

# EVALUATION RUBRIC: THESIS (M.S.) DEFENSE EXAM

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation/Guidance	Poor	Marginally Acceptable	Acceptable	Very Good	Excellent
1. <b>Problem Definition:</b> Has stated the research problem clearly, providing motivation for undertaking the research					
2. <b>Literature and Previous Work:</b> Demonstrated sound knowledge of literature in the area, and of prior work on the specific research problem					
3. <b>Impact of Conducted Research:</b> Demonstrated the potential value of solution to the research problem in advancing knowledge within the area of study					
4. <b>Solution Approach:</b> Has applied sound state-of-the-field research methods/tools to solve the defined problem and has described the methods/tools effectively					
5. <b>Results:</b> Analyzed and interpreted research results/data effectively					
6. <b>Quality of Written and Oral Communication:</b> (a) Communicates research results clearly and professionally in both (a) <b>written</b> and (b) <b>oral</b> form (b)					
7. <b>Critical Thinking:</b> Has demonstrated capability for independent research in the area of study and expertise in the area					
8. <b>Broader Impact:</b> Demonstrated awareness of broader implications of the concluded research. Broader implications may include social, economic, technical, ethical, business, etc. aspects.					
9. <b>Publications:</b> Journal or conference publications have resulted (or anticipated) from this research					

**Overall Assessment:** The assessment of the overall performance of the candidate based on the evidence provided in items 1 – 9 above.

CRITERIA	PERFORMANCE RATINGS				
	Does NOT PASS THESIS DEFENSE Exam	Passes THESIS Defense Exam			
OVERALL, My Rating of the Thesis:	Poor	Marginally Acceptable	Acceptable	Very Good	Excellent

I consider this thesis to be outstanding (among top ten percent): yes \_\_\_\_; no \_\_\_\_

Name of the Examining Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Examining Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_