

Royal Holloway MPhil/PhD Examination Decision Report Form

Candidate's name: _____

Name of examiners: _____ and _____

Date of the oral examination: _____ Was the supervisor present? Yes No

Was an audio recording made of the oral examination? Yes No

Was an Independent Chair present at the oral examination? Yes No

1 The examiners report that they are satisfied that the thesis:

(If decision is pass, please tick all the boxes)

- a) is genuinely the work of the candidate
- b) forms a distinct contribution to knowledge of the subject
- c) affords evidence of originality by the discovery of new facts and/or by the exercise of independent critical power
- d) is an integrated whole and presents a coherent argument
- e) gives a critical assessment of the relevant literature
- f) describes the method of research and its findings
- g) includes discussion of those findings and how they advance the study of the subject.
- h) demonstrates a deep and comprehensive understanding of the field of study and the capacity for objective judgement in complex situations.
- i) is satisfactory as regards literary presentation
- j) includes a full bibliography and references
- k) demonstrates research skills relevant to the thesis
- l) is of a standard to merit publication in whole, in part or in a revised form
- m) is of an appropriate length for the discipline/ subject

2 The examiners report that they have reached the following decision:

(Please tick the one most relevant box)

- 1) The candidate has satisfied the criteria for the degree of PhD
- 2) To satisfy the examiners in the examination of the degree of the PhD, the candidate is required to make specified minor amendments to the examiners' satisfaction within 3 months (see overleaf)
- 3) The candidate is permitted to re-enter for the examination of the PhD degree and to re-present the thesis in a revised form within 18 months.
(A further oral examination is: required not required not yet decided)
- 4) The candidate is permitted to re-enter for the oral examination on the same thesis no later than (must be within 18 months)
- 5) The candidate has satisfied the criteria for the award of the degree of MPhil and should be awarded this degree

- 6) To satisfy the requirements for the degree of MPhil, the candidate is required to make specified minor amendments to the examiners' satisfaction within 3 months (see overleaf)
- 7) The candidate is permitted to enter the examination for the MPhil and to re-present the thesis in a revised form within 12 months
- 8) The candidate has not satisfied the criteria for the degree of PhD or MPhil and will not be permitted to re-enter for the examination for the MPhil/PhD

3 Preliminary Reports

Preliminary Reports should be completed and returned to Student Administration prior to the oral examination.

4 Final Joint Report

Please ensure that the Final Joint Report is signed by each of the examiners, dated and attached to this sheet. The Final Joint Report should give the grounds on which the examiners' decision is based. The candidate will be provided with a copy of this report.

5 Minor Amendments

If it has been indicated that the candidate is required to make specified minor amendments to the examiners' satisfaction within 3 months (Section 2, option 2 or 6), please complete the 'List of Minor Amendments' form, which should be attached to this sheet. There are 3 different options regarding Minor Amendments. Please tick the option chosen:

- 1) The examiners have provided the candidate with a copy of the 'List of Minor Amendments' and asked the candidate to send the thesis to(name of examiner) for checking that the amendments have been completed satisfactorily.
- 2) The Royal Holloway Student Administration is asked to send the 'List of Minor Amendments' to the candidate. The corrected thesis should be sent to (name of examiner).
- 3) The candidate has already made the minor amendments required to our satisfaction. (This option is only available if the minor amendments have been completed satisfactorily within 2 weeks of the oral examination).

Examiners' signatures: _____ Date: _____
 _____ Date: _____

Number of pages (including this page): _____

Please attach the Final Joint Report form and the List of Minor Amendments (if applicable) to this form and return it with the thesis (unless it has been given to the candidate for minor amendments) within two weeks of the oral examination to:

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