THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
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GUIDELINES FOR THE REPORT OF EXAMINERS
M.PHIL AND PH.D. THESES

1.   **OVERALL ASSESSMENT**

(a) One of the following categories is usually applicable:

(i)   Thesis is unsatisfactory   -   Fail
(ii)   Thesis is unsatisfactory   -   To be revised and resubmitted for re-examination
(iii)   Thesis is satisfactory   -   Minor corrections are required
(iv)   Thesis is satisfactory   -   No corrections are required
(v)   Thesis requires extensive revision but not re-submission for re-examination

(b) In making a recommendation please note the following:

(i)   For all Ph.D. candidates, oral examinations are compulsory;

(ii)   For M.Phil candidates, Examiners <u>may wish</u> to examiners a candidate's knowledge further, through an oral examination;

(iii)   For M.Phil candidates, the Examiner may recommend that

(a) The candidate may be required to resubmit the thesis with revision for the M.Phil degree, or

(b) that the M.Phil be awarded without further revision of the work

(iv)   For M.Phil and Ph.D. theses, Examiners may recommend the award of such degrees with "High Commendation";

(v)   For M.Phil theses of exceptional standard and potential for further work, Examiners may recommend the transfer of the candidates' registration to the Ph.D. degree.

2.   **OBJECTIVES**

(I)   Are the objectives clearly stated? Is the scope of the research appropriate for the M.Phil and PH.D. degree?

3.   **METHODOLOGY**

(I)   Is the research design satisfactory? Are the research methods sound?

4.   **ORIGINALITY AND ACHIEVEMENT**

(I)   Have the objectives been achieved? Does the thesis make an original contribution to the discipline?

5.   **INTERPRETATION**

(I)   Are the data properly shown/illustrated, analyzed and interpreted?

6.   **PRESENTATION**

(I)   Is the thesis written in a clear, effective and approved manner?

7.   **COMMENTS**

(i)   Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses and indicate any changes which are required or suggested.