

FINAL HONOUR SCHOOL OF HISTORY AND ENGLISH EXAMINERS' REPORT 2024 FINAL

Part I

A. Statistics

All candidates

Class	No						%					
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
I	8	6	8	7	6	6	66.7	40	80	50	46.2	50
II.1	4	9	2	7	7	6	33.3	60	20	50	53.8	50
II.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

All candidates, divided by male and female

Class	Number										Percentage (%) of sex									
	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
I	2	6	3	3	2	6	2	5	2	4	66.7	66.7	75	27.3	100	75	50	50	66.7	40
II.1	1	3	1	8	0	2	2	5	1	6	33.3	33.3	25	72.7	0	25	50	50	33.3	60
II.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
III	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NEW EXAMINING METHODS AND PROCEDURES

- A. The FHS Board followed the established HENG convention that candidates would be classified according to History rules, but making use of English protocols where appropriate.

Part II

A. GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINATION

Twelve students sat the examination (9 W, 3 M). Eight received Firsts (six women and two men). There were 4 Upper Seconds (three women and one man), with no lower classifications.

The Chair would like to thank all examiners, the board, and Professor John Watts from the History Faculty for his collaboration in resolving MCEs and discussing complex situations. The Chair also extends gratitude to the External Examiners from both Faculties. Finally, the Chair is very grateful for the outstanding preparatory work done by Andrea Hopkins and the History Faculty Office, and for the support received from Andy Davice and Tara Hathaway from the English Faculty Examination team. Their collective guidance was invaluable on procedural matters and assistance with ensuring that faculty practices were aligned.

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

Given the small cohort, it would be imprudent to draw conclusions about any discrepancies in achievements between male and female candidates.

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

Another high-achieving year, with no marks below 60 and a total of 38 marks of 70 or above (out of 84, i.e. 45% first class marks throughout all papers).

All 12 candidates submitted a Bridge Essay: The average mark was 69.8, with a range from 61 to 78; eight candidates gained first class marks (66.7%).

All 12 candidates submitted a Compulsory Interdisciplinary Dissertation: the average mark was 69.8, with a range from 64 to 78 and 7 (58%) gaining marks of 70 or above. (This compares favourably with the History Thesis, where the average mark was 69 and where 44% of candidates gained marks of 70 or above.)

12 candidates submitted three History of the British Isles take-home essays: the average mark was 68.5 with a range from 63 to 73.

7 candidates took an English Paper VI: the average mark was 68.9, with a range from 67 to 75.

9 candidates took a Period paper in English Literature: the average mark was 66.2, with a range from 60 to 70.

10 candidates submitted the Shakespeare paper: the average mark was 69.1, with a range from 64 to 76.

6 candidates took a European and World History paper: the average mark was 68, with a range from 62 to 72.

7 candidates took a History Further Subject: the average mark was 70.4, with a range from 67 to 75.

3 candidates took a History Special Subject paper, with an average mark of 67 for the gobbets paper and 71.7 for the extended essay.

D. COMMENTS ON PAPERS AND INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS

N/A

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

As noted in the previous year, it would be useful for the Examination teams of both faculties to have some discussion prior to the examination period with a view to aligning MCE levels, and confirming that other processes – such as those pertaining to sending out dissertations to markers – are in alignment.

F. Members of the Board of Examiners

Professor Nandini Das (Chair)
Dr Adam Guy
Professor Natalia Nowakowska
Professor Seamus Perry
Dr Grant Tapsell

Professor John Watts

Professor Michael Braddick (external examiner in History)

Dr Nicola McDonald (external examiner in English)