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**The program of the entrance exam for applicants to the
PhD for the group of educational programs
D055-«Oriental studies»**

1. General provisions.

1. The program was drawn up in accordance with the Order of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated October 31, 2018 No. 600 “On Approval of the Model Rules for Admission to Education in Educational Organizations Implementing Educational Programs of Higher and Postgraduate Education” (hereinafter referred to as the Model Rules).

2. The entrance examination for doctoral studies consists of an interview, an essay, and an examination on the profile of a group of educational programs.

Block	Points
1. Interview	30
2. Essay	20
3. Exam according to the profile of the group of the educational program	50
Total admission score	100/75

3. The duration of the entrance exam is 3 hours 10 minutes, during which the applicant writes an essay and answers an electronic examination. The interview is conducted on the basis of the university before the entrance exam.

II. Procedure for the entrance examination.

1. Applicants for doctoral studies in the group of educational programs D055-«Oriental studies» write a problematic / thematic essay. The volume of the essay is at least 250 words.

The purpose of the essay is to determine the level of analytical and creative abilities, expressed in the ability to build one's own argumentation based on theoretical knowledge, social and personal experience.

Types of essays:

- motivational essay revealing the motivation for research activities;
- scientific-analytical essay justifying the relevance and methodology of the planned research;
- problem/thematic essay reflecting various aspects of scientific knowledge in the subject area.

2. The electronic examination card consists of 3 questions

Topics for exam preparation according to the profile of the group of the educational program.

Discipline "Classical and Modern Oriental

Studies"Topic 1. Oriental studies as a science.

Subtopics: Oriental Studies as a Complex Science. Regional branches of Oriental studies. Research methods in Oriental Studies. The development of Eastern philology. The formation of Oriental studies organizations in Europe.

Topic 2. Development of Oriental studies in Kazakhstan.

Subtopics: Background of the emergence of Oriental studies in Kazakhstan. The beginning of the development of Orientalist science in Kazakhstan. The main directions in the study and use of Eastern sources on the history of the Kazakhs and Kazakhstan.

Topic 3. Languages of the peoples of Asia and North Africa.

Subtopics: Language families in the Eastern countries. Semitic languages. Languages of the Indo-European family. Sino-Tibetan language family. Altai Language Family

Topic 4. Literature of the peoples of Asia and North Africa. Literature of the peoples of South and East Asia.

Subtopics: Arabic literature and its origins. Persian literature, the main periods of development. Literature of India. Chinese literature. Japanese literature. The influence of the Chinese language on the development of Japanese literature.

Topic 5. Eastern source studies.

Subtopics: Monuments of Arabic writing. Monuments of Persian writing. Collection of the annals of Rashid ad-din. Monuments of Indian writing. Monuments of Chinese writing. Monuments of Japanese writing. The Kojiki phenomenon.

Topic 6. World religions of the peoples of Asia and North Africa.

Subtopics: Islam. Christianity. Buddhism. The main ideas and positions of the world religions.

Topic 7. The specifics of regional centers of civilization in Asia and North Africa.

Subtopics: Ancient Two-Streams, Ancient Egypt. Ancient India. Ancient China.

Topic 8. State and society in Asia and North Africa.

Subtopics: The Middle East and Iran from Hellenism to Islam. The Arab Caliphate. The Ottoman Empire. Medieval India. Medieval China.

Topic 9. Middle East and North Africa.

Subtopics: General characteristics of the region. Formation of the region. The economy

of the region. Egypt.

Topic 10. South Asia.

Subtopics: General characteristics of the region. Formation of the region. The economy of the region. Foreign economic relations.

Topic 11. Southeast Asia.

Subtopics: General characteristics of the region. Formation of the region. The economy of the region. Transport and foreign economic relations

Topic 12. East Asia.

Subtopics: General characteristics of the region. Formation of the region. The economy of the region. Foreign economic relations. People's Republic of China.

Topic 13. Asian and North African countries in the history of international relations.

Subtopics: International conflicts and problems of peacemaking. Religious factor in the modern system of international relations: the activities of the Muftiate of Kazakhstan. The role of international organizations in the development of regional cooperation in Central Asia.

Topic 14. Trends in socio-economic and political development in Asia and North Africa.

Subtopics: Basic models and prospects for development. The characteristics of Asian and North African countries' development. Confucian Civilizational Foundation.

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Discipline "New and Contemporary History of the Countries

of the East" Topic 1. China in the mid-17th–early 20th centuries.

Subtopics: The colonial policy of the Western Powers in China. The “Self-Strengthening” Movement in China. Kang Youwei and the Reform Movement. Sun Yat-Sen: achievements and his Principles. The Xinhai Revolution of 1911-1913.

Topic 2. Japan in the mid-17th – early 20th centuries.

