

Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures
Ph.D. Examination in the Specialist Field

Ukrainian Literature

Time 2 hrs. No aids allowed.

A: Answer one of the following questions.

1) An Emigre literature is likely to be a collection of discreet, disassociated works and writers rather than a process of fluid development and interaction.

Comment on this claim in the context of Ukrainian emigre literature.

2) What is the relationship between the various genres of writing in Ukrainian emigre literature? How does this relationship influence the development of emigre literature?

3). What is meant by "Great Literature"?

4). Whom do you consider to be the best writer in 20th century Ukrainian emigre literature and why?

B: Answer one of the following questions:

1) Compare the poetry of Bohdan Nyzhankivs'kyi to that of Oleksander Smotrych or the prose of Ivan Kernyts'kyi to that of Mykola Ponedilok.

2) What is the relation of Ukrainian emigre poetry in the second half of the twentieth century to the poetry of the so-called neoclassical group of poets, particularly Zerov?

3) What do you consider the major accomplishments of Ukrainian emigre literature in the MUR period?

4) Discuss the notion that the New York Group came into being as an answer to the legacy of the Prague School.