners shall have the discretion to award a mark of distinction to a candidate who has shown exceptional merit in the examination.

8.6 A candidate shall enter the examination in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7.1 above. Deferment of any part of the examination, including submission of the dissertation, may be granted for reasons judged adequate in the particular case at the discretion of the Panel. Subject to such exemption being granted, candidates will be informed of the marks they obtained in those elements in which they have been examined.

8.7 If the dissertation is otherwise adequate but requires minor amendments, the examiners may require the candidate to make within one month amendments specified by them and approved by them or one of their number nominated by them.

Illness

8.8 A candidate who is prevented owing to illness or the death of a near relative or other cause judged sufficient by the Federal Degrees Group from completing at the normal time the examination or part of the examination in those elements in which he/she has entered may with the agreement of the College:

- (a) enter the examination in those elements in which he/she was not able to be examined on the next occasion when the examination is held in order to complete the examination (see paragraph 7.1); or
- (b) at the discretion of the examiners, be set a special examination in those papers missed as soon as possible and/or be permitted to submit the dissertation at a date specified by the Board of Examiners.

8.9 Applications under paragraph 8.8 should be forwarded by the authorities of the College to the Director of EISA within seven days of the last day of the written examination or for the submission of the dissertation and be accompanied by the medical certificate or other statement of the grounds on which the application is made.

Re-entry

8.10 A candidate who does not at his/her first entry successfully complete the examination or part of the examination for which he/she has entered may, subject to the agreement of the College when such re-entry would involve further attendance at the College, re-enter the parts of the examination at which he/she was unsuccessful on one occasion. Such re-entry will be at the next following examination except where the Panel has granted permission for a candidate to defer re-entry until the examination in a subsequent year. The dates of the written examination and for

the submission of the dissertation are as specified in paragraphs 8.2 and 8.3 above.

Instructions to Candidates

8.11 Candidates at any examination by written papers taken under supervision and within a defined time limit or at any practical, oral or similar examination are permitted to use such books, notes, instruments or other materials or aids as are specifically permitted by the Board of Examiners for the degree.

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8.16 Failure to observe any of the provisions of paragraphs 8.11, 8.12, 8.13, 8.14 or 8.15 above will constitute an *examination offence*. All examination offences will be treated as cheating or irregularities of a similar character under the appropriate procedure of the College of registration or, if this degree is specifically excluded from that procedure, under the Regulations for Proceedings in respect of Examination Offences for Candidates for University Awards [made under former Ordinance 15, para. 12]. Under these Regulations candidates found to have committed an offence may be excluded from all further examinations of the University.

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8.18 All examination material is the property of the University and will not be returned to

candidates.

9. Conditions of Admission to the Degree

9.1 To be admitted to the degree, a candidate must:

- (a) have completed to the satisfaction of his/her College the course of study prescribed in these Regulations;
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REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS PROCEEDING TO THE DEGREE OF M.A. IN PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY [2008-2009]

Candidates for the MA degree in Philosophy of Psychology are required to comply with any additional regulations prescribed by the College of registration.

1. Definition

The Postgraduate Taught degree is intended for award on the satisfactory completion, including formal examination, of a prescribed course of full-time study beyond the bachelor's degree level of at least one calendar year or its equivalent in part-time study.

2. Entrance Qualifications

2.1 The normal minimum entrance qualification for registration for the degree is normally an Upper Second Class Honours degree of a UK university or of the CNAA, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard obtained after a course of study extending over not less than three years in a university (or educational institution of university rank), in a subject appropriate to that of the course to be followed.

2.2 Candidates possessing alternative qualifications obtained by written examination may also be considered by a College for registration for a Master's degree. A College may require such a candidate to pursue the course for the period of at least one year longer than the minimum period prescribed in the course Regulations and/or may prescribe a qualifying examination for such a candidate.

2.3 English language and other tests may be prescribed by the College at which the course is to be pursued.

3. Registration

3.1 Application for admission to a course and registration for that course shall be undertaken in accordance with procedures specified by the relevant College.

3.2 No student who is registered as an External Student may be registered concurrently as a student at a College/Associate Institution of the University.

4. Communications from the University

4.1 Communications sent from the University to an individual student must be regarded as applying to that student only.

5. Applications for Exemptions

5.1 Applications on behalf of candidates from exemption from any of these Regulations shall be made by the College of registration to the Panel in Philosophy, whose recommendation on any application shall be submitted to the Federal Degrees Group for decision.

