

EXTERNAL EXAMINER REPORT FORM 2020

External examiner name:	Jelena Grbic	
External examiner home institution:	University of Southampton	
Course(s) examined:	Honour School of Mathematics (Part A)	
Level: (please delete as appropriate)	Undergraduate	

Please complete both Parts A and B.

Part A					
		<i>Please (✓) as applicable*</i>	Yes	No	N/A / Other
A1.	Are the academic standards and the achievements of students comparable with those in other UK higher education institutions of which you have experience?		✓		
A2.	Do the threshold standards for the programme appropriately reflect the frameworks for higher education qualifications and any applicable subject benchmark statement? <i>[Please refer to paragraph 6 of the Guidelines for External Examiner Reports].</i>		✓		
A3.	Does the assessment process measure student achievement rigorously and fairly against the intended outcomes of the programme(s)?		✓		
A4.	Is the assessment process conducted in line with the University's policies and regulations?		✓		
A5.	Did you receive sufficient information and evidence in a timely manner to be able to carry out the role of External Examiner effectively?		✓		
A6.	Did you receive a written response to your previous report?		✓		
A7.	Are you satisfied that comments in your previous report have been properly considered, and where applicable, acted upon?		✓		
* If you answer "No" to any question, you should provide further comments when you complete Part B. Further comments may also be given in Part B, if desired, if you answer "Yes" or "N/A / Other".					

Part B

B1. Academic standards

- a. *How do academic standards achieved by the students compare with those achieved by students at other higher education institutions of which you have experience?*

This year the University designed and delivered high quality courses. The academic standards achieved are exceptionally high.

- b. *Please comment on student performance and achievement across the relevant programmes or parts of programmes and with reference to academic standards and student performance of other higher education institutions of which you have experience (those examining in joint schools are particularly asked to comment on their subject in relation to the whole award).*

Despite all disruption caused by COVID 19, student performance and achievement in Part A were high and of a consistent level in comparison to previous year.

B2. Rigour and conduct of the assessment process

Please comment on the rigour and conduct of the assessment process, including whether it ensures equity of treatment for students, and whether it has been conducted fairly and within the University's regulations and guidance.

This year the assessment was conducted online and a huge amount of work went into securing that the process was conducted fully within the University's regulations and guidance. The rigour of setting the exam questions and marking ensured equity of treatment for students and it is impressive to which level of detail this was handled.

The communication between the University and external examiners was timely and appropriate with all necessary material fully provided. The final examiner board was conducted smoothly and efficiently although being online. Appropriate reference was made to regulations as required.

B3. Issues

Are there any issues which you feel should be brought to the attention of supervising committees in the faculty/department, division or wider University?

I am completely satisfied and impressed with the whole process this year and I have no issues to bring up.

B4. Good practice and enhancement opportunities

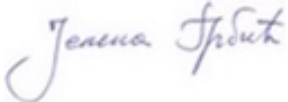
*Please comment/provide recommendations on any **good practice and innovation relating to learning, teaching and assessment**, and any **opportunities to enhance the quality of the learning opportunities** provided to students that should be noted and disseminated more widely as appropriate.*

I'd like to commend the effort put in setting open book exams and the dedication and professionalism of postdoctoral markers.

B5. Any other comments

Please provide any other comments you may have about any aspect of the examination process. Please also use this space to address any issues specifically required by any applicable professional body. If your term of office is now concluded, please provide an overview here.

I would like to thank the University for setting a secure depository from which external examiners are now able to download the exams and to upload their comments.

Signed:	
Date:	16 December 2020

Please ensure you have completed parts A & B, and email your completed form to: external-examiners@admin.ox.ac.uk and copy it to the applicable divisional contact set out in the guidelines.