

Oxford University  
MSc and Diploma in Applied Statistics  
Trinity Term 2008

First Notice to Candidates

**Examination papers**

The examination papers in 2008 will be similar in style to the papers in 2007. The examination questions are intended to be capable of being answered in 30 minutes.

Paper I will consist of six questions of equal weight, and candidates are expected to attempt them all. The Examiners' main criterion will be the total mark of all questions attempted.

Paper II will consist of three core and seven optional questions of equal weight. There is approximately one question for eight to ten hours of lectures although this is not applied mechanically. Candidates will be expected to attempt two core questions. The Examiners' main criterion will be the sum of the marks on the **two highest-scoring core questions and the three highest scoring questions remaining, ie a total of five**. Serious attempts at other questions will be taken into account at the borderlines between pass/fail and pass/distinction.

Note that in both examinations **each question should be answered in a separate booklet**. If booklets are used up during the examination please ask the invigilator for more booklets.

New Cambridge Elementary Statistical Tables will be provided for use in the examinations. These tables will be available for inspection at the Department of Statistics, between 9 am and 12 noon on any weekday in Week 4 of Trinity Term.

The revised examination conventions for the MSc and the Diploma are attached. Please note that in order to pass, a candidate must achieve an average of at least 40% in the two examination papers, a mark of at least 40% for the dissertation, and an overall average of at least 50% for the examination papers, assessed practical work and dissertation together.

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