

Graduate Comprehensive Exam Rubric

No Pass

1. Fails to demonstrate knowledge of key literature in subject area
2. Fails to demonstrate ability to comprehend research designs, data, and methods
3. Fails to put forth a well reasoned and structured response to the exam question
4. Fails to engage in analytical and conceptual reasoning
5. Fails to demonstrate creative and original thought

Pass

1. Demonstrates knowledge of key literature in subject area
2. Demonstrates ability to comprehend research designs, data, and methods
3. Provides a well reasoned and structured response to the exam question
4. Engages in analytical and conceptual reasoning
5. Demonstrates some creative and original thought

High Pass

1. Demonstrates knowledge of key literature in subject area and identifies gaps in the literature
2. Demonstrates ability to comprehend research designs, data, and methods and provides a critical evaluation of research designs, data, and methods.
3. Provides a very detailed and rich response to the exam question
4. Provides detailed and in-depth analysis
5. Demonstrates a consistent ability to engage in creative and original thought