PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PART I OF THE ORIENTAL STUDIES TRIPOS

Persian Studies

Monday 2 June 2008  13.30 – 16.30

PP.2 PERSIAN COMPOSITION AND GRAMMAR

Candidates should attempt all questions.

Write your number not your name on the cover sheet of each Section booklet.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS
20 Page Answer Book x 1
Rough Work Pad

You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed that you may do so by the Invigilator.
Section A: Composition [70 marks]

a) Choose one of the following topics for a composition of about 100 words in Persian [40 marks], using at least 5 of the following elements:

- 2 compound verbs
- 1 relative clause
- The Present subjunctive form of the verbs “to give” and “to know”
- 2 imperatives
- 2 reflexive pronouns
- 1 date, of which the year is spelled out in full

(Please underline these in your text)

Choice of topics:

- Life in Cambridge
- The day you fell in love
- A dialogue with a friend about the weather
- Eating out with your family
- A visit to the doctor
- Description of your room at home

b) Translate into Persian [30 marks].

1) Pay attention to writing correctly.
2) What important books have you read?
3) In Iran, every time a polite man enters a room, he must greet everyone.
4) The newspapers in Tehran are good, but those in Esfahan are better.
5) I enjoyed seeing my Iranian friends and talking with them.
6) Why doesn’t he do his own work?
7) One of my eyes had become a little weak and didn’t see things properly.
8) I fell in love on a warm summer day, around a quarter past three a.m.
9) I never saw anyone who hadn’t read that book.
10) Keep this point in mind!
Section B: Questions on Persian Grammar. [30 marks]

a) Mark the *ezafes*. Please copy the combination of words between which an *ezafe* is necessary, indicating it either by the vocalisation sign or by the necessary orthographic addition. [10 marks]

1. دنیبال آن مرد یزرگ میگردم
2. به شهر بر میگردم
3. امکان دارد که امروز پیش پزشک بروم
4. جواب سوال را ندادید
5. میدانید کشورها همسایه ایران چیستند؟

b) Analyse the suffixes in the words marked in **bold** in the following: [5 marks]

1. از فیلمی که دیشب دیدیم بخش میاید
2. از گذشته همسایه تان تعریف میکرید؟
3. پرسان پرسان بالاخره رسیدم
4. باین زودی نرو
5. روز پنج ماه

c) Give the plural forms [5 marks]

1. یک کیلو گوشت
2. دقیقه
3. باید بروم
4. ساختمان از همه بلندتر
5. پدرش استاد بود

d) Analyse the verbal forms. [5 marks]

e) Explain the possible uses of the following verbal tenses. [5 marks]

1. نخواندمتش
2. بگشاید
3. دردرا پاز کنید
4. وارد نشده بودم
5. فدرا میبینندشان

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