**Outline Marking Scheme for Research Essay** *(for MSc students)*

Student name

Assessor:

Title of Research Essay:

**Quality of writing:**

*Was the report well structured? Was it targeted at the correct readership (another MSc student of the peer group; particularly someone should be able to embark on some research into the area armed with the background reported in the essay)? Was it clearly written and easily understandable?*

Mark out of 30:

**Content**

*Did the report accurately convey the current state of research in the topic? Did it identify the currently open issues and suggest ways forward?*

Mark out of 30:

**Understanding**

*Did the report reveal a clear grasp of the material and the underlying science and technology?*

Mark out of 20:

**Research skills**

*Did the candidate show that they had successfully assimilated and integrated information from a range of sources to arrive at a critically informed view of the field?*

Mark out of 20:

**Comments (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)**