Rubric for Use in Oral Qualifying Examinations for the PhD in Mathematics

Name of candidate:_____

Criteria	Needs Improvement	Satisfactory	
1. Problem Definition: Delineates the area			
of proposed research.			
2. Literature: Demonstrates sound			
knowledge of the research area and its			
literature.			
3. Quality of oral communication:			
Communicates mathematical ideas clearly			
and professionally in oral form.			
4. Quality of written communication:			
Communicates mathematical ideas clearly			
and professionally in written form.			
5. Prepared for research: Demonstrates			
capability for independent research in the			
area of study, preparedness in core			
disciplines relevant to research, and ability			
to complete research in the proposed area.			
6. Context: Places the proposed research			
area into a larger context, and, where			
appropriate, discusses potential			
applications.			
Passed	Did not pass		

Passing is by approval of the supervisory committee and requires at least four of the six criteria are met satisfactorily. The committee is encouraged to recommend ways for the candidate to improve those areas needing attention.

Committee Chair:	Signature:	
Committee Member:	Signature:	
I	Date:	

Rubric approved by the Graduate Committee on 11/8/2012 and by the Steering Committee on 11/27/2012