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PROGRAM
entrance exams to doctoral studies
in the field of training
"8D023 – Languages and literature"
in the educational program
«8D02321 – Translation Studies»

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1. General provisions

1.1 The program was compiled in accordance with the Order of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan of October 31, 2018 No. 600 «On approval of the Model Regulations for admission to studies in educational organization, implementing educational programs of technical and vocational education» (hereinafter referred to as the Standard rules) and the Rules for admission to study at JSC «Kazakh Ablai khan University of International Relations and World Languages» (hereinafter referred to as Ablai Khan KazUIR&WL).

1.2 The entrance exam shall consist of the following blocks:

- 1) an interview with an incoming person conducted by the examination committee of Ablai Khan KazUIR&WL;
- 2) essay writing;
- 3) answers to examination questions on the profile of the educational program group.

1.3 The final score is a collection of scores obtained by summing up the results of the essay assessment, answering examination questions on the profile of the educational program group and interviewing.

Type of test	Scores
An interview with an incoming person conducted by the examination committee of the OHPE	30
Essay writing	20
Answers to examination questions on the profile of the educational program group	50
Total	100

3 hours 20 minutes (210 minutes) are allotted for the doctoral entrance exam, of which:

- for an interview - 20 minutes;
- to write essays and answers to exam questions on the profile of the educational program group - 190 minutes (3 hours 10 minutes).

1.4 Entrance exams for groups of educational programs under doctoral programme are held within the following terms:

- 1) from August 4 to August 20 of a calendar year;
- 2) from November 19 to December 11 of a calendar year.

1.5 The interview for individuals entering doctoral studies is carried out by Ablai Khan KazUIR&WL independently before passing the entrance exams in the blocks «Writing essays» and «Answers to examination questions on the profile of the group of educational programs».

The interview is aimed at assessing the professional and personal qualities of the incoming, the potential for conducting research or experimental research work.

The interview is formalized by a protocol, which is signed by the chairman, members and secretary of the examination committee.

If the applicant fails to appear for the interview, 0 scores are set, a protocol is drawn up, which is signed by the chairman, members and secretary of the examination commission.

Topics for preparing for the exam according to the profile of the educational program group

1. Literary translation in modern philological and linguacultural studies
2. Linguistic and cultural aspects of translation
3. The concept of translation equivalence
4. Linguistic and stylistic aspects of translation
5. Linguistic theory of translation
6. Intercultural communication and translation studies
7. Cognitive theory of translation
8. Psycholinguistics, contrastive linguistics and translation
9. Formation of translation studies as a scientific discipline
10. Functional aspects of translation
11. Sociocultural theory of translation
12. Modern prospects and trends in the field of translation studies
13. Linguacognitive aspects of translation
14. Methods of teaching translation: linguodidactics
15. Discourse and translation
16. Translation of non-equivalent vocabulary
17. Interference in translation theory
18. Ethics and responsibility of a translator in a digital environment
19. Multimodality and translations in digital media
20. Translation quality assessment: problems of theory and practice
21. The concept of a translation unit
22. Features of translation of texts of different styles and genres
23. Post-editing of machine translation as a new translator's competence
24. Integration of artificial intelligence into translation theory and practice
25. Localization and cultural adaptation in the context of global communication

Approximate essay topics

1. 1. The origins of translation theory

2. The communicative approach in translation studies
3. Cultural translation as a method of intercultural mediation: challenges and strategies
4. Translation and interlingual interference
5. The problem of preserving national identity in translations of fiction
6. Specifics of translating texts of different functional styles
7. Globalization and multiculturalism as factors in the transformation of translation activity
8. Discourse and pragmatic analysis in ensuring the adequacy of translation
9. Formation and prospects for the development of media translation
10. Psycholinguistic foundations of probabilistic forecasting in simultaneous translation
11. Problems of linguodidactics: translation difficulties caused by grammatical features of the foreign language and target language
12. Linguoethnic barriers and strategies for overcoming them in translation
13. Modern approaches to assessing the quality of written and oral translation
14. Applied tasks of translation studies in the era of digital transformation
15. The main factors in the development of machine translation from a foreign language into Kazakh/Russian
16. AI and neural network technologies in translation: prospects, limitations, ethical aspects
17. Latest research methods in translation theory and practice
18. Transcreation and cultural adaptation in global marketing communications
19. Cognitive aspects of localization in the context of multimodal translation
20. Problems of professional training of translators in the context of digitalization

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