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| **SECTION A: EXAMINER’S EVALUATION** |
|  *For each section, please insert your comments in the space provided, and suggest improvements where necessary. Please also rate the relevant section on a scale of 1 to 5 as: 1 = Poor, 2 = Fair, 3 = Good, 4 = Very Good, 5 = Excellent.* |
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| 1. **DISSERTATION TITLE**
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|  | *Check whether the title is concise and accurately reflects the actual research issues addressed in the study. Suggest a suitable title if it requires improvement.* |
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| 1. **ABSTRACT**

*The abstract should include: (i) problem statement and objectives, (ii) research method and design, (iii) summary of major findings and (iv) brief conclusion(s). It should contain a concise description of the study with maximum 350 words in one paragraph and one page.* |
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| 1. **INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES**

*Determine whether the background of the study is well discussed, the research problems well defined, and the hypotheses address the defined research problem. Check that the objectives are clearly stated and supported by the research methodology used and findings.* |
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| 1. **LITERATURE REVIEW**

*Determine whether the review of literature is relevant to the research issues, comprehensive and takes into consideration past and current literature, well-reviewed, summarized, organized and consistent with the sequence of the research issues addressed in the study, and has identified the gap of knowledge.* |
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| 1. **METHODOLOGY/MATERIALS AND METHODS**

*Determine whether thecollection, strengths and weaknesses of the data used in the study are clearly specified, the research design (e.g., sample size, choice of methods, etc.) is suitable and appropriate to address the specified objectives of the study, the use or choice of methods is well defined and justified, methods used in the study are clearly described to allow replication by other researchers, the statistical analysis or package used is appropriate, and methods used are properly and adequately referenced.* |
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| 1. **RESULTS**

*Determine whether the results obtained agree with the stated objectives of study, and the results have been presented with relevant tables and illustrations of appropriate forms and styles.* |
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| 1. **DISCUSSION**

*Determine whether the research questions have been discussed in relation to the outcomes, interpretation of the findings is logical or acceptable within the context of the issues of interest, and the candidate has related the findings to previously published work, where relevant.* |
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| 1. **SUMMARY**

*Determine whether the contents of the dissertation have been summarized properly.* |
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| 1. **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION**

*Determine whether they are written in specific addressing the objectives of the research work.* |
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| 1. **PRESENTATION**

*Determine whether the sequence of sections in each chapter are able to facilitate understanding of the research issues, the tables and illustrations are properly labelled, numbered, cited and placed in the appropriate sequence and section of the dissertation, the same information is presented in more than one form (e.g., both table and figure), and all illustrations are clearly produced.* |
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| 1. **REFERENCES**

*Determine extensiveness of the reference list, whether any reference cited in the text is missing or wrongly cited, and whether the format used is consistent throughout the list.* |
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| 1. **APPENDICES**

*Determine whether the appendices (if there is any) are relevant and necessary, and in appropriate format.* |
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| **SECTION B: OTHER COMMENTS** |
| 1. **ACCOMPLISMENT AND/OR MERITS**

*Indicate whether the candidate has clearly identified and discussed the contributions of the findings to the knowledge in the area, and the applicability of the findings in addressing the research problems in the study, the stated objectives are achieved, and include any other accomplishments that are worthy of mention.* |
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|  | **SECTION C: RECOMMENDATION (To be consistent with examiner’s comments and grades provided above)** |  |
| **☐** | **Accepted with Distinction**A dissertation is accepted with distinction when all or most of the research findings have either been published or accepted for publication (minimum 3) in citation-indexed (including Scopus and Thomson Reuter) journals with impact factor (Thomson Reuter provided) and generated new theory/technology/method. |  |
| **☐** | **Accepted with Minor Modifications**A dissertation is accepted with minor modifications if it requires any of the following: reformatting of chapters, minor revision of literature, improvement of research objectives or statements, insertion of missing references, amendment of inaccurately cited references, and other minor improvements, including language. |  |
| **☐** | **Accepted with Major Modifications**A dissertation is accepted with major modifications if it requires any of the following but not additional experimental work or data collection: extensive revision of the entire dissertation to improve quality such as major improvement in description of methodology, statistical re-analysis of research data, removal of section(s) from the dissertation, re-discussion of the results, and substantial improvements in English.  |  |
| **☐** | **Re-submission of Dissertation**A dissertation should be recommended for re-submission if it does not meet the scope of the degree for which it is intended, the objectives of the research are not met and/or when there are obvious flaws in the experimental design and/or methodology and requires additional experimental work or data collection. |  |
| **☐** | **Re-submission as a Master’s Dissertation**A dissertation can be recommended for re-submission to be accepted for the award of a Master’s degree if the dissertation does not meet the scope of a doctoral dissertation but is adequate for a Master’s degree. All amendments recommended by the Dissertation Examination Committee must be made and the dissertation re-submitted for examination as a Master’s dissertation within 60 days of the viva voce. |  |
| **☐** | **Rejection of Dissertation (Fail)**A `Fail’ status is given if the dissertation fails to meet the requirements of a PhD or Master’s academic level or found to have been plagiarised. |  |
| **SECTION D: SIGNATURE** |
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