Subtopics: The Tokugawa Shogunate and its policy. Revolution in 1867-1868. Bourgeois reforms in the country and its character. Japan's foreign policy in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Topic 3. India in the mid-XVII-early XX centuries.

Subtopics: The collapse of the Mughal State. The English conquest of the country, its stages, forms. British colonial policy in India and its consequences. Methods of anti-colonial struggle.

Topic 4. The Ottoman Empire in the mid-XVII-early XX centuries.

Subtopics: The origin of the "Eastern question". The colonial expansions of the European powers. The Tanzimat reforms. The Young Ottomans. The Young Turk movement and its ideology. The Young Turk Revolution of 1908.

Topic 5. Iran in the mid-XVII-early XX centuries.

Subtopics: The Qajar Dynasty. Russia's wars with Iran and their results. Russian-English rivalry and the division of the country into spheres of influence. The Iranian Revolution of 1905-1911.

Topic 6. Contemporary history of China.

Subtopics: Education of the People's Republic of China. "The Great Leap Forward." The Cultural Revolution. Deng Xiaoping reforms. China's foreign policy during the “Cold War”. China's economic development and foreign policy at the present stage.

Topic 7. Contemporary history of Japan.

Subtopics: The US occupation regime in Japan. Japan's foreign Policy during the "Cold War". Political and economic development of Japan in 1960-1990. Economic development and foreign policy of Japan at the present stage.

Topic 8. Contemporary history of Korea.

Subtopics: Post-war development of Korea. The division of Korea and the Korean War. North Korea and South Korea during the "Cold War". The development of the two Korean states at the present stage.

Topic. Contemporary history of Southeast Asian countries.

Subtopics: Contemporary history of Vietnam. Contemporary history of Indonesia. The formation of ASEAN and the activities of the organization.

Topic 10. Contemporary history of India.

Subtopics: The division of British India into two states. The Kashmir issue. Political and socio-economic development and foreign policy of India during the "Cold War". India's domestic and foreign policy at the present stage.

Topic 11. Contemporary history of Pakistan.

Sub-topics: The division of British India into two states and the declaration of independence of Pakistan. Political and socio-economic development and foreign policy of Pakistan during the "Cold War". Domestic and foreign policy of Pakistan at the present stage.

Topic 12. Contemporary history of Turkey.

Subtopics: The National Liberation Movement in Turkey in 1918-23. Ataturk's reforms. Turkey's foreign and domestic policy during the "Cold War". Turkey's foreign and domestic policy at the present stage.

Topic 13. Contemporary history of Afghanistan.

Subtopics: The overthrow of the monarchy in Afghanistan. The April Revolution of 1978. Domestic and foreign policy of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. The Taliban and their rule in Afghanistan. The overthrow of the Taliban and the development of Afghanistan at the present stage.

Topic 14. Contemporary history of Iran.

Subtopics: Iran's foreign Policy during the "Cold War". The "White Revolution" in Iran. The Islamic Revolution in Iran and changes in the country's foreign and domestic policy.

Topic 15. Contemporary history of Arab countries.

Subtopics: Contemporary history of Egypt. Libya during Muammar Gaddafi. Iraq under Saddam Hussein. Contemporary history of Yemen. The problem of Western Sahara. The Palestinian problem: causes and solutions.

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Discipline “**Traditionalism and Modernization of Eastern**

Civilizations”Topic 1. Modernization in the East: the specifics and experience of the West.

Subtopics: A new paradigm of modernization: redefining the relationship between tradition and modernity. Modernization of East Asia and Confucianism. Comparative analysis of modernization processes in the countries of the East and West from the point of view of civilizational realities. Reforms in the countries of the East. Modernize and give an analysis from the point of view of the interaction of Western and Eastern civilizations.

Topic 2. Traditionalism and conservatism of Eastern society.

Subtopics: Traditionalism of the Arab World: Experience and Specific Characteristics. Traditionalism and Modernization: International Competitiveness of the Eastern Countries. Traditionalism and modernization in the socio-political system of the countries of the East. Traditionalism in the countries of the 21st century. The role of religion in the socio-political structure of the modern East.

Topic 3. Criticism of West Centrism in Orientalist Studies and the Civilizational Approach.

Subtopics: E. Said on Western Orientalism. Clash of Civilizations? Controversy on the concept of S. Huntington. "Clash of Civilizations" S. Huntington: the experience of the country under study. The theory of civilizational development. The concept of catching up development of Asia.

Features of the structural and civilizational approach to the West and the East: the concept of a civilizational "mixture". Formation of civilizational theory: Spengler, Toynbee, Danilevsky.

Discussions about economic modernization in the West and East.

Topic 4. Models of modernization in the East.

Subtopics: The Japanese model of modernization and modern realities in the development of Japanese society. Korean modernization models (ROK and DPRK).

Chinese and Taiwanese modernization models. Indian model of modernization: historical experience and modernity.

Middle East: ways of modernizing traditionalist components in non-Arab societies (example of Israel). Turkish modernization model. Islamic models of modernization (Saudi Arabia, Iran, Afghanistan).

Topic 5. The theme of the East in modern political science.

Subtopics: Subject and methodology of oriental political science. Features of the political process in the East. Specificity of Eastern political thinking. The variety of political systems in the East: general and specific.

Topic 6. Features of the political culture of the modern East.

Subtopics: Characteristic features of traditional political culture. Features of political culture in the countries of the East. Influence of colonialism on traditional political culture. Traditional political culture during the period of independent development of the countries of the East. The influence of the processes of globalization on the political culture of the countries of the East. The concept of political modernization of the East. Rethinking the problems of modernization in Western and Eastern political science at the present stage. The essence of the search for alternative ways of development in accordance with traditional socio-cultural values.

Topic 7. Political system and political culture of Japan.

Subtopics: General characteristics of the political system of Japan. Factors of political stability. Features of the 1947 Constitution. Features of democracy in Japan. Characteristics of the bipolar structure of political power in Japan (1955 - early 90s). The beginning of the "era of the creation of coalition governments in Japan (first half of the 90s)." Features of the traditional political culture of Japan.

Topic 8. Political systems of China and Taiwan in a comparative perspective.

Subtopics: The influence of the Soviet model on the modern political system in China. The CCP is the core of the "people's democratic dictatorship." Socio-political consequences of the "policy of reform and opening up" in China. The political system of the PRC: current state and prospects of evolution. Stages of democratization of Taiwanese society. Taiwan's Political System: The Origins of the Political Miracle. Two states, one political culture: China and Taiwan in a comparative perspective. The so-called "two Chinas" problem and the problem of the evolution of China's political system. Personnel recruitment system and selection of a special type of "strategist politician". The Chinese diaspora within the "united front" of "Greater China".

Topic 9. Political systems of the states of the Korean Peninsula.

Subtopics: The historical roots of the political culture of Korea. Features of the traditional model of public administration. The main components of the political system of the Republic of Korea and the evolution of their content. Constitutional development of the Republic of Korea. Fundamentals of the political culture of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The emergence and constitutional development of the DPRK. Political system and political culture of the DPRK. The role of the army in the political systems of the DPRK and ROK.

Topic 10. Political system and political culture of India.

Subtopics: The main stages of the political development of independent India and the formation of the political system. The role of the colonialists in the establishment of the democratic system and the features of the traditional system as factors of its preservation. Systems of political power in India. The main features of traditional political culture. Features of the functioning of the party system. Signs of evolution from a dominant party system to a bipartisan one.

Topic 11. Political systems of the countries of South Asia.

Subtopics: The role of Islam in the political history and culture of India. Specificity of Muslim political consciousness in South Asia. Political system of Pakistan and Bangladesh. Political culture of Pakistan and Bangladesh. Religious composition of the population in Pakistan and Bangladesh. Confessional minorities and main trends in South Asian Islam. Features of political culture in certain areas of Pakistan and among different ethnic groups. The political role of Shiism in Pakistan.

Topic 12. Political systems of the countries of Southeast Asia.

Subtopics: Syncretization of Hinayana with Brahmanism and local religious beliefs and its manifestation in politics and public life of the countries of the Indochina Peninsula. Political systems of the main countries of Southeast Asia in a comparative perspective. The role of Confucianism and Mahayana Buddhism in the formation and functioning of the political system of modern SRV. "Vietnamese specificity" in the context of the state and political development of Southeast Asia at the present stage.

Topic 13. Political systems of Arab countries and Israel.

Subtopics: Political Systems in Arab Countries: A Comparative Analysis. The influence of Islam on the functioning of state institutions in Arab countries. National models of political culture in the Arab countries of North Africa. The problem of political opposition in Arab countries. The historical roots of leadership in the political culture of traditional Arab society and the issue of leadership in Islam.

Topic 14. Political systems of the countries of the Middle East.

Subtopics: Top-down revolutions in the Middle East: tactical setbacks or structural failure? The reasons for the Islamic revival in the Middle East. "Islamic model" in the theory and practice of socio-political development of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Socio-economic and political development of the countries of the Middle East during the period of Islamic rule. The specifics of the political systems of the Middle East.

Topic 15. Political systems of the countries of the East in a comparative perspective.

Subtopics: The social space of the political systems of the countries of the East. Authoritarianism and the system of political representation in the countries of the East. The concept of "waves" of democracy, their nature and content in the East. The role of the state in the transitional societies of the East. Opportunities and Limitations of "Democratic Transit" in the East. Political systems of the countries of the East in a comparative perspective: general and specific. Prospects for the liberalization and

democratization of political systems in modern Eastern societies.

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