



General Regulations - First Degrees

17.2 be set a special examination in those elements of the examination missed as soon as possible and/or be permitted to submit any work prescribed at a date specified by the Board of Examiners.

Eligibility for the award of the degree

18 To be admitted to a degree under these regulations a candidate must:

18.1 have completed to the satisfaction of the Institute courses valued at a minimum of eleven course units, of which not more than three may be selected from those designated as introductory;

18.2 have satisfied the examiners to a value of eleven course units;

18.3 have been examined in all parts of the examination prescribed for each course.

19 Where a candidate has been exempted from parts of the programme of study the examiners will assess his/her class of Honours entirely upon his/her performance in the examinations that he/she has attempted.

20 Candidates who have completed the requirements for a degree and who have achieved a sufficient standard in the examinations above that for a Pass may, on the discretion of the relevant Board of Examiners, be awarded either First Class Honours or Second Class Honours or Third Class Honours. The Second Class of Honours will be divided into an Upper and Lower Division.

21 The examiners shall determine the field of study to be shown on the diploma which will be issued to each successful candidate awarded the degree.

22 Where a candidate has completed his/her full period of study and (a) is absent, through

24.1 take the Aegrotat degree; *or*

24.2 decide to re-sit examinations for which he/she is eligible at the next normal date with a view to completing the requirement for the award of a degree.

25 Upon an eligible candidate taking an Aegrotat degree he/she will be informed that the degree has been conferred. Such a candidate will not be eligible thereafter to sit any examination for a classified degree.

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5.4 The viva panel shall be a minimum of three members of the Board of Examiners, and should include one of the internal examiners of the course in question (normally the teacher of the course) and must include one of the External Examiners (normally the external for the relevant period section).

5.5 The viva panel shall be empowered by the Board of Examiners to take the decision on its behalf, and the decision of this panel shall be reported to the main Board of Examiners, but not debated by the main Board.

5.6 A viva may normally be expected to last around thirty minutes. It may examine either the question paper or the photograph paper of the relevant Special Option, or, in exceptional cases, both, or the assessed essay. The way in which the issues are presented to the candidate shall relate to the nature of the material to be discussed. In either case, the material discussed shall relate to a question that the candidate has tackled in the examination itself, though broader issues may be raised arising from this.