6. Course of Study

6.1 The College may, at its discretion, grant an interruption of course of study to a candidate on grounds of illness or other adequate cause.

6.2 The course of study is one calendar year full-time or two calendar years part-time.

6.3 Candidates shall take two papers, in Philosophy of Mind and in Philosophy of Psychology, and one further paper from the subjects listed in paragraph 6.5 below, which shall be examined by unseen written paper. For one of the three papers, other than General Philosophy, a candidate may substitute three essays of up to 2,500 words each on topics approved by the candidate's College and written in his/her own time. Such essays may not form part of the dissertation.

6.4 The paper in General Philosophy may normally be offered only by candidates who do not hold a first degree in Philosophy. Those candidates taking the paper shall be required to demonstrate an adequate knowledge in the examination of at least two of the areas listed.

6.5 The subjects from which candidates may select are:

- (a) General Philosophy, which includes Elementary Symbolic Logic, Epistemology and Methodology, Ethics, Logic and Metaphysics and Political Philosophy;
- (b) Aesthetics (offered every second year)
- (c) Epistemology and Methodology
- (d) Ethics
- (e) Greek Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle
- (f) Kierkegaard
- (g) Logic and Metaphysics
- (h) Philosophy of Language
- (i) Philosophy of Mathematics
- (j) Philosophy of Religion
- (k) Philosophy of Science
- (l) Political Philosophy
- (m) Wittgenstein

A candidate may be examined in some philosophical subject or in some philosopher or school of philosophy other than those mentioned, subject to the approval of the Panel.

The choice of papers must be approved by the Course Tutor.

6.6 Candidates shall also submit a dissertation in an area of Philosophy of Psychology of

normally about 10,000 and not exceeding 12,000 words.

7. Entry and Re-Entry to Examinations

7.1 All entries to the examination must be received by the University by 16 December.

7.2 Candidates are bound by the Regulations in force at the time of their entry to the examination.

7.3 No student shall be admitted to the examination unless the certificate (on his/her examination entry form) of having attended the appropriate course of study therefor in accordance with the regulations shall have been completed by the authorities of his/her College.

7.4 A candidate who informs in writing the Director of External and Internal Student Administration (EISA) of the withdrawal of his/her entry not less than seven days before the date of the first unseen written paper will not be regarded as having made an entry or re-entry. All other candidates will be regarded as having made an entry or re-entry, except that in the case of illness or other adequate cause for which certification must be provided, a candidate may be permitted, at the discretion of the Director of EISA, to withdraw his/her entry to the examination in the week before the commencement of the examination and up to and including the date of his/her first paper provided that he/she has not entered the examination hall.

7.5 Colleges have procedures for the consideration of special arrangements for a candidate who is ill or otherwise disabled to take his/her examinations. Applications should be made to the College of registration, in accordance with that College's procedures.

7.6 If dissatisfied with the conduct or diligence of any student the certifying authority may withhold a certificate of attendance either temporarily or permanently.

8. Examination

8.1 The examination consists of three unseen written papers (but *see* paragraph 6.3 above) and a dissertation, normally of 10,000 words (and not exceeding 12,000 words). In all papers candidates will be given credit for breadth of knowledge. Candidates may be called for oral examination at the discretion of the examiners.

8.2 The examination for each unseen written paper shall take place on one occasion each year in May/June, in the final year of the course of study for part-time students. Candidates submitting three essays in lieu of one of the papers (see paragraph 6.3 above) shall submit two copies of each essay by the first working day in May.

8.3 The dissertation shall be examined on one occasion each year and two copies shall be submitted by 1 September. For part-time students the dissertation shall be submitted in the final year of the course of study.

8.4 To be eligible for the award of a degree a candidate must satisfy the examiners in the

examination prescribed for the course within a period of two years from the satisfactory completion of the prescribed period of study.

8.5 Examiners shall have the discretion to award a mark of distinction to a candidate who has shown exceptional merit in the examination.

8.6 A candidate shall enter the examination in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7.1 above. Deferment of any part of the examination, including submission of the dissertation, may be granted for reasons judged adequate in the particular case at the discretion of the Panel. Subject to such exemption being granted, candidates will be informed of the marks they obtained in those elements in which they have been examined.

8.7 If the dissertation is otherwise adequate but requires minor amendments, the examiners may require the candidate to make within one month amendments specified by them and approved by them or one of their number nominated by them.

