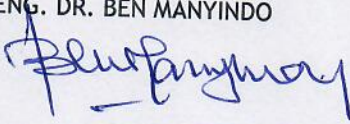


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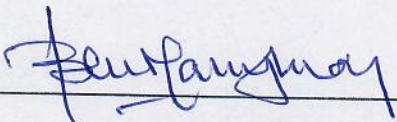


### GUIDELINES FOR EXAMINERS OF HIGHER DEGREE THESIS/DISSERTATION/RESEARCH PAPER

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## **1.0 Preamble**

Mountains of the Moon University has developed these guidelines to enable effective administration of higher degrees examination. Subsequently, the Committee of Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) at its 7th meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023, received and adopted the following guidelines for examiners of higher degrees theses/dissertations. The guidelines require examiners to give comprehensive and critical review of the thesis/dissertation. In the course of doing this, the examiner shall draw the attention of the CGSR to such circumstances and factors as he/she feels the committee should be made aware of.

## **2.0 Guidelines for examination of higher degrees**

### **Introduction**

Under this section, the university has outlined specific guidelines to be used in assessing higher degrees examinations (thesis and dissertations). The examiner's report should be compiled using the following general format where applicable. In using these guidelines, constructs under each section of the thesis/dissertation are judged as a whole; and all examiners are required to operate and carryout tasks independently.

### **2.1 Background**

This section must assess the theoretical and conceptual background, objectives, rationale and clarity and precision of presentation also needs to be assessed. **(Maximum score 5).**

### **2.2 Problem Statement**

Does the candidate clearly state the nature of the problem and its magnitude or extent? How concise is it? Is there reference to the issues detected in the background that either needs practical or theoretical sense? **(Maximum score 5).**

### **2.3 Research Methods**

Indicate whether the candidate has used an appropriate approach to investigate the subject and has not neglected other methods which could have yielded better results. Assess for adequacy and relevance of data collected and the appropriateness of tools and instruments including data analytical procedures/techniques. Assess the appropriateness of hypothesis, research questions and relevant assumptions. **(Maximum score 20).**

### **2.4 Results**

Evaluate for the adequacy of data analysis, effectiveness of results presentation, accuracy, transparency, contributions from the study. **(Maximum score 15).**

### **2.5 Discussions**

Does the candidate discuss his/her own findings and relates them to other researched work? Does the writer show honesty and transparency in discussing limitations? **(Maximum score 10).**

- 2.6 Conclusions**  
Does the conclusion emerge from candidate's own work? Does the study stimulate further inquiry or scholarship? (**Maximum score 5**).
- 2.7 Recommendations**  
Does the recommendation emerge from candidate's own work? Does the study stimulate further inquiry or scholarship? (**Maximum score 5**).
- 2.8 Originality of Contribution**  
Please, state clearly whether the thesis makes an original contribution to the existing body of knowledge. The relevancy of the research to society. For a PhD/doctoral degree the contribution must be significant, worthy of for example 3-5 papers if the subject is scientific. To qualify for a doctorate, there should be strong evidence that the subject is thoroughly understood, with some original thinking. (**Maximum score 15**).
- 2.9 Literature Citation**  
Has the candidate made use of available and relevant literature? Does this adequately describe the background, and is she/he abreast of the current literature? Has candidate exercised due diligence in scholarly bibliographic write-up? (**Maximum score 10**).
- 2.10 Overall Presentation Final Write-up**  
Indicate whether the candidate has presented the data in a logical flow and concise manner for example with cross-references to other sections, and with specific objectives following through appropriate methods leading to the results and discussion of each objective, thus ensuring that conclusions can be logically drawn from the information gathered. Is the abstract informative or not? Does the presentation provide the flavor of scholarly and professional output? Adherence to MMU institutional format (provided in the appendix). (**Maximum score 10**).
- 2.11 Corrections or Revision**  
Indicate exactly what corrections are necessary or whether the thesis needs to be revised. Occasionally theses require extensive corrections or revision. If this is the case, please set out the corrections and paragraphs affected. Whether minor corrections are required, please indicate them (**in ink on the thesis or in your report**).
- 2.12 Final Evaluation**  
Please state frankly and without ambiguity whether the thesis:
- i. Is worthy of the degree award in the present form;
  - ii. Is worthy of the degree award after effecting minor corrections indicated in Section 1.11 to the satisfaction of the internal examiner;

- iii. Must be revised according to your suggestions in Section 1.11 and submitted for re-examination.
- iv. Is not worthy of the award.

**2.13 Thesis Grading follows the universal grading system of the University:**

Thesis/Dissertation grading follows the grading system of Mountains of the Moon University

A Excellent (80%-100%)

B+ Very good (75%-79%)

B Good (70%-74%)

C+ Fair (65%-69%)

C Pass (Satisfactory but needs minor revision) (60% -64%)

D Marginal fail but can be revised and resubmitted for re-examination (55%-59%)

F Fail (0% -54%)

A Master's candidate in category D will be permitted to resubmit ONLY once.

A PhD Thesis recommended for rewriting and re-examination by any of the examiners will be given a second chance. A resubmission that FAILS a second time will be REJECTED.

**NOTE: The pass mark is 60%**

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