

TEMPLATE  
for the

## **PhD Comprehensive Examination in Russian Literature**

The successful completion of the PhD Comprehensive Examination allows the student to pursue dissertation work. It is written over four days and must be completed within a single month. Students have the option of writing by hand or taking their examination on a computer provided by the department.

Plan to spend a brief portion of the time organizing your response, and the remainder of the time writing.

### **DAY 1: Beginning to 1830**

- I. Old Russian: Answer one of two questions [1 hour]**
- II. 1700-1830: Answer one of two questions. [1 hour]**
- III. Answer any four of six short-answer questions. [30 minutes each; 2 hours]**

### **DAY 2: 1830-1880**

- I. Poetry: Answer one of two questions [1 hour]**
- II. Prose: Answer one of two questions [1 hour]**
- III. Answer any four of six short-answer questions [30 minutes each; 2 hours]**

### **DAY 3: 1880-Present**

- I. Answer two of four questions [1 hour each; 2 hours total]**
- II. Answer any four of six short-answer questions [30 minutes each; 2 hours total]**

**DAY 4: Minor Examination [2 hours]; this examination may be waived by the minor advisor and covered on the oral examination**  
**Second Slavic Language & Literature/Culture [2 hours]**

**ORAL: Successful completion of the written examinations is followed by a two-hour oral examination within five business days of the fourth written exam.**