Illness

8.8 A candidate who is prevented owing to illness or the death of a near relative or other cause judged sufficient by the Federal Degrees Group from completing at the normal time the examination or part of the examination in those elements in which he/she has entered may with the agreement of the College:

- (a) enter the examination in those elements in which he/she was not able to be examined on the next occasion when the examination is held in order to complete the examination (see paragraph 7.1); or
- (b) at the discretion of the examiners, be set a special examination in those papers missed as soon as possible and/or be permitted to submit the dissertation at a date specified by the Board of Examiners.

8.9 Applications under paragraph 8.8 should be forwarded by the authorities of the College to the Director of EISA within seven days of the last day of the written examination or for the submission of the dissertation and be accompanied by the medical certificate or other statement of the grounds on which the application is made.

Re-entry

8.10 A candidate who does not at his/her first entry successfully complete the examination or part of the examination for which he/she has entered may, subject to the agreement of the College when such re-entry would involve further attendance at the College, re-enter the parts of the examination at which he/she was unsuccessful on one occasion. Such re-entry will be at the next following examination except where the Panel has granted permission for a candidate to defer re-entry until the examination in a subsequent year. The dates of the written examination and for the submission of the dissertation are as specified in paragraphs 8.2 and 8.3 above.

Instructions to Candidates

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8.15 All work submitted as part of the requirements for any examination of the University of London must be expressed in the candidate's own words and incorporate his/her own ideas and judgments. Plagiarism is the presentation of another person's thoughts or words as though they were the candidate's own and is an examination offence. Direct quotations from the published or unpublished work of another must always be clearly identified as such by being placed inside quotation marks, and a full reference to their source must be provided in the proper form. A series of short quotations from several different sources, if not clearly identified as such, constitutes plagiarism as much as does a single unacknowledged long quotation from a single source. Equally, if another person's ideas or judgments are summarised, the candidate must refer to that person in his/her text, and include the work to which reference is made in the bibliography.

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Marking Scheme for the MA degree in Philosophy and in Philosophy of Psychology

[For students registering in and after September 2006]

1. A candidate who passes in all elements passes. The pass mark is 50.
2. No compensation is possible for a failed dissertation, although failed and borderline dissertations in the range 47-49 should be sent to the external examiner and if still borderline subject to viva if this would make the difference between passing and failing the degree.
3. Failing papers should be sent to the external examiner. One examination paper in the borderline category of 47-49 will be compensated by a mark above the pass mark on another paper. A mark of 46 or below cannot be compensated (if ratified by the external examiner). For each mark below the pass mark in a compensatable paper, the candidate should achieve one mark above 50.
4. There will be no vivas on examination papers.
5. To obtain a distinction a candidate must pass all the elements, without a viva, at a first attempt, and must normally achieve a distinction mark of 70 or above on the dissertation. Subject to these conditions a distinction will be awarded to a candidate who:
 - a) achieves a distinction mark of 70 or above on two elements, at least a borderline distinction (i.e. in the range 68-69) on the third, and at least a pass on the fourth.
 - b) achieves a distinction on one element and a borderline distinction on all others.
6. If a candidate has:
 - a) one distinction level element, two borderline distinction and one pass, OR
 - b) four borderline distinction elements,the candidate will be considered for raising to a distinction.
7. The external examiner should read all the papers of any candidate in consideration for a distinction.

NB. A dissertation which is submitted after the deadline without prior permission will lose 2 per cent for every working day it is late. After ten working days it automatically fails.

Guidelines on marking standards

To achieve a pass mark on a question, a student must demonstrate:

1. A good understanding of the nature and significance of the question under consideration.
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3. An ability to reflect upon the outlines of the problem by EITHER
 - a) showing a good knowledge of some existing attempts to answer the question in such a way as to demonstrate a reasonable understanding of the philosophical concepts employed; OR
 - b) showing an ability to think independently about the problem in a relevant and coherent fashion.

To achieve a distinction mark on a question a student must demonstrate:

1. An excellent understanding of the nature and significance of the question under consideration.
2. An ability to present his or her thoughts in an ordered and coherent fashion that is also either especially perceptive or sustained.
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 - a) showing a detailed knowledge of some existing attempts to resolve the problem, including some or all of the following: an appreciation of the complexities of the views discussed; an ability to exercise independent and plausible judgement on the merits of the views discussed; an ability to present arguments and/or examples in support of the judgements made; OR
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