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(iii) The applicant has met the requirements of § 312.3.

(2) *Scope and substance.* The scope of the examination shall be limited to subject matters covered in the Service authorized Federal Textbooks on Citizenship except for the identity of current officeholders. In choosing the subject matters, in phrasing questions and in evaluating responses, due consideration shall be given to the applicant's education, background, age, length of residence in the United States, opportunities available and efforts made to acquire the requisite knowledge, and any other elements or factors relevant to an appraisal of the adequacy of the applicant's knowledge and understanding.

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§ 312.3 Standardized citizenship testing.

(a)(1) An applicant for naturalization may satisfy the reading and writing requirements of § 312.1 and the knowledge requirements of § 312.2 by passing, within one (1) year preceding the date on which he or she files an application for naturalization, or at any time subsequent to filing an application but prior to a final determination on the application, a standardized citizenship test given by an entity authorized by the Service to conduct such a test.

(2) The applicant must still demonstrate his or her ability to speak and understand English in accordance with § 312.1(c)(1). An applicant who passes a standardized citizenship test may submit evidence of passage of the test either with the submission of the application, at the examination on the application, or at the time of the second examination provided in § 312.5(a). Any evidence of passage submitted by the applicant shall be subject to independent verification by the Service with the test provider.

(3) An applicant who passes a standardized citizenship test as provided in paragraph (a)(1) of this section for naturalization shall not be reexamined at the Service naturalization interview on

his or her ability to read and write English or on his or her knowledge of the history and form of government of the United States, unless the examining officer has reasonable cause to believe, subsequent to verification of the applicant's test results with the authorized testing entity, that the applicant's test results were obtained English may not be the sole reason for finding that the test results were obtained through fraud or misrepresentation. The Applicant's inability to speak English may not be the sole reason for finding that the test results were obtained through fraud or misrepresentation. A written record of the officer's determination shall be made in the record of the application including the response from the testing entity concerning the applicant's test.

(4) An applicant who has failed a standardized citizenship test will not be prejudiced by that failure during an examination conducted by the Service under §§ 312.1 and 312.2, and may continue to pursue the application with the Service as if the applicant had never taken the standardized test.

(b) An applicant who has obtained lawful permanent resident alien status pursuant to section 245A of the Act, and who, at that time demonstrated English language proficiency in reading and writing, and knowledge of the government and history of the United States through either an examination administered by the Service or a standardized section 312 test authorized by the Service for use with Legalization applicants as provided in section 245A(b)(1)(D)(iii) of the Act, will not be reexamined on those skills at the time of the naturalization interview. However, such applicant must still establish eligibility for naturalization through testimony in the English language.

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§ 312.4 Selection of interpreter.

An interpreter to be used under § 312.2 may be selected either by the applicant or by the Service. However, the Service reserves the right to disqualify an interpreter provided by the applicant in

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order to ensure the integrity of the examination. Where the Service disqualifies an interpreter, the Service must provide another interpreter for the applicant in a timely manner. If rescheduling of the interview is required, then a new date shall be set as soon as practicable so as not to delay unduly the adjudication of the application. The officer who disqualifies an interpreter shall make a written record of the reason(s) for disqualification as part of the record of the application.

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§ 312.5 Failure to meet educational and literacy requirements.

(a) An applicant for naturalization who fails the English literacy or history and government test at the first examination will be afforded a second opportunity to pass the test(s) within 90 days after the first examination during the pendency of the application.

(b) If an applicant who receives notice of the second scheduled examination date fails to appear without good cause for that second examination without prior notification to the Service, the applicant will be deemed to have failed this second examination. Before an applicant may request a postponement of the second examination to a date that is more than 90 days after the initial examination, the applicant must agree in writing to waive the requirement under section 336 of the Act that the Service must render a determination on the application within 120 days from the initial interview, and instead to permit the Service to render a decision within 120 days from the second interview.

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PART 313—MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY OR ANY OTHER TOTALITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS

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§ 313.1 Definitions.

For purposes of this part:

Advocate includes, but is not limited to, advising, recommending, furthering by overt act, or admitting a belief in a doctrine, and may include the giving, lending, or promising of support or of money or any thing of value to be used for advocating such doctrine.

Advocating Communism means advocating the establishment of a totalitarian communist dictatorship, including the economic, international, and governmental doctrines of world communism, in all countries of the world through the medium of an internationally coordinated communist revolutionary movement.

Affiliation with an organization includes, but is not limited to, the giving, lending, or promising of support or of money or any thing of value, to that organization to be used for any purpose.

Circulate includes circulating, distributing, or displaying a work.

Communist Party includes:

(1) The Communist Party of the United States;

(2) The Communist Political Association;

(3) The Communist Party of any state of the United States, of any foreign state, or of any political or geographical subdivision of any foreign state;

(4) Any section, subsidiary, branch, affiliate, or subdivision of any such association or party;

(5) The direct predecessors or successors of any such association or party, regardless of what name such group or organization may have used, may now bear, or may hereafter adopt; and

(6) Any communist-action or communist-front organization that is registered or required to be registered under section 786 of title 50 of the United States Code, provided that the applicant knew or had reason to believe, while he or she was a member, that such organization was a communist-front organization.

Organization includes, but is not limited to, an organization, corporation, company, partnership, association,