



United States International University

School of Science and Technology

MARKING SCHEME FOR MSc.IST RESEARCH PROJECT

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RESEARCH PROJECT TOPIC:

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Research Project Components	Maximum score	Max Obtained	Sub-Total
1.0 Organization of the Report (5 marks)			
1.1 Orderly presentation of the research materials			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title page, declaration, table of content and content (body) 	(2 marks)		
1.2 Overall quality of the project: -			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Format: spacing, margin, fonts 	(2 marks)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General neatness 	(1 marks)		

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2.0 Abstract (5 Marks)			
2.1 Summary of research problem/purpose	(1mks)		
2.2 Summary of methodology used	(1mks)		
2.3 Summary of major findings and conclusions	(1mks)		
2.4 Summary of major recommendations	(1mks)		
2.5 Quality - no errors e.g. typographical	(1mks)		

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3.0 Introduction (Chapter 1) (8 marks)			
3.1 Background of the problem	(1mks)		
3.2 Statement of the problem	(1 mks)		
3.3 Purpose or General objective	(1mks)		
3.4 Specific objectives/Research questions /Hypothesis	(1 mks)		
3.5 Justification/Significance/Importance of the study	(1mks)		
3.6 Scope of the study	(1mks)		
3.7 Definition of terms	(1mks)		
3.8 Quality of the chapter - no errors e.g. typographical	(1mks)		
4.0 Review of Literature (Chapter 2) (13marks)			
4.1 Relevance of reviewed literature to the study	(3mks)		
4.2 Adequacy and consistency of the reviewed literature	(3mks)		
4.3 Correct citations of the review literature	(2mks)		
4.4 “Up-to-datedness” (5 years?) of the reviewed literature	(1 mks)		
4.5 Usefulness of the reviewed literature, say in the identification of the research problem	(2 mks)		
4.6 Quality of presentation of the literature review	(1 mks)		
4.7 Quality of the chapter - no errors e.g. typographical (15mks)	(1 mks)		
5.0 Methodology (Chapter 3) (10 marks)			
5.1 Specification of the research Design, say, case study, survey or experimental design	(2mks)		
5.2 Identification and description of the population	(2mks)		
5.3 Identification and description of the sampling frame, sampling method and sample size	(3mks)		
5.4 Adequate description of data collection methods and procedures	(1 mks)		
5.5 Explanation/description of Data Analysis Methods	(1 mks)		
5.6 Quality of the chapter - no errors e.g. typographical	(1 mks)		

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6.0 Implementation & Design (20 marks)			
6.1 Introduction Of the chapter	(2mks)		
6.2 Modeling & Design (including any code)	(6mks)		
6.3 Proof-of-Concept	(6mks)		
6.4 implementation and testing criteria used on the system	(4mks)		
6.5 Chapter Summary	(2mks)		
Research Project Components	Maximum score	Max Obtained	Sub-Total
7.0 Results and Analysis (Chapter 5) (16 mks)			
7.1 Relevance of the results to the study objectives or research questions.	(2mks)		
7.2 Adequate presentation to of the results in say, Tables/Charts	(5 mks)		
7.3 Relevance/Adequacy/Appropriateness of Analytical Tools	(5 mks)		
7.4 Comments on the Findings	(2 mks)		
7.5 Quality of the chapter - no errors e.g. typographical	(2mks)		

Research Project Components	Maximum score	Max Obtained	Sub-Total
8 Summary, Discussion, Conclusions and Recommendation (16 marks)			
8.1 Summary of the report	(2 marks)		
8.2 Discussion of the research findings in the light of the literature review	(6 marks)		
8.3 Conclusions	(3 marks)		
8.4 Recommendations	(3 marks)		
8.5 Quality - no errors e.g typographical errors	(2 marks)		
9 References (7 marks)			
9.1 Appropriate style e.g. APA	(2 marks)		
9.2 Correct alphabetical order	(1marks)		
9.3 Adequacy	(2 marks)		
9.4 Up-to-date or current	(1 marks)		
9.5 Quality - no errors e.g typographical errors	(1 marks)		
10 Total	100 Marks		