

Independent Report of External Examiner on a Thesis Submitted for a Research Degree

Please note: On the advice of the Office of the Information Commissioner the University is obliged to release this report to the candidate if they request it.

Examiners are requested:

- a. To read Section III of the Guide to Examinations for Higher Degrees by Research carefully before considering the thesis.
- b. To complete this form, attaching additional sheets as required, **before** the oral examination is held (if applicable) and **before** conferral with the other examiners. This report should represent the examiner's independent view on the work submitted and should be returned to the Graduate School Office before the viva takes place. The report should highlight any particular strengths and areas of concern and identify the major issues which the examiner wishes to explore in the oral examination, if one is to be held. This does not prevent the examiners raising additional issues.
- c. To return the soft-bound and electronic copies of the thesis once the viva has taken place unless minor corrections are requested (where it is necessary to return it by post, the University will refund postage, which should be itemised on the claims form).

If an examination advisor has been appointed their role is to chair the oral examination, keep a summary record and advise the examiners on procedures and University regulations as necessary. They are not otherwise expected to participate in the examination of the thesis.

1. Name of candidate:

2. Degree for which work is submitted:

3. Title of work submitted:

4. Requirements for the award of Research Degrees

a. FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER

A thesis submitted in fulfilment of the requirements of a degree of Master shall be clear and concisely written, show evidence of originality of knowledge and in interpretation and shall be also judged on its scholarly presentation. In addition, it shall contain a full bibliography.

Does the work submitted meet with these requirements? **YES / NO**

b. FOR THE DEGREE OF MPhil

A thesis submitted in fulfilment of the requirements of the degree of MPhil shall constitute an original contribution to knowledge. The thesis shall be clearly and concisely written and well argued and shall show a satisfactory knowledge of both primary and secondary sources. In addition, it shall contain a full bibliography and where appropriate, a description of methods and techniques used in the research.

Does the work submitted meet with these requirements? **YES / NO**

c. FOR THE DEGREE OF PhD

To satisfy the requirement of the degree of PhD, a thesis shall constitute a substantial original contribution to knowledge, which is, in principle, worthy of publication. The thesis shall be clearly and concisely written and well argued and shall show satisfactory knowledge of both primary and secondary sources. In addition, it shall contain a full bibliography, and, where appropriate, a description of methods and techniques used in the research.

Does the work submitted meet with these requirements? **YES / NO**

5. Report of examiner on work submitted (continuation sheets should be attached).

6. Issues to be discussed during the oral examination if one is to be held (see note (b) above).

7. Recommendation:

(see - Guide to Examinations for Higher Degrees by Research)

Signature of ExaminerDate.....