

# Final Honour School of History and English Examiners' Report 2025

## Part I

### A. Statistics

#### I. All Candidates

Class	Number						Percentage (%)					
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
1st	3	8	6	8	7	6	20.0%	66.7%	40.0%	80.0%	50.0%	46.2%
2:1	12	4	9	2	7	7	80.0%	33.3%	60.0%	20.0%	50.0%	53.8%
2:2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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#### II. All candidates divided by male and female

Class	Number											
	2025		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1st	1	2	2	6	3	3	2	6	2	5	2	4
2:1	2	10	1	3	1	8	-	2	2	5	1	6
2:2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class	Percentage of Gender (%)											
	2025		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1st	33.3%	16.7%	66.7%	66.7%	75.0%	27.3%	100.0%	75.0%	50.0%	50.0%	66.7%	40.0%
2:1	66.7%	83.3%	33.3%	33.3%	25.0%	72.7%	-	25.0%	50.0%	50.0%	33.3%	60.0%
2:2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### III. Gender statistics

Paper	F Avg	M Avg	Diff	F High	M High	F Low	M Low	F 70+	M 70+	F <60	M <60
All	66.0	66.0	0.1					2 (17%)	1 (8%)	1 (8%)	1 (8%)
BIF	66.3	61.7	4.7	3	0	2	2	1 (8%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (33%)
EWf	68.0	68.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1 (8%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
FS	69.0	67.0	2.0	1	0	0	0	2 (17%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
SSg	65.9	68.0	2.1	1	1	0	0	4 (33%)	0 (0%)	1 (33%)	0 (0%)
SSEE	68.5	66.0	2.5	4	0	1	0	4 (33%)	0 (0%)	1 (33%)	0 (0%)
Disc											
Thesis											
Other	65.2	66.5	1.3	6	4	11	1	7 (58%)	6 (50%)	4 (133%)	3 (100%)

### B. New examining methods and procedures

All papers were examined by three-hour timed exams in Examination schools. The English papers were examined by typed, computer-based examinations.

## Part II

### A. General comments on the examination

The overall number of Firsts decreased from 2024 (from 66.7% to 20%). No candidates received a classification below 2:2.

### B. Equality and diversity issues and breakdown of results by gender

33.3% of men attained a First this year; 16.7% of women attained a First. The relatively higher percentage of men achieving a First reflects the low number of men taking the examination (3 men compared with 12 women).

### C. Detailed numbers on candidates' performance in each part of the examination

History of the British Isles: 15 candidates took a History of the British Isles paper, with an average mark of 65.4 (marks ranged from 70 to 58).

European and World History: 4 candidates took a European and World History paper, with an average mark of 68.0 (marks ranged from 70 to 66)

Further Subject: 4 candidates took a Further Subject, with an average mark of 68.5 (marks ranged from 70 to 67)

Special Subject: 9 candidates took a Special Subject, with an average mark of 66.1 in the gobbets exam (marks ranged from 72 to 54) and 68.2 in the Extended Essay (marks ranged from 81 to 59)

Interdisciplinary Dissertation: 15 candidates took the Compulsory Interdisciplinary Dissertation, with an average mark of 66.7 (marks ranged from 83 to 59)

Bridge Essay: 15 candidates took the Bridge Essay, with an average mark of 65.9 (marks ranged from 77 to 49)

## **D. Comments on papers and individual questions**

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