



FINAL HONOUR SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND PHILOSOPHY PART B 2026

Second Notice to Candidates

This notice summarises information about the examination. You should read this notice carefully. You should also make sure that you read the general information about the conduct of University examinations available online at:

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams>.

Timetable

The timetable will be sent to each candidate individually by the Examination Schools. The timetable is also posted on the Examination Schools website:

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/timetables>.

Conduct of Examination Sessions

All papers will be sat in the Examination Schools, unless alternative arrangements have been approved and are in place. You should arrive at the Schools no later than **30 minutes** before the start of each of your papers. **You must take your University card with you to each examination and it must be displayed on your desk with the photograph side facing upwards.** You must also take writing equipment in a clear pencil case or plastic bag (and a calculator if its use is permitted, as given in the first notice). You may take your individual examination timetable, provided you have not written on it or otherwise modified it. Details of other items which you are permitted to take with you and the list of disallowed items can be found online at: <http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/guidance>.

Please note that mobile phones are included in the list of disallowed items and must not be taken into the examination room.

Desks will be numbered, and alphabetised lists will be displayed throughout the reception areas and outside individual examination rooms telling each candidate in which room and at which desk they will take their exam in that session. On reaching your desk you should check that the correct question paper has been provided but should not open the paper until the invigilator declares the start of the examination.

The invigilator will read out a list of instructions on procedure at the start of each examination. You should note in particular that you are not permitted to leave the examination room except with the permission of the invigilator. Candidates are not permitted to leave during the first 30 minutes nor the last 30 minutes of an examination. You may take

your question paper with you at the end of the examination but no other paper may be removed from the examination room.

Queries during the Examination

Examiners will not be present during the examination. If you believe that a question is incorrect or ambiguous, you should state your assumption of the exam question within your exam script.

Scripts

Booklets of unlined paper are provided for Mathematics papers. You may write on both sides of the paper. Graph paper will be available. You should take careful note of the rubric for each paper.

It is essential that your candidate number be written correctly and legibly on the front page of each answer booklet. You must start each question in a new booklet.

Handing-in of Scripts

Read this section very carefully.

You must order your answer booklets by question number and secure with the treasury tag provided. Then, on the front page of the top booklet, list the question numbers of the questions attempted. If you have not attempted any questions, you must hand in an empty booklet, with the front page completed, stating that no questions were attempted.

Philosophy

All Philosophy exams are being taken as in-person typed exams, with the exception of 127 Philosophical Logic and 120 Intermediate Philosophy of Physics, which will remain handwritten. For handwritten exams, booklets of lined paper are provided. You should write on both sides of the pages. You may answer more than one question in the same booklet but you must begin each answer on a new page. Be sure to indicate clearly at the top of each answer the number of the question you are answering, and if it's an "either/or" question which of those two questions you are answering. At the end of the examination put your booklets together in the order in which you wrote them and secure them with the treasury tag provided. Paper rubrics for Philosophy papers can be found here:

<https://canvas.ox.ac.uk/courses/296764/pages/assessment>

Additional information for students sitting in-person exams on a computer (typed exams) can be found here: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/completing-an-exam/in-person-exams-computer>

Rough work

No special paper is provided for rough work. A separate answer booklet may be used for rough working, and should be labelled as such: these booklets must be handed in at the end of the examination. Alternatively, you may do rough working in the same booklet as your fair copy. In this case you should cross through all rough working to indicate very clearly to the examiners what is to be marked and what is not.

Illegible scripts

Please write legibly and remember that you must not write in pencil, except to draw

diagrams. Examiners may require illegible scripts to be transcribed. The cost of transcription is charged to the candidate.

Illness

If you are prevented by illness or other cause from attending any part of the examination you should ensure that the Senior Tutor of your college is informed immediately. In the case of illness a medical certificate will be required.

Notification of results

The examiners hope to finalize the class and pass lists early July 2026 (please note that we are not able to provide an exact date for release of results). You will be notified via email when your results are ready. To find out your results you may log on to the Student Self Service at www.evision.ox.ac.uk, using your Oxford Single Sign-On. Students who will be completing their studies and graduating with a BA will automatically receive one copy of their final transcript from the Examination Schools. Neither Examination Schools staff nor Mathematical Institute staff can give results over the telephone.

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Chair of Part B Examiners
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