SECOND PUBLIC EXAMINATION
Honour School of History
Honour School of History and English

FURTHER SUBJECT 5:
The Crusades

TRINITY TERM 2018

Tuesday, 22 May, 2018, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

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SECTION A

1. How far is it possible from our sources to reconstruct Urban II’s intentions for the First Crusade?
2. Was Anna Komnene’s Alexiad more an achievement of form than substance?
3. Why did William of Tyre write his Historia?
4. Is Joinville’s Life of St Louis anything more than praise for a chivalric saint?

SECTION B

5. Why did the crusade of 1096-99 succeed?
6. To what extent was the Second Crusade a military failure but a religious triumph?
7. How viable were the Latin settlements in the eastern Mediterranean EITHER 1098-1187 OR 1192-1291?
8. Why did people take the cross?
9. Has the role of jihad in the career of Saladin been exaggerated?
10. How far was Byzantium responsible for the crusaders’ conquest of Constantinople?
11. Was the Egyptian strategy of thirteenth-century crusades misconceived?
12. What were the implications of cultural interactions within Outremer?
13. Why did the Military Orders assume such prominent roles in crusading?
14. What can a historian of the crusades learn from the study of ANY ONE of the following: archaeology; visual and material culture; canon law; chansons des gestes?