

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

## Part I

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### A. Statistics

#### I. All Candidates

Class	Number						Percentage (%)					
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
1st	12	13	21	20	23	22	27%	30%	36%	48%	54%	47%
2:1	26	30	37	22	19	24	59%	68%	64%	52%	42%	51%
2:2	2	-	-	-	1	-	5%	-	-	-	2%	-
3rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DDH	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2%	-	-	-	2%

#### 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	7	5	8	5	14	7	6	14	14	9	13	9
2:1	9	17	12	18	17	14	20	14	8	11	13	11
2:2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
3rd	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DDH	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Class	Percentage of Gender (%)											
	2025		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1st	37%	20%	33%	17%	45%	26%	43%	50%	61%	45%	50%	43%
2:1	47%	68%	62%	83%	55%	74%	57%	50%	35%	55%	50%	52%
2:2	5%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4%	-	-	-
3rd	-	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DDH	-	-	-	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%

### 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	64.4	66.2	1.8								
BIF	66.3	67.2	0.9	67	72	66	60	0 (0%)	2 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
EWf	61.9	66.7	4.8	71	75	7	59	4 (16%)	4 (16%)	2 (8%)	1 (8%)
FS	68.3	66.4	1.9	74	72	60	55	4 (16%)	3 (16%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)
SSg	65.2	64.5	0.7	70	69	59	60	1 (4%)	0 (4%)	1 (4%)	0 (4%)
SSEE	62.5	69.3	6.8	68	75	56	64	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	4 (16%)	0 (16%)
Disc											
Thesis	67.3	64.1	3.2	78	82	57	0	7 (28%)	7 (28%)	2 (8%)	2 (8%)
Other	63.8	66.3	2.5	75	77	20	0	12 (48%)	24 (48%)	9 (36%)	5 (36%)

### B. New examining methods and procedures

All papers were examined by three-hour timed exams in Examination schools. All History examinations were handwritten; all Politics examinations were typed.

## Part II

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### A. General comments on the examination

The overall number of Firsts remained similar to 2024 (declining from 30% to 27%).

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

The gender gap in attainment of Firsts, noted in 2023 and 2024, remains this year, with 37% of men attaining Firsts compared to 20% of women.

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

Thesis: 40 candidates chose to take a Thesis in History, with an average mark of 67.8 (marks ranged from 82 to 47). 5 candidates chose to take a Thesis in Politics, with an average mark of 65.8 (marks ranged from 73 to 50).

European and World History: 40 candidates took a European and World History paper, with an average mark of 65.5 (marks ranged from 75 to 41)

Further Subject: 29 candidates took a Further Subject, with an average mark of 67.3 (marks ranged from 74 to 55)

Special Subject: 14 candidates took a Special Subject, with an average mark of 65.1 in the gobbets exam (marks ranged from 70 to 59) and 64.0 in the Extended Essay (marks ranged from 75 to 56)

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

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