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Introduction

Over the last three years, there have been major changes in the examination system of PhD candidates. These changes have been accompanied with the changes in the concepts covered in such an exam. To clate, there has been no comprehensive book which could guide the test takers. To bridge this gap, we enthusiastically have tried to take over this mission. The current book has been designed in order to broaden the PhD candidates' horizons and expand their understanding of the most relevant issues related to Language Testing. Therefore, this book is collected with the objective of helping learners get higher degrees in PhD entrance examination and also accomplish PhD interview sessions successfully. Due to the imp ortance of such examination, as mentioned in other volumes of this PhD book series, we remained faithful to the original text and did not manipulate the concepts by our subjective comprehension or by changing sertences. As a result, this compilation is as authentic as references are. The current book is designed with having an eye to the most outstanding concepts of language testing which are included in test items of PhD examinations. This book also includes the multiple-choice PhD test items of the last three years as well as their correct answers. This provides the readers with an opportunity to evaluate their comprehension of the concepts covered in this book by going through the test items. We hope that this collection could be of great help to those readers who need a comprehensible all-embracing source on foreign language testing.

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