

APPENDIX 13 – Marking Scheme for BSc (Hons) / MSc Dissertation

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MARKING SCHEME FOR BSc (Hons) / MSc DISSERTATION

Class	Range of Marks	Substantive Criteria*
First	$x \geq 80$	Clear evidence of original thinking-demonstration of ability to logically develop a synthesis of findings, including theoretical ideas and incorporating evidence for statements made. Outstanding grasp, and critical / analytical evaluation of relevant literature. Very good ability to collate results. Insightful analysis leading to valid conclusions and recommendations. Expression, style and grammar of high standard
	$70 \leq x < 80$	Evidence of original thinking-synthesis of ideas and themes from several sources. Very good ability to make critical use of relevant literature. Substantive analysis of data. Well argued and written. Valid conclusions. Expression, style and grammar of high standard.
Upper Second	$60 \leq x < 70$	Evidence of clear thinking. Good critical and analytical ability in use of relevant literature. Good analysis of data. Relevant conclusions. Attention paid to expression, style and grammar.
Lower Second	$50 \leq x < 60$	Evidence of some critical and analytical ability. Satisfactory understanding of relevant literature. Satisfactory analysis of data and conclusions. Expression, style and grammar of moderate standard.
Third	$40 \leq x < 50$	Almost lacking in critical analysis and original thinking. Basic understanding of relevant literature. Superficial conclusions. Expression, style, presentation and grammar often poor.
Fail	$30 \leq x < 40$	Poor critical ability. Rudimentary understanding of relevant literature. Poor evaluation of results. Lacking in conclusions. Poor expression, style, presentation and grammar.
Fail	$x < 29$	Very little or no evidence that student has identified issues relevant to dissertation. Lack of coherence.

* The criteria are to guide the supervisor(s) and independent assessors in the assessment and marking of the BSc (Hons) / MSc dissertations, as an aid to maintaining consistency in the allocation of marks.

APPENDIX 14 – BSc (Hons) / MSc Dissertation Supervisor’s Report

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Supervisor’s Report

Programme:

Name of Student:

Name(s) of Supervisor(s):

NOTE TO SUPERVISOR (S)

The final assessment of project work will comprise of 4 marks as follows:

Section A, which is to be filled in exclusively by the project supervisor [or jointly by the supervisor(s)], represents marks for continuous assessment of the project work. Section A contains information so as to guide the independent assessor on the student’s progress, attitude and diligence at work during the project work. A copy of this form will be made available to the independent assessor. The maximum marks to be scored by the students are equal to 100, and weighted 10 marks for contribution to project work. The marks are to be inserted in the box labelled **Continuous Assessment**, in Section B.

Section B, which is to be filled independently by the project supervisor(s) and the independent assessor, represents marks for the dissertation. The maximum marks to be scored by the students are equal to 100, and weighted 70 marks for contribution to project work. The marks are to be inserted in the box labelled **Dissertation Supervisor(s)** or **Dissertation Independent Assessor**, in Section B of the Supervisor’s Report or Independent Assessor’s Report, respectively.

Where the supervisor’s and independent assessor’s marks differ by more than 10 marks, the Programme co-ordinator will consult both examiners so as to arrive at an agreed mark. Following consultation, the Programme Co-ordinator will enter the agreed mark in the box labelled **Agreed Mark For Dissertation**, in Section B of the Supervisor’s Report. Conflicting cases, if any, will be submitted to the external examiner(s) for moderation, following a note from the Programme Co-ordinator. In any case, all marks (continuous assessment, supervisor’s and independent assessor’s marks, agreed mark between supervisor and independent assessor (if any) will be submitted to the external examiner(s). The external examiner’s marks for dissertation are final and are used for the computation of the student’s marks for dissertation.

The remaining marks will be allocated on the basis of the oral (maximum marks = 100; weighted 10 marks for contribution to project work) and poster presentations (maximum marks = 100; weighted 10 marks for contribution to project work).

SECTION A – Supervisor’s Report

1. How far did the student design and develop the project?

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2. How much help did the student receive from you?

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3. Were there any features of the project that made it either particularly complex or straightforward?

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4. Were there any limitations (*eg* shortage of material or facilities, disasters) that were not the fault of the student?

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5. Did you see the write-up? How far did you advise?

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6. Which areas of the write-up reflect an original contribution by the student? Whose are the ideas in the discussion?

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Supervisor’s Signature (1):..... Date:

Supervisor’s Signature (2):.....

SECTION B – Supervisor’s Report

Programme:

Name of Student:

Name of Supervisor:

Use the: Marking Scheme for BSc (Hons) / MSc Dissertations (*enclosed*)

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Additional Comments:

Continuous Assessment	
	100

Dissertation Supervisor(s)	
	100

Dissertation Independent Assessor	
	100

Agreed Mark For Dissertation	
	100

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To be filled in with a note from Programme Co-ordinator

