**Oral Examination of a Candidate for the Award of a PhD:**

***Examiners’ Final Joint Report, with Agreed Recommendations***

* Please type this report, and ensure that you complete it fully.
* In ALL cases, please complete Sections 1-4 inclusive, and add your signatures to Section 9.
* Also, unless you recommend that the candidate should fail with no award and no opportunity to resubmit, please also complete ONE of Sections 5-8.
* You are welcome to extend or reduce the length of each section as appropriate. Note that:
* Sections 1-3 should not normally cover less than one full A4 sheet overall;
* the length of Sections 5-8 should be determined by the space needed to give an explicit statement of amendments or other work that you expect the candidate to undertake.

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| **Name of the Independent Chair** |  |
| **Name[s] of the Internal Examiner[s]** |  |
| **Name[s] of the External Examiner[s]** |  |
| **Name of the Candidate** |  |
| **Date of the Oral Examination** |  |

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| **Section 1:**  ***What, in your judgement, are the main strengths of the research and/or the thesis?*** |
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| **Section 2:**  ***What, in your judgement, are the main weaknesses of the research and/or the thesis?*** |
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| **Section 3:**  ***How successfully did the candidate defend her/his thesis during the oral examination?*** |
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| **Section 4:**  ***Select ONE of the following options to indicate your agreed recommendation.*** | |
| [a] The candidate should be awarded a PhD. |  |
| [b] The candidate should be awarded a PhD subject to making minor amendments to the thesis, to be submitted no later than 3 months after the publication of the outcome of this examination. |  |
| [c] The candidate should be awarded a PhD subject to making major amendments to the thesis, to be submitted no later than 12 months after the publication of the outcome of this examination. |  |
| [d] The candidate has not yet satisfied the requirements for the award of a PhD, but should be given the opportunity to revise and resubmit the thesis, to be submitted no later than 2 years after the publication of the outcome of this examination, and then be re-examined for a PhD. |  |
| [e] The candidate has not satisfied the requirements for the award of a PhD, but should be awarded an MPhil. |  |
| [f] The candidate has not satisfied the requirements for the award of a PhD, but should be awarded an MPhil subject to making minor amendments to the thesis, to be submitted no later than 3 months after the publication of the outcome of this examination. |  |
| [g] The candidate has not satisfied the requirements for the award of a PhD, but should be awarded an MPhil subject to making major amendments to the thesis, to be submitted no later than 12 months after the publication of the outcome of this examination. |  |
| [h] The candidate has not satisfied the requirements for the award of a PhD, but should be given the opportunity to revise and resubmit the thesis, to be submitted no later than 2 years after the publication of the outcome of this examination, and then be re-examined for an MPhil. |  |
| [i] The candidate has not satisfied the requirements for the award of a PhD, should not be given a further opportunity to gain a research degree, and so should fail, with no award. |  |

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| **Section 5:**  ***Complete this section if you have recommended option “a” or “e” in Section 4, indicating that the candidate has met the requirements for an award.*** |
| Please select ONE of the following options.  The candidate is advised that no amendments to the thesis need be made before the final, hard-bound copy of the thesis is submitted.  The candidate is advised to make one or more minor typographical changes [and/or] one or more minor non-substantive changes to the thesis before submitting the final, hard-bound copy.  If you selected the second option above, please list below the changes you advise the candidate to make. [Note that the changes are advisory, and so the Examiners are NOT expected to review the amended thesis before it is submitted.] |

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| **Section 6:**  ***Complete this section if you have recommended option “b” or “f” in Section 4, requiring the candidate to make minor amendments to the thesis.***  Describe below exactly what the candidate is required to do to revise the thesis.  *[This must be specified insufficient detail for it to be clear whether the student has successfully completed the required tasks.]*  Select ONE option below to confirm which examiner[s] will consider and approve the minor modifications.  Internal Examiner[s] only [this is the normal procedure].  External Examiner[s] only.  All Examiners. |

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| **Section 7:**  ***Complete this section if you have recommended option “c” or “g” in Section 4, requiring the candidate to make major amendments to the thesis.***  Describe below exactly what the candidate is required to do.  *[This must be specified insufficient detail for it to be clear whether the student has successfully completed the required tasks.]*  Select ONE option below to indicate whether the candidate will be required to attend a further oral examination.  No.  Yes.  It depends upon whether we are able to make a firm judgement on the basis of the resubmitted thesis.  The University’s regulations require the amended thesis normally to be assessed by the same team of examiners as for the initial examination. Select ONE option below to indicate, to the best of your knowledge, whether all the examiners will be in a position to assess the amended thesis and [if necessary] participate in the second examination.  All examiners will be in a position to examine the revised thesis.  The following examiner[s] are unlikely to be in a position to examine the revised thesis [*please insert names*]. |

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| **Section 8:**  ***Complete this section if you have recommended option “d” or “h” in Section 4, requiring the candidate to revise and resubmit the thesis and then be re-examined.***  Describe below exactly what the candidate is required to do.  *[This must be specified insufficient detail for it to be clear whether the student has successfully completed the required tasks.]*  The University’s regulations require the re-examination normally to conducted by the same team of examiners as for the initial examination. Select ONE option below to indicate, to the best of your knowledge, whether all the examiners will be in a position to participate in the second examination.  All examiners will be in a position to participate.  The following examiner[s] are unlikely to participate [*please insert names*]. |

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| **Section 9:**  ***Your Signatures*** | |
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| Internal Examiner |  |
| Second Internal Examiner [if appropriate] |  |
| External Examiner |  |
| Second External Examiner [if appropriate] |  |