

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 دنبال آن مرد بزرگ میگردم
- 2 به شهر بر میگردیم
- 3 امکان دارد که امروز پیش پزشک بروم
- 4 جواب سؤالم 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 بدش میآید
- 2 از کدام **همسایه** تان تعریف میکردید؟
- 3 **پرسان** پرسان بالاخره رسیدیم
- 4 **باین** زودی نروم
- 5 روز **پنجم** 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 نخواندمش
- 2 بگشاید
- 3 دررا باز کنید
- 4 وارد نشده بودیم
- 5 فدرا میبینندشان

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