Examination Panel Chair

Aide Memoire

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| Student Name: |       |
| Date of Examination: |      /     /      |
| Who was present?Chair:Examiners:Observer: |  |
| **Preliminary Meeting** |
| **Additional Comments** |
| Were preliminary reports received from both examiners in advance of the viva?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Were the reports shared with the examiners before the viva? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Did the examiners agree a rough ‘running order’ for the viva? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Were the examiners broadly in agreement? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Did the examiners raise any serious issues or concerns? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Was the observer present (if yes, what was the contribution?) | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| **Examination** |
| Start time: |  |   |
| Was it necessary to make any reasonable adjustments to the examination process (*e.g. for a student with special needs*)? If so please specify. | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |   |
| Were the student and examiners introduced? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Was it made clear to all present that they could request a break as needed? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Note any breaks (time and reason):  |  |  |
| Was there a presentation (optional – at the discretion of the examiners)? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Were the examiners’ questions clear and appropriate? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |   |
| Was the student given enough opportunity to answer questions? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |   |
| Was the student given an opportunity to provide any other relevant information? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Was the student given an opportunity to ask any questions? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Was the observer ever invited to comment?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Were there any concerns or issues about the examination that you would like to bring to the attention of RDRAC? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |   |
| Time at which questions ended: |  |  |
| **Post-Viva Panel Meeting** |
| Were the deliberations undertaken in a fair and appropriate manner? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Was the observer invited by the examiners to attend the deliberations? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Did the supervisors call attention to any mitigating circumstances that should be brought to the attention of RDRAC? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| Time at which the student was called back into the room: |  |  |
| Was it made clear to all present that the examiners’ recommendation is just that, a recommendation, and that it is subject to review by RDRAC?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |  |
| How was the examination report handled (e.g., prepared on the day, circulated via email after the examination…) |  |
| Are there any additional comments that you would like to raise for the attention of RDRAC?  |  |