

Examination of Dissertation/Thesis

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| Department |  |
| Degree  |  |
| Student Surname |  | **Student No** |  |
| First Names |  | **Title (Mr, Ms)** |  |
| **Title of Dissertation/ Thesis**  |  |
| 100% research thesis |  | **50% course-work dissertation** |  |

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 The work submitted to you for examination is:

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| A Master’s dissertation (50 percent course work; 50 percent research) |  |
| A Master’s dissertation (100 percent research) |  |
| A Doctoral thesis (100 percent research) |  |

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| ***FOR MASTER’S DISSERTATION ONLY:* KINDLY ALLOCATE THE MARK AWARDED AS A PERCENTAGE:-** | MARK**%** |
| Pass with distinction (75% or above)  |  |
| Pass (50% and above) |  |
| Fail (under 50%) |  |
| Resubmission: No percentage – the report should indicate what needs to be done. | - |

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| **SUMMARISED RECOMMENDATION OF EXAMINER** |
| *Please answer ALL the questions by placing a tick in the appropriate box.* | YES | NO |
| * Does the dissertation/thesis show knowledge and understanding of the subject?
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| * Are the presentation and the literary style adequate?
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| * Is the work adequate for the award of the qualification?
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| **PLEASE SELECT ONE ONLY OF SECTIONS A., B., C. OR D.:-** | YES | NO |
| A. | Do you unreservedly recommend the award of the Master’s Degree or a Doctor’s Degree? |  |  |
| B. | Do you recommend the award subject to: |  |  |
| 1. Editorial corrections (style/format/grammar/spelling)?
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| 1. Minor revision of reporting/claims/findings/recommendations?
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| 1. Minor expansion of arguments/analysis?

***Please note that choosing option B. iii. will disqualify a Master’s dissertation from being awarded a distinction.***  |  |  |
| C. | Do you recommend resubmission for examination? |  |  |
| D. | Do you recommend outright rejection?***Please note that outright rejection (or “Fail”) will disqualify a Master’s dissertation from being resubmitted.*** |  |  |
|  | *(Please either indicate the above requirements clearly in the text of the dissertation and return your examiner’s copy, or list them in a submission attached to this report. Kindly also refer to them in your report.)* |
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| **FURTHER TO A., B., C. OR D. ABOVE, I RECOMMEND THAT THIS STUDENT SHOULD (SELECT ONE ONLY EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A DISTINCTION): -**  | **Tick relevant section(s)** |
| Pass without correction. |  |
| Pass subject to Section B(i), (ii) and/or (iii) above. |  |
| Revise and resubmit the dissertation/ thesis to this Examiner for examination.  |  |
| Fail. |  |
| Pass with distinction (≥ 75%)*Applicable to Master’s dissertation only. Please briefly indicate your reasons for granting a distinction in your attached Examiner’s Report, under the heading “****Overall impression”****.* |  |

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| Please be advised that your name will be made available to the student with this report. Please initial alongside if you prefer that your name does **not** accompany the report. |  |

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**Requirements in respect of a Masters dissertation and a Doctoral thesis:**

The difference between a Masters dissertation and a Doctoral thesis is mainly in the size, scope, sophistication and originality of the research.

**GUIDELINES**

**Each examiner is required to write a report on the dissertation/thesis based on the following criteria:**

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| **Content:**1. Title
* Clear, concise, contains all necessary key words.
1. Research problems and aims
* Clear, specific, relevant to the topic.
1. Literature review
* Comprehensiveness and relevance of the literature review.
1. Research methodology/design
* Appropriateness, explanation and application of the research design used to investigate the problem; correlation with the research question (or problem).
1. Analysis and interpretation
* Data analysis methods, arguments presented logically and relevant
1. Relevance of the research area and delimitation of the field investigated.
2. Conclusions that suggest satisfactory personal insights in the field.

**Technical aspects:*** Layout (chapters) and flow of information.
* Language (syntax, writing style) and presentation (language editing, layout, use of appendices).
* Consistency of referencing style (in-text and bibliography).
* Functionality of figures and tables.
* Specific matters (if any) which, in your opinion require correction, revision or further development. Please furnish a list on an additional page/s or indicate in the examiner’s copy and return to the Supervisor/HoD.

**Overall impression:** *(****If a distinction is awarded, your motivation should be given here.****)* |