

BALLOT FORM

The following criteria should guide the rater in arriving at a PASS or FAIL vote on the Preliminary Exam. For Final Orals, emphasis should be placed on criteria 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9.

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- (1) Relation of problems to existing literature (did not omit relevant studies or present uncritical review of poor studies).
- (2) Soundness of conceptual analysis of problem.
- (3) Adequacy of experimental and/or measurement operations (including reliability, validity, freedom from artifacts, and controls adequate to exclude plausible alternative interpretations).
- (4) Appropriateness and adequacy of data analyses.
- (5) Ability to use the English language to communicate all of the above

ORAL PRESENTATION

- (6) Grasp of theoretical context of the problem.
- (7) Grasp of methodological context of the problem.
- (8) Organization and clarity of presentation.
- (9) Response to questions.

Note. Emphasis placed on the criteria may vary according to the type of dissertation project being evaluated (e.g., experiment vs. integrative review).

(Final vote)

PASS

FAIL

(Nonbinding, initial vote)

PASS

FAIL
