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ROLE AND GOAL OF AN EXTERNAL EXAMINER

The role of the external examiner is to provide impartial and independent advice, as well as informative comment on the thesis submitted by the Ph.D. Student in partial fulfilment of the requirement of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at O.P. Jindal Global University.

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1. The research work presented in the thesis reflects.
 - a) Discovery of new facts or examinations of new theory or
 - b) Fresh interpretation of known facts.
2. What is the Overall Conceptualization, Thematic approach and Current relevance of the topic of Thesis?
3. Whether the Objectives of Research are clear?
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5. Whether the literature review is adequate to identify the critical gaps in the existing knowledge pool?
6. Whether the research questions and approach are worthwhile, appropriate and address significant gap in the literature?



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7. Whether the literature can provide: a rationale for the research, supporting evidence for the arguments and conclusions, and criteria against which to judge the contribution of the thesis?
8. Whether the theoretical premises of the research have clearly been explored? if not, what are the gaps in theoretical premises?
9. Whether the methodology and analysis procedure accurate and enough to answer the research questions raised in the thesis?
10. Whether the results and conclusions make an important contribution and brings new insights and conclusion to the existing literature?

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