UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND,JOHANNESBURG

**School of Computer Science**

Computer Science Honours

Introduction to Research Methods

**Phase 6 - Mark scheme**

**Student’s Name:**

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|  | **Out of** | **Mark** | **Comments** |
| **First Impression** | **100** |  |  |
| **Final Mark** | **100** |  |  |
| **Introduction**  Introduces general and specific problem area?  Introduces motivation for the research?  Introduces research method? Hints at results?  Right level of detail?  Structure of rest of document? | **20** |  |  |
| **Background**  Reasonable structure?  Structure motivated?  Plan for literature?  Quality of search terms? | **20** |  |  |
| **Research Hypothesis and Method**  Hypothesis or question clearly stated, focussed?  Hypothesis or question motivated?  Delimited?  Testable or answerable?  Research method? Appropriate?  Feasible?  Lead to accepting/rejecting hypothesis?  Data identified and motivated?  Relevance to hypothesis? | **20** |  |  |
| **Research Plan**  Reasonable introduction?  Major deliverables identified?  Risks identified and suggestions for managing?  Detailed time plan given?  Time plan motivated?  Used timing from Hons RR handout?  Research can be completed in time?  Chapter and document conclusion? | **20** |  |  |
| **Document and general**  Abstract?  Structure, sections and subsections?  Logical flow from one section to the next?  Clear why presented in that order?  Use of language?  Presentation of the document?  References and citations correct?  References and citations format?  Difficulty?  Overall feeling?  Is it exceptional (first class), above average (upper second), average (second) below average (third)  poor (fail)?  Anything particularly well done?  Anything particularly badly done? | **20** |  |  |
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