

Assessment Criteria Form



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Marking Criteria/Grading Scheme for Post-Graduate Dissertations
Consolidated /Individual Dissertation Report Sheet (Cross out which is not applicable)

Candidate's Name	
Candidate's ID	
Dissertation Title	
Turnitin similarity score:	%
Report Summary	

The following are the general guidelines for the allocation of marks		
	Maximum Mark	Mark Allocated
Introduction	5%	%
Literature Review	15%	%
Methodology	15%	%
Presentation of data / Results	15%	%
Discussion on the findings	15%	%
Conclusions & Implications / Recommendations	10%	%
Overall Presentation	5%	%
Viva voce	20%	%
TOTAL	100%	%

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Grade	Description	% Mark
A	Exceptional Quality	100% - 80 %
B	Very Good Quality	79% - 70 %
C	Good Quality	69% - 55 %
D	Fair but below Average Quality	54% - 50%
P	Pass	
	(When Assessment is based on pass/fail basis)	
F	Unsatisfactory	49% - 0 %
I	Incomplete	

Introduction

- States reasons for selecting the topic in a clear and concise manner, including its importance and significance
- Identifies the purpose of the study
- Places the study in context

Comments

Maximum mark

5%

Mark awarded

%

Literature Review

- Provides background to the topic as well as up-to-date research in the field
- Uses primary / published sources but may include unpublished reports from diverse sources
- All information from external sources is appropriately cited
- Presents arguments in a structured and critical manner
- Identifies gaps in literature
- Draws appropriate inferences

Comments

Maximum mark	15%
Mark awarded	%

Methodology	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims / objectives clearly stated and linked to literature review • Research methodology, instruments and data analytic techniques described in sufficient detail to enable replication of study • Justification for choice of method • Discussion of ethical issues 	
Comments	
Maximum mark	15%
Mark awarded	%

Presentation of data / Results*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented in a clear and logical manner • Use of an appropriate framework and theory to analyse the data collected (e.g., content analysis, SPSS, N-Vivo, narrative analysis, grounded theory, etc.) • Demonstration of rigour in the interpretation of the results • Results are clearly presented with the appropriate use of tables and figures as appropriate. 	
*Where there is no separate “Findings Chapter” – marks of this section are to be integrated with the discussion chapter.	
Comments	
Maximum mark	15%
Mark awarded	%

Discussion on the findings

- Shows how much the objectives were met through the findings
- Uses coherent and logical arguments to critically discuss the relevance and significance of the results of the study
- Outcome of study compared to results of similar studies when these are available
- Clearly elicits implications of the results of the study
- Discusses strengths and limitations of the study.

Comments

Maximum mark

15%

Mark awarded

%

Conclusion & Implications / Recommendations

- Presents a clear, succinct and comprehensive summary of the study
- Draws appropriate conclusion/s based on the results of the study
- Makes appropriate practical implications – informs to improve practice with aspects emerging from findings.

Comments

Maximum mark

10%

Mark awarded

%

Overall Presentation*

- Well-structured and uses appropriate academic style throughout
- Harvard Style referencing in-text
- Harvard Style referencing in the references list.

* Use of appendices should be kept to a minimum. Appendices need not be read by the examiners and should be utilised judiciously by the student.

Comments	
Maximum mark	5%
Mark awarded	%

Viva voce

The viva is meant to enable the examiners to:

- question the candidate on the substance of the work submitted
- assess the ability of the candidate to present and defend intellectual arguments
- to assess the candidate's knowledge and understanding of the discipline and of the relevant literature
- verify that the work submitted is the candidate's own and assess the extent of any collaboration.

NOTE: If during the viva it emerges that the dissertation is not the work of the student then this is referred for further consideration and the final mark is withheld.

Maximum mark	%
Mark awarded	%

Final Overall Comments
