

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION IN HISTORY AND ECONOMICS EXAMINERS' REPORT 2021

Part I

A. Statistics

All candidates

Class	No						%					
	2021	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2021	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
D	7	9	3	4	6	5	50	52.9	17.6	28.6	35.3	38.5
P	7	8	14	9	11	8	50	47.1	82.4	64.3	64.7	61.5
PP	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7.1	0	0
Fail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

All candidates, divided by male and female

Class	Number										Percentage (%) of gender									
	2021		2019		2018		2017		2016		2021		2019		2018		2017		2016	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
D	4	3	5	4	2	0	2	2	4	2	66.7	37.5	55.6	50	20	0	25	33.3	44.4	25
P	2	5	4	4	6	2	6	3	5	6	33.3	62.5	44.4	50	80	100	75	50	55.6	75
PP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16.7	0	0
Fail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

B. NEW EXAMINING METHODS AND PROCEDURES

- A. This year for the first time as a result of the pandemic all candidates took their three-hour timed exams via the examining platform Inspera. Candidates' scripts were uploaded to Inspera then downloaded and shared via WebLearn. History papers were standardized as three-hour 'typed mode' papers, while Economics papers were completed in 'mixed mode' and had an additional half hour of 'technical time'.
- B.
- C. The classification rules returned to those used in Prelims 2019 and before.
- D. Candidates were informed directly by email in April and May 2021 detailing the new examination procedures and assessment support package.

Part II

A. GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINATION

There were 14 candidates (6M, 8F), of whom 7 (4M, 3F) achieved a distinction.

B. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES AND BREAKDOWN OF THE RESULTS BY GENDER

C. DETAILED NUMBERS ON CANDIDATES' PERFORMANCE IN EACH PART OF THE EXAMINATION

The common paper, Introductory Economics, had an average mark of 64.2. The most popular option, Industrialization in Britain and France, was taken by 9 candidates and the average mark was 66.1. 12 of the 14 candidates took Approaches to History, and the average mark for this was 68.4.

D. COMMENTS ON PAPERS AND INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS

Detailed comments on particular papers can be found in the report of the main History School Prelims examiners and the report of the PPE Prelims examiners.

E. COMMENTS ON THE PERFORMANCE OF IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUALS AND OTHER MATERIAL WHICH WOULD USUALLY BE TREATED AS RESERVED BUSINESS

NONE.

F. Members of the Board of Examiners

Dr Peter Eso (Chair)
Dr Severine Toussaert
Prof William Whyte
Dr Peter Thompson