

Passing a PhD

Query from a first year phd student

I wonder if you could clear up something for me - which may be useful for your seminars. I was told by a junior member of faculty (who holds a Ph.D.) that the pass mark for the dissertation is 40%.

I told a colleague and she was later overheard by a more senior academic who had a bit of an adverse reaction to hearing that - she perhaps having let the 'cat out of the bag' - and he subsequently denied it.

I have tried to find the clarification on the internet but to no joy, are you able to confirm what the pass mark is?

Team task

How would you respond to this query?