Reading List for the Preliminary Examination in Spanish

There are various editions available of the texts listed below, but the particular editions specified should be obtained, if possible, as they are the most useful.

**Paper III**


Miguel de Cervantes, ‘Rinconete y Cortadillo’, in *Novelas ejemplares*, vol. 1, ed. Harry Sieber (Madrid: Cátedra)


Mario Vargas Llosa, *La fiesta del Chivo* (any Spanish edition)

**Paper IV**


[You may have trouble acquiring this text. If so, don’t worry – you’ll be able to download the relevant poems from the Modern Languages Faculty website in due course.]


Duque de Rivas, ‘El alcázar de Sevilla’, ‘El fratricidio’, ‘El conde de Villamediana’, and ‘Bailén’ in *Romances históricos*, ed. Salvador García Castañeda (Madrid: Cátedra) [Again, this text is difficult to acquire, but electronic copies of the poems will be available to you in Oxford.]

Antonio Machado, ‘La tierra de Alvargonzález’, in *Campos de Castilla* (as above)

Additionally, you should buy:

1. *The Oxford Spanish Dictionary* (the latest – 2008 – edition; the full-sized, unabridged edition, not the concise or pocket one) – although don’t worry if you already have a different full-sized bilingual dictionary (e.g. Collins); and


Acquiring foreign language books can sometimes be tricky. Here are some places to try:

• Blackwell’s on Broad Street in Oxford; they should have virtually all the texts detailed above.

• Grant & Cutler at Foyles (107, Charing Cross Road, London).

• Booksellers’ websites:
  
  www.amazon.co.uk
  
  www.abebooks.co.uk (second hand)
  
  www.iberlibro.es (second hand)
  
  www.lacasadellibro.es
  
  www.fnac.es

If in doubt, please get in touch and I’d be happy to advise.

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