**Примерные вопросы к устной части кандидатского экзамена**

1. What is your position at which laboratory or research centre?
2. Which institution did you graduate from? When did you achieve your Master’s or specialist degree?
3. What was the subject of your Master’s dissertation? Are you still working on the same research topic?
4. Why did you choose a career in academia?
5. What field of science / humanities / social studies are you currently working or studying in?
6. What do you enjoy most about working in your research field? *I enjoy …*
7. Do you balance your PhD research with other related employment activities?
8. What is the subject matter of your current research? What do you study? Tell us about your research..
9. How long have you been working on this particular problem? *Since… for…*
10. What is the relevance of your research, i.e. why is your topic worth researching?
11. What is the aim of your research? *The aim is to …*
12. What are the objectives (expected outcomes) of your research?
13. What characterisation methods do you apply in your study?
14. Which library services do you use? What sources of information do you consider to be the most reliable?
15. What equipment do you use in your laboratory?
16. What results have you achieved so far?
17. Have you already started writing your PhD thesis?
18. When do you plan to defend your PhD thesis?
19. Who is your scientific supervisor? Is he or she supportive?
20. Have you had any research papers published?
21. Have you taken part in any international conferences or other scientific events?
22. Are you currently involved in any joint research projects? Do you work within a research group or are you researching your project individually?
23. To what extent do you use English as part of your research activity?
24. What are you planning to do after you have completed your PhD degree?
25. What are the differences between the Russian and European systems of PhD-level study? Are there any inconsistencies between the Russian and English language terms used to discuss the concept underlying these systems?
26. What human qualities are necessary to be a successful researcher?
27. Where did you spend your internship or secondment?