Department of Mathematical Sciences
Ph.D.'s Final Oral Exam Assessment

We are collecting responses to the following questions to attempt to judge the effectiveness of the graduate program. Along with the coffee, the graduate secretary will supply the Chair of the examination with copies of the form for all committee members. Before the examination starts the Chair should explain that examiners will be asked to evaluate the graduate program after they have voted. After the vote, the Chair of the examination should distribute these forms.

It may be appropriate for the examination committee to discuss the questions before marking these forms. The Chair of the exam will collect the forms and return them to Liz in SH 236 (MSC 3MB). Annually the departmental graduate studies committee will tabulate responses, review the comments of the examiners, and report the results.

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From the Department of Mathematical Sciences Outcomes Assessment Proposal, "For doctoral students, … the Ph.D. dissertation is an original contribution to mathematics and evidence of the ability to access the relevant literature."

1. Does the student's presentation at the final oral provide evidence that the student's dissertation is an original contribution to mathematics? Please respond by a cross in the appropriate box below:

   Unoriginal
   1 2 3 4 5
   □ □ □ □ □

   Highly Original
   □ □ □ □ □

2. Does the student's presentation at the final oral provide evidence of the ability to access the relevant literature? Please respond by a cross in the appropriate box below.

   Unable
   1 2 3 4 5
   □ □ □ □ □

   Very Able
   □ □ □ □ □

Additional Comments?