Guideline for Cumulative Dissertations

A cumulative dissertation, which shall essentially consist of inputs to scientific journals, has to fulfil the following requirements:

I. The supervisor approves the preparation of a cumulative dissertation with a letter to Faculty 4

II. The dissertation must contain at least three submitted manuscripts. Review articles are not allowed. At least two of them must have been accepted for publishing via peer-review process in leading journals. The PhD student has to be first or main author of these two manuscripts.

III. A cumulative dissertation has to contain the following:
1. Introduction (presenting all manuscripts and describing in detail the overall theoretical frame references of the PhD thesis)
2. In case of co-authorship the independent work by the PhD student has to be stated
3. Original publications
4. All results need to be discussed and embedded within the scientific context
5. Summary/abstract