

**PhD/ MPhil Viva Outcome Report**

**Candidate's name:**  Click here to enter text.

**Name of Examiners:** Click here to enter text. andClick here to enter text.

**Name of Independent Chair**: Click here to enter text.

**Date of the oral examination**: Click here to enter text.

**Was the supervisor present?** **Yes**  **No**

**Was a recording made of the oral examination?**  **Yes**  **No**

Sections 1, 2, 3 and 6 must be completed in all cases. If the candidate has passed subject to 3 or 9 month corrections, sections 4 and 5 must also be completed

**1 The Examiners report that they are satisfied that the thesis:**

*If decision is outright pass, please tick all the boxes, otherwise please tick only the boxes that   
 apply.*

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

**2 The Examiners report that they have reached the following decision:** These corrections periods apply to both full and part time students.

*(Please tick the* ***one*** *most relevant box)*

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|  | 1) The candidate has satisfied the criteria for the degree of PhD | |
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|  | 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) | |
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|  | 3) To satisfy the examiners in the examination of the degree of the PhD, the candidate is | |
|  | required to make amendments to address errors of substance or omission to the examiners’ satisfaction within **9 months** (see overleaf) | |
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|  | 4) 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 | |
|  | 5) The candidate is permitted to **re-enter for the oral examination** on the same thesis | |
|  | no later than Click here to enter text. (must be within 18 months) | |
|  | | 6) The candidate has satisfied the criteria for the **award of the degree of MPhil** and should be | |
|  | | awarded this degree | |
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|  | | 7) 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** | |
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|  | | 8) To satisfy the requirements for the degree of **MPhil**, the candidate is required to make | |
|  | | specified amendments to address errors of substance or omission to the examiners’ | |
|  | | satisfaction within **9 months** | |
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|  | | 9) The candidate is permitted to enter the examination for the **MPhil** and to re- present the | |
|  | | thesis in a revised form within **12 months** | |
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|  | | 10) 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 Post Viva Examiners Joint Report**

*Please explain below, the grounds on which the Examiners have reached their decision and should have regard to the requirements of a thesis for the PhD degree as outlined in the* [Research Degree Regulations](https://intranet.royalholloway.ac.uk/students/study/our-college-regulations/attendance-and-academic-regulations.aspx?)

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**4 Minor Amendments / Amendments to Address Errors of Substance or Omission**

*Please indicate below how the candidate will/has received corrections*

If it has been indicated that the candidate is required to make specified minor amendments within 3 months **or** amendments to address errors of substance or omission within 9 months, please detail the list of amendments in section 5. There are 3 different options regarding amendments. Please tick the option chosen and provide all requested information:

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|  | 1) The examiners have provided the candidate with the 'List of Amendments' on  Click here to enter text. (**Date)** and asked the candidate to send the thesis to Click here to enter text. (**Name of Examiner)** for checking that the amendments have been completed satisfactorily. |
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|  | 2) The Royal Holloway Doctoral School is asked to send the ‘List of Amendments’ |
|  | to the candidate. The corrected thesis should be sent to:  Click here to enter text. **(Name of Examiner)**. |
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|  | 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). |

**5 List of Amendments (from options 2 & 3 above)**

*If you have determined that the candidate is required to make specified amendments to your satisfaction within 3 months (for minor amendments) or within 9 months (for amendments to address errors of substance or omission), please set out clearly below the amendments required.*

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**6 Guidance for the Candidate where the outcome is – Re-present the thesis in a revised format**

**within 18 months**

*If the examiners are able to offer guidance or suggestions about areas to be addressed, to the candidate who will be resubmitting their thesis, please do so below.*

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**7 Signatures of both Examiners**

*If either examiner is unable to sign the form, a typed signature will be sufficient as long as the form is attached to a supporting email and includes their full email addre*ss

**Examiners' signatures:**

Please add digital or typed signature. A typed signature will suffice if the form is sent from the signatory’s email address

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***Please send this form within two weeks of the oral examination to*** [***doctoralschool@royalholloway.ac.uk***](mailto:doctoralschool@royalholloway.ac.uk)