

**EXAMINER PRELIMINARY REPORT FORM** (UP7A)

*(PhD, MD, MPhil and Prof Doc)*

***The purpose of the Preliminary Report is to ensure that the thesis is of a sufficient standard to justify proceeding to the viva voce. Examiners reports must be prepared independently and that no communication or conferring regarding the student or thesis should take place prior to all reports being received by University of Portsmouth****.* ***It is the purpose of the viva voce to provide the candidate with the opportunity to defend the thesis and for the Examiners to judge the merits of the case.*** ***Before completing this report, please read the paragraph at the end of the report form which gives details of how the information you provide will be used by the University of Portsmouth.***

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| Registered Programme |  |
| In/External Examiner’s Name |  |
| Home Institution |  |
| Professional/Institutional Affiliation |  |
| Candidate’s Name (in full) |  |
| Title of Thesis |  |
| Date of Report |  |

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| **Section A: Report of the Examiner on the Thesis and any published work** (If ‘no’, please provide explanation under Section C) |

*Delete as applicable*

**PhD, MD and Prof Doc:**

* 1. In your view does the thesis represent a significant contribution to knowledge of the subject by:

a. the discovery of new facts **YES/NO**

b. the exercise of independent critical powers? **YES/NO**

* 1. Does the thesis provide evidence of originality? **YES/NO**

**Prof Doc only:**

* 1. Does the thesis provide an original contribution to the professional field of knowledge? **YES/NO**
  2. Is the abstract acceptable? **YES/NO**

**MPhil only:**

* 1. In your view does the thesis show evidence of independent effort by the candidate? **YES/NO**
  2. Does the thesis demonstrate:

a. competence in the investigation of the chosen topic(s) **YES/NO**

b. competence in undertaking a critical study of the chosen topic(s)? **YES/NO**

**All:**

* 1. Is the thesis satisfactory as regards literary presentation and succinctness? **YES/NO**

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| **Section B: Recommendation of the Examiner**. *(Strikethrough inapplicable recommendation)* |

2.1 I recommend that the candidate should now defend the thesis by means of a formal examination (viva voce) and open presentation (Prof Doc only).

Or

2.2 The thesis is not acceptable and I recommend that the formal examination should be deferred pending amendment and re-submission (please include a summary of the deficiencies of the current thesis in your report below).

***Section C: Examination Report on the Thesis***

***This detailed report should include reasons why the thesis should or should not proceed to examination, an indication on the quality of the thesis and notes relating to formatting. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.***

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| Candidate: |
| Department: |
| **REPORT:** |

Examiner Signature

Name Printed

Date

**Use of Examiner reports**

The comments you make in your report will be circulated within the University and will be discussed at committee meetings.

#### FOR DSAA USE ONLY:

Date received by Research Team:

#### FINALISING AND SENDING YOUR REPORT

Please send your completed report, by email, to [researchdegrees@port.ac.uk](mailto:researchdegrees@port.ac.uk)

Following the examination, your report will be copied to the Chair, Faculty Research Degrees Committee (FRDC) and may also be considered more widely through the University’s research degree committees and quality assurance committees.

If your report relates to a candidate who studied the research programme through collaborative partnerships, your report will also be made available to the partner institution Academic Contact.