

# Screenplay of the complex exam

**The aim of the complex exam** is if the candidate has successfully completed the first (study/research) phase of his/her doctoral studies and can enter into the second (thesis/research) phase. The complex exam is public.

**The complex examination consists of two parts:**

- **a doctoral comprehensive examination** with two subjects (the main and the elective subject)
- **a research advancement examination** that reports the completed research work and gives a plan for completing the doctoral dissertation.

**The examination board** consists of the two examiners of the comprehensive examination subjects, two experts from the research area of the candidate, a chairperson and the supervisor (without the right of voting in the evaluation process). The chairperson is a professor of the University, while all the board members should have a PhD. One third of the members should not be employed by the University.

## The procedure of the complex examination

The two parts of the complex examination are taking place one after the other without any break in the same room.

### The doctoral comprehensive examination

- The Examination Board decides the questions from the subjects (two questions from the main subject, and one question from the elective one) in a closed session. Normally, the Examiner chooses the question(s) from the list of examination questions.
- The recording secretary calls in the candidate and the audience.
- The chair, the candidates and the audience are standing.

**Chair:** 'I am opening the doctoral comprehensive examination part of the complex exam. I announce that the Candidate *Name\_of\_the\_candidate* wishes to obtain a scientific degree. On his/her request the University of Pannonia has started the doctoral procedure and the comprehensive examination is to take place today.

I announce the Examination Board

Head of the Board:

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Members:

...

The secretary of the Board reads the questions and gives them to the Candidate in written form.

Questions from the Main Subject are:

1.

2.

Question from the Elective Subject is:

1.

The Candidate has got 15 minutes to prepare the answers to these questions.'

- The Chair, the Candidate and the audience sit down.
- After preparation, the Candidate answers the questions.
- The Chair asks the Board if they have any more questions.
- More questions and answers

### **The research advancement examination**

Chair: 'I am opening the research advancement examination part of the complex exam. I ask the Candidate *Name\_of\_the\_candidate* first to give a 20 minute presentation about the status of his/her studies (credits), about the already completed research work and its results, and about his/her future plans to complete his/her studies and his/her thesis.

- After the presentation, the examination board member experts from the research area of the candidate ask questions, the Candidate answers the questions.
- The Chair asks the Board if they have any more questions.
- More questions and answers

### **Evaluation of the complex exam**

- After the answers of the Candidate, the Chair closes the complex examination and asks the Candidate and the audience to leave the room.
- The Board makes a decision on the result of the complex examination in a closed session. The comprehensive examination and the research advancement examination parts of the exam are evaluated separately.
- Each member of the Board (except for the supervisor) gives 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 points for both parts of the complex exam in a vote. A part of the exam is 'successful' if the Candidate obtained more than 67% of the achievable points.
- The chair calls the Candidate and the audience back to the room and announces the result of both parts of the complex examination: *Name\_of\_the\_candidate*, ' percent of the maximum points, therefore the doctoral comprehensive/ research advancement examination part of the complex exam is successful or unsuccessful.'