Final Honour School of History and Modern Languages Examiners' Report 2025

Part I

A. Statistics

I. All Candidates

	Number						Percentage (%)					
Class	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
1st	9	13	8	11	10	17	33.3%	56.5%	53.3%	57.9%	40.0%	77.2%
2:1	16	9	6	8	14	5	59.3%	39.1%	40.0%	42.1%	56.0%	22.8%
2:2	1	1	1	-	1	-	3.7%	4.3%	6.7%	-	4.0%	-
3rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DDH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	4	5	5	8	1	7	5	6	4	6	9	8
2:1	6	10	3	6	1	5	2	6	6	8	-	5
2:2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
3rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class	Percentage of Gender (%)											
	2025		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1st	40%	29%	63%	53%	50%	54%	71%	50%	36%	43%	100%	62%
2:1	60%	59%	38%	40%	50%	39%	29%	50%	55%	57%	-	39%
2:2	-	6%	-	7%	-	7%	-	-	9%	-	-	-
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	65.7	68.1	2.3					3 (18%)	4 (24%)	2 (12%)	1 (6%)
BIF	68.3	69.0	0.7	1	0	0	0	1 (6%)	1 (6%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
EWF	64.8	67.2	2.4	2	0	3	1	4 (24%)	1 (6%)	4 (40%)	0 (0%)
FS	67.5	68.6	1.1	1	1	1	1	6 (35%)	5 (29%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
SSg	66.9	66.9	0.1	1	1	1	0	6 (35%)	5 (29%)	0 (0%)	1 (10%)
SSEE	68.2	67.0	1.2	5	2	1	1	5 (29%)	4 (24%)	0 (0%)	1 (10%)
Disc											
Thesis	73.5	74.0	0.5	1	0	0	0	1 (6%)	1 (6%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	64.9	68.3	3.4	8	8	18	8	20 (118%)	22 (129%)	11 (110%)	2 (20%)

B. New examining methods and procedures

All papers were examined by three-hour timed exams in Examination schools. The Oral examination was marked, and counted as 0.5 of a paper and the candidates classified on 9.5 papers.

Part II

A. General comments on the examination

The overall number of Firsts decreased from 2024 (from 56.5% to 33.3%). No candidates received a classification below 2:2.

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

40% of men attained a First this year; 29% of women attained a First.

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

History of the British Isles: 5 candidates took a History of the British Isles paper, with an average mark of 68.6 (marks ranged from 78 to 63).

European and World History: 27 candidates took a European and World History paper, with an average mark of 65.7 (marks ranged from 74 to 46)

Further Subject: 23 candidates took a Further Subject, with an average mark of 68 (marks ranged from 74 to 62)

Special Subject: 20 candidates took a Special Subject, with an average mark of 66.9 in the gobbets exam (marks ranged from 73 to 49) and 67.8 in the Extended Essay (marks ranged from 77 to 40)

Thesis: 3 candidates took a Thesis in History, with an average mark of 73.7 (marks ranged from 80 to 67)

Bridge Essay: 26 candidates took the Bridge Essay, with an average mark of 68.1 (marks ranged from 84 to 55)

D. Comments on papers and individual questions

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