

Oral Preliminary Examination Rubric Evaluation for Ph.D. Candidacy

Candidate Name: _____

Date: _____

Proposed Dissertation Title: _____

Evaluation/Guidance	Comments
1. Problem Definition: Has stated the research problem clearly, providing motivation for undertaking the research	
2. Literature and Previous Work: Demonstrates sound knowledge of literature in the area, and of prior work on the specific research problem	
3. Impact of Proposed Research: Demonstrates the potential value of solution to the research problem in advancing knowledge within the area of study	
4. Solution Plan: Has applied sound state-of-the-field research methods/tools to solving the defined problem and has described the methods/tools effectively	
5. Quality of Oral Communication: Communicates research proposal clearly and professionally oral form	
6. Quality of Response to Questions: completeness, organization of argument, subject area of study and expertise in the area	
7. Critical Thinking: Has demonstrated capability for independent research in the area of study, and expertise in the area	
8. Broader Impacts: Demonstrates awareness of broader implications of the proposed research such as social, economic, technical, ethical, etc. aspects.	
9. Breadth: Demonstrates a basic knowledge reflective of the required core fields and how they connect with the specific research area.	
Overall Evaluation:	

Name of the Examining Committee Member: _____

Signature of the Examining Committee Member: _____

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