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| **External Examiner’s Report and Recommendation**  **Master’s by Research degrees (MA/MSc)**  Enquiries: [pgr.school@yorksj.ac.uk](mailto:pgr.school@yorksj.ac.uk) |  |

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| **Candidate’s full name:** |  | **Student number:** |  |
| **School:** |  | **Mode of study:** |  |
| **Submission for the degree of** *(delete as applicable)***:** | Master of Arts by Research  Master of Science by Research | **Length of thesis (pages):** |  |
| **Start date:** |  | **Submission date:** |  |
| **Thesis Title:** |  | | |

**Please complete the recommendation section below and the report overleaf once the assessment of the written thesis has been completed.**

This report will be released to the candidate and supervisor after it has been approved by the Research Degrees Examination Panel.

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| **RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXTERNAL EXAMINER** *(tick one box only)* | | |
| (a) | that the degree be awarded. |  |
| (b) | that the degree be awarded subject to amendments. |  |
| (c) | that no degree is awarded but resubmission for the same degree is permitted. |  |
|  | **Fail** |  |
| (d) | that no research degree be awarded |  |
|  | *(Please note: A recommendation that a thesis be failed cannot be made on a first submission  other than where specified under the Research Misconduct Policy).* |  |

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| **External Examiner name:** |  |
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| **Date:** |  |

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| **Date of oral examination** *(where applicable)***:** |  |

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| **To be completed by the PGR School** | |
| Date report approved by RDEP: |  |
| Amendment deadline *(where applicable)*: |  |

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| **Please complete sections (1) to (5) in all cases**  **Section (6) to be completed only where an oral examination has been requested by the examiner** |
| 1. Briefly describe the nature and purpose of the investigation: |
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| 1. Comment on the quality of the research reported in the thesis (specific examples should be given): |
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| 1. Comment on the extent to which the thesis interprets and communicates knowledge in the discipline (specific examples should be given): |
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| 1. Comment on the extent to which the thesis contains material at a level suitable for publication (specific examples should be given): |
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| 1. Comment on the written style and overall presentation of the thesis: |
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| 1. Comment on the performance of the candidate in the oral examination (where applicable): |
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| 1. Any other comments (optional): |
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The following sections of the report should be completed depending on the recommendation given above.

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| **Award subject to amendments** |
| Please provide a complete list of the amendments which must be made to the thesis in the box below. The candidate will be given six months from the date of issue of this report to complete the amendments and submit an amended version to the PGR School. The external examiner will be asked to confirm that the amendments have been satisfactorily done. |
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| **Degree not awarded (resubmission permitted)** | |
| Where the recommendation is that the degree is not awarded but resubmission is permitted, the external examiner is asked to provide a clear summary of the reasons for that recommendation in the box below. | |
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| A separate document containing full details of the Recommendations for Resubmission should be attached to this report. The Recommendations for Resubmission must clearly specify the sections or aspects of the thesis which need to be improved and provide clear and sufficient information to enable the candidate to revise the thesis for resubmission. These recommendations must clearly indicate the necessary and sufficient conditions which, if complied with by the candidate and providing the thesis as a whole is satisfactory, will lead to a recommendation that the degree be awarded. It is essential that the recommendations are sufficiently detailed to give the candidate suitable guidance to achieve the required standard. However, the detail in the recommendations should not stifle the initiative of the candidate. The recommendations are to assist the candidate in the process of revision and resubmission of their thesis but may not necessarily include specific editorial comment.  The candidate is required to re-submit for examination within a period of 9 months from the date this report and approved Recommendations for Resubmission are issued to them. This is the maximum time limit for resubmission and the candidate may re-submit at any point during this period, once the amendments have been made and the thesis ready for resubmission. | |
| Please tick to confirm that the full Recommendations for Resubmission have been attached to this report |  |

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| **No research degree awarded (fail)** |
| A recommendation that a thesis be failed cannot be made on a first submission other than where specified under the *Research Misconduct Policy*. Please give a thorough and detailed account of the reasons for failure below. |
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| **Learning Outcomes** |
| If there is any additional information or general comment in relation to the *Learning Outcomes* these can be provided in the box below. |
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External examiners may submit separate comments or provide any general comment or feedback regarding the examination process which they wish to bring to the attention of the Research Degrees Examination Panel by contacting the PGR School at York St John University, Lord Mayor’s Walk, York, YO31 7EX, [pgr.school@yorksj.ac.uk](mailto:pgr.school@yorksj.ac.uk). Please make it clear that you are writing in connection with your role as external examiner for this particular candidate.