**ANNEXURE H: ASSESSMENT SHEET – COURSEWORK MASTER’S MINI-DISSERTATION**



**University of Zululand**

**ASSESSMENT SHEET: COURSE WORK MASTER’S MINI-DISSERTATION**

*The following information must be completed by the Course Coordinator:*

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| **Name of Candidate:** | **Date of first registration:** |
| **Degree and nature of qualification:** | **Student number:** |
| **Title:** | **Nationality:** |
| **Supervisor:** | **Submission date to exam’s office:** |
| **Co-supervisor:** | **Submission date to examiner:** |
| **Name: Examiner and Institution:** | **Contact e-mail of examiner**: |

**Examiners are requested to use the following key when assessing the various aspects of the study:**

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| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |
| Poor  (less than 40%) | Below average (40% to 49%) | Average  (50% to 64%) | Good  (65% to 74%) | Excellent  (above 75%) |

**Section A: Title and research focus / topic**

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| 1. Does the title cover the topic meaningfully? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Does the title align with the central research problem / research questions / hypothesis? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Does the title assist meaningfully in the demarcation of the research topic? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |

**Comments on Section A:**

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**Section B: Conceptual and theoretical focus and quality of the literature study:**

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| 1. Does the mini-dissertation demonstrate an adequate knowledge base in a discipline or field which demonstrates sufficient knowledge in the research conducted? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Does the candidate provide evidence of an understanding of the principles and theories used in the study? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Does the candidate demonstrate an ability to analyse and critique current research and advance scholarship? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Does the candidate show an ability to make sound theoretical judgments based on evidence which lead to advanced thinking? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |

**Comments on Section B:**

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**Section C: Methodological challenges and research process**

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| 1. Is the methodological orientation of the mini-dissertation aligned to the theoretical conceptual orientation of the study? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Does the candidate illustrate an understanding of research methods, techniques and technologies to address the research problem in this mini-dissertation? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Does the mini-dissertation indicate that the candidate has mastered the application of the methodological challenges sufficiently? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Where appropriate, does the candidate demonstrate the ability to select, apply and manage appropriate statistical software, instruments and experimental techniques in the analyses of quantitative data or research samples? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Does the mini-dissertation reveal efficient and effective information retrieval and processing skills? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |

**Comments on Section C:**

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**Section D: Conclusion, synthesis and the presentation of findings**

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| 1. Does the mini-dissertation reveal the identification, analysis, synthesis and evaluation of quantitative and / or qualitative data? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Does the mini-dissertation demonstrate that the candidate has shown an ability to engage with current research in the discipline or field of research? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Does the mini-dissertation demonstrate an ability to present and communicate academic / professional work appropriate to the context and level of the study and come to a conclusion? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |

**Comments on Section D:**

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**Section E: Technical and ethical requirements**

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| 1. Does the mini-dissertation comply with the technical, language and scholarly writing requirements / standards, e.g. referencing techniques as would normally be associated with this level of research and professionalism? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Does the mini-dissertation demonstrate ethical sensitivity as well as evidence of how the research has been conducted in this context? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1. Do the chapters form a meaningful and integrated unit? | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |

**Comments on Section E:**

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**Section F: Concluding remarks:**

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**Section G: Recommendations**

*Please select one of the following options:*

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| 1 | That the mini-dissertation be accepted unconditionally with a percentage mark of | **%** |
| 2 | That the mini-dissertation be provisionally accepted on condition that the candidate makes corrections of a limited extent to the satisfaction of the supervisor, with a percentage mark of | **%** |
| 3 | That the mini-dissertation be not accepted in its current form and that it must be referred back to the candidate for revision and / or expansion, as per my attached report, after which it should be resubmitted for examination |  |

**Section G: Consent and declaration**

Do you agree to your name being divulged to a successful candidate?

**Yes No**

Do you agree to a successful candidate being shown your examiner’s report?

**Yes No**

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| **I confirm the content of the above assessment and that, in conducting the assessment, I was not at any stage placed in a conflict of interest situation.** | |
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| **Signature** | **Date** |