

Category	Weighting
<b>Abstract:</b> The abstract gives a clear & concise view of the dissertation, and explains what has attempted, achieved, and the findings of the project. It stands on its own as a summary of the work, and be no more than 250 words.	5
<b>Introduction &amp; Objectives:</b> The Introduction gives a clear presentation of the motivation, aims and objectives of the project, the approach adopted, and a summary of the project plan. The objectives are SMART and show the project tasks will be planned and implemented in a professional manner.	10
<b>Background &amp; Literature Review:</b> The background demonstrates a systematic understanding of the project area, and the chosen tools, techniques and algorithms adopted. The literature review provides a systematic and in-depth examination of research literature appropriate for the project and an indication of their relevance.	10
<b>Methodology:</b> A suitable methodology has been chosen and employed for the project, and has been described in sufficient detail, with justification given for any methodological decisions made. The methodology demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the topic, challenges and appropriate solutions.	10
<b>Data Understanding, Analysis &amp; Preprocessing:</b> The project demonstrates a sound understanding of the dataset(s) used, its source, and any limitations or biases which it may contain. Rigorous exploratory data analysis has been conducted, and the results are well explained and accurately interpreted. Preprocessing has been well thought through and implemented.	10
<b>Implementation / Modelling:</b> The modelling or implementation is of a strong technical quality, and makes use of appropriate tools, techniques and libraries. The project demonstrates a solid understanding of the steps taken, and any algorithms used.	20
<b>Critical Evaluation &amp; Results Analysis:</b> The modelling or implementation is critically evaluated with a clear and justified strategy adopted for evaluation. For example, using appropriate performance metrics chosen for their suitability to the problem.	10
<b>Conclusions:</b> The conclusion provides an overall reflection on whether aims have been met, and proposes avenues for future work.	5
<b>Legal, Social, Ethical and Professional Issues:</b> Reflection on any legal/social/ethical/professional issues related to the project	5
<b>Presentation, Referencing, Structure &amp; Language:</b> The overall presentation (including citations, form of references, figures, tables, etc.) of the dissertation is appropriate for an MSc Dissertation, and the style of English and grammar is of the standard expected for an MSc.	5
<b>Overall:</b> The project reflects three months of work at graduate level and has been managed well and in a professional manner. The student has displayed their relevant knowledge and skills at masters level.	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>