FIELD I: PHILOLOGY

STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS

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The examinee will respond to questions regarding the history of philological study and its relation to other fields such as linguistics and literary study. The examinee will exhibit knowledge of both general and specific developments from Proto-Indo-European through the Germanic languages, with special emphasis on English. The history of the English language will be tested in detail, so the examinee will respond to questions about any or all historical stages of the language, touching on such topics as phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, lexicon, and dialectology. When necessary, the examinee will describe socio-historical trends affecting the forms or uses of English.

The successful examinee will compose answers that are clear, complete, accurate, and supported with linguistic details when appropriate.
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READING LIST
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I. Basic Background

It is understood that you have a firm grasp of the grammar, phonology, syntax, semantics, lexicon, and dialectology of Old English, Middle English, Early Modern English, and Present-Day English, consonant with such information as is found in the following works:


Mossé, Fernand, A Handbook of Middle English, tr. by James A. Walker (Baltimore, 1952).


II. History of Philology


Gurd, Sean, ed., Philology and Its Histories (Columbus: Ohio State Univ. Press, 2010).


III. Historical Linguistics and Indo-European Studies

For basic background, read a textbook such as:


Other readings:


IV. History of the English Language

For basic background, read one or two textbooks such as:


Other readings:


V. Other Applications of Philology


