



Ref. FOI/20190206/5

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Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information of Act	
Your Ref	FOI/20190206/5
Address	Farrah Abdullah <request-550640-2e575078@whatdotheyknow.com>
Request	According to the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request past Exam Papers and examiners' reports (external and internal) for English Literature Prelims and FHS Course I and Course II (includes special options) in the past 7 years. Thank you.

Dear Ms Farrah,

I write in response to your email of 6 February 2019.

Please see the PDFs attached.

Please note that part of your request is for detailed individual level. We consider that the disclosure of this information in the form requested might enable those with access to other information or knowledge to identify individuals. For this reason, we have taken the following measures to reduce the risk of individuals being identified.

- We have redacted the names of individuals;
- the statistics relating to examinations where the numbers are sufficiently small to enable the identification of individuals; and
- the percentages relating to examinations where it would be possible to use these percentages to calculate the numbers already redacted.

In taking these measures, we are applying the exemption in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Section 40(2) provides an exemption from disclosure for information that is the personal data of an individual other than the requester, where disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We consider that disclosure of the information requested in the exact form requested would breach the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would be unfair to the individuals concerned, as it would be contrary to their reasonable and legitimate expectations. They would not reasonably expect that information about their qualifications or other information relating to their application to Oxford would be made public under the FOIA without their consent.

For the disclosure of personal data to be lawful, it must have a lawful basis under Article 6 of the GDPR. There are six possible lawful bases in Article 6; we do not consider that any of them would be satisfied in respect of the disclosure.

The exemption in section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test provided for in section 2(2)(b) of the FOIA. To the extent that the public interest is relevant in this case, the University considers it is satisfied by the attached information.

**INTERNAL REVIEW**

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it, by writing to the Head of Information Compliance at the following address:

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Alternatively, you may request a review by e-mailing foi@admin.ox.ac.uk.

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

If, after the internal review, you are still dissatisfied, you have the right under FOIA to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request has been dealt with in accordance with the FOIA. The Information Commissioner's address is:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123113

Yours sincerely,

FOI OXFORD