EVALUATION RUBRIC: THESIS (M.S.) DEFENSE EXAM  
(Draft)

Candidate Name: _________________________  Date: __ ________________

Title of Thesis: __________________________________ ____________________

Evaluation/Guidance | Does not meet Expectations | Meets Expectations | Exemplary Performance
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1. **Problem Definition:** Has stated the research problem clearly, providing motivation for undertaking the research
2. **Literature and Previous Work:** Demonstrated sound knowledge of literature in the area, and of prior work on the specific research problem
3. **Impact of Proposed Research:** Demonstrated the potential value of solution to the research problem in advancing knowledge within the area of study
4. **Solution Approach:** Has applied sound state-of-the-field research methods/tools to solve the defined problem and has described the methods/tools effectively
5. **Results:** Analyzed and interpreted research results/data effectively
6. **Quality of Written and Oral Communication:** (a) Communicates research results clearly and professionally in both (a) written and (b) oral form (b)
7. **Critical Thinking:** Has demonstrated capability for independent research in the area of study and expertise in the area
8. **Broader Impact:** Demonstrated awareness of broader implications of the concluded research. Broader implications may include social, economic, technical, ethical, business, etc. aspects.
9. **Publications:** Journal or conference publications have resulted (or are anticipated) from this research

**Overall Assessment:** The assessment of the overall performance of the candidate based on the evidence provided in items 1 – 9 above.

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