Report for Foreign Language Reading Proficiency Examination

Candidates for the Ph.D degree with specialization in pure mathematics must pass a written exam to demonstrate reading knowledge of a foreign language. Usually the language is French, German or Russian. (Other options, including demonstrating a working ability with a computer language or symbolic computation, may be substituted subject to the recommendation of the student's advisory committee and the approval of the Graduate Committee.) The language exam consists of the translation into English, with dictionary allowed, of a suitable passage from a mathematics paper or book in the language. The passage is to be about 300 words in length excluding any symbolic expressions, and the exam period is one hour. A completed copy of this form should be given to the graduate coordinator after the exam is graded.