

**EXAMINER PRELIMINARY REPORT FORM** (UP7A – REFERRAL)

*Independent Report (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. 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 |  |
| \*External/Internal 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** |

*Delete as applicable*

**All Awards:**

* 1. Has the thesis addressed the shortcoming identified in the original thesis? **YES/NO**
  2. Has the candidate effectively responded to the suggested amendments? **YES/NO**
  3. Is the thesis satisfactory as regards literary presentation and succinctness? **YES/NO**
  4. Is the abstract of the thesis acceptable? **YES/NO**

**PhD, MD and Prof Doc only:**

* 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 now 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**

**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**

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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).

Please refer to the ‘Guidance Note for the Examination of Research Students’ for the

recommendations available at the viva voce examination.

**Or**

2.2 The thesis is not acceptable and I recommend that the candidate is failed and the degree of

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Please complete the examination report explaining the reasons for the recommendation.

***Section C: Additional 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 ‘s 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.

#### 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 relevant 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.

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Date received by Research Team: