Thesis Proposal Oral Defence Rubric

Candidate's Name: _____.

Defence Committee members:

Rubric Item	Item Max Grade	Student Grade	Item Comments
1. **Motivation and Rationale**. Explained the motivation surrounding the thesis problem. Discussed why the proposed research is important	10		
2. **Introduction**. Explained at a high level the context of this area of research. Explained how the problem satisfies the motivation and rationale previously discussed.	5		
3. **Background**. Explained the key findings from the literature review. Provides motivation for why thesis research is important and relevant to the previous work done in this field. Demonstrates knowledge of the literature relevant to their research problem and demonstrates an understanding of the potential significance of the resolving the problem.	15		
4. **Thesis Statement / Research Question.** Precisely stated the thesis statement / research question.	10		
5. **Methodology**: Described the plan to design, develop, test and validate the thesis statement. Included a plan for collecting, analyzing, and interpreting the research data. E.g., proposed confusion matrixes, performance analysis (figures+plots), statistical analysis, etc. Shows an understanding of how to use research methods/tools effectively, and how to apply them to solve their research problem	30		
6. **Next Steps**. Presented a summary of the next steps.	5		
7. **Presentation Style**. Shows professional presentation	10		
8. **Presentation skills in demonstrating understanding**. Demonstrates good understanding of the material; Communicates research results clearly and professionally.	15		

Your name (print):_____

Total Score: _____ / 100

General Comments and feedback summary: _____

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