

**RESEARCH DEGREE EXAMINATION
PRELIMINARY REPORT OF EXAMINER
Candidates for PhD**

Name of Candidate:

Title of Thesis:

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Name of Examiner:

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Date of Oral Examination:

This report should be prepared independently of the other examiner and forwarded to the Graduate School two weeks before the oral takes place. (This allows time to deal with any important matters that you might raise which might cause further investigation). The report should contain brief, general preliminary thoughts and should not make any final recommendations about the outcome of the examination.

The Examiners should then bring a copy of this completed report to the oral examination and discuss the contents with each other before examining the candidate. This discussion will enable the Examiners to plan the structure of the oral examination and ensure that all relevant issues are addressed appropriately. The preliminary reports should not be shown to the candidate or the candidate's supervisory team in advance of the oral examination but the Examiners should be aware that preliminary reports will be made available to candidates after the oral examination if they request them under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

- 1. Subject matter of the thesis.** (Please comment on: organisation; structure; presentation; originality, authenticity; content; publishable quality and critical awareness of subject)

- 2. Areas for discussion in the oral examination.**

3. Candidates for the PhD degree must submit a thesis and be examined orally. Having read the thesis, are you aware of any reason(s) why the oral examination for this candidate should not go ahead (e.g. evidence of extensive plagiarism).

Yes / No

If the answer to the above question is yes, please detail your concerns below which will be brought to the attention of the Head of the Graduate School.

Signed: _____ (Examiner)

Date: _____

Action of Research Degrees Officer (One statement to be deleted)

Concerns have been raised and this has been referred to the Head of the Graduate School

No concerns have been raised and administration will proceed to examination.

Signed _____

Date _____