**Oral Examination of a Candidate for the Award of an MPhil:**

***Examiner’s Initial Report***

* Please type this report, and ensure that you complete it fully.
* Please complete all of Sections 1-5 inclusive. Please also add your signature and the date in the boxes at the end of the form.
* You are welcome to extend or reduce the length of each section as appropriate.

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| **Your Name** |  |
| **Your Role [*Internal Examiner or External Examiner*]** |  |
| **Name of the Candidate** |  |

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| **Section 1:**  ***What, in your judgement, are the main strengths of the research and/or the thesis?*** |
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| **Section 2:**  ***What, in your judgement, are the main weaknesses of the research and/or the thesis?*** |
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| **Section 3:**  **What are the key issues that you would like to discuss with the candidate during the oral examination?** |
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| **Section 4:**  ***In general, does the candidate appear to have fulfilled the university’s expectations for the award of a masters degree?*** | |
| The creation and interpretation of new knowledge, through original research or other advanced scholarship, of a quality to satisfy peer review, extend the forefront of the discipline, and merit publication. | Yes  No |
| A systematic acquisition and understanding of a substantial body of knowledge which is at the forefront of an academic discipline or area of professional practice. | Yes  No |
| The general ability to conceptualise, design and implement a project for the generation of new knowledge, applications or understanding at the forefront of the discipline, and to adjust the project design in the light of unforeseen problems. | Yes  No |
| A detailed understanding of applicable techniques for research and advanced academic enquiry. | Yes  No |

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| **Section 5:**  ***On the basis of reading the thesis, what is your provisional recommendation? (please tick one box)*** | |
| The candidate should be awarded an MPhil. |  |
| The candidate should be awarded an MPhil subject to making minor revisions to the thesis within 3 months. |  |
| The candidate should be awarded an MPhil subject to making major amendments to the thesis within 6 months. |  |
| The candidate has not yet satisfied the requirements for the award of an MPhil, but should be given the opportunity to revise and resubmit the thesis within 12 months, with or without re-examination for an MPhil. |  |
| The candidate has not satisfied the requirements for the award of an MPhil, should not be given a further opportunity to gain a research degree, and so should fail, with no award. |  |

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| **Your Signature** | **Date:** |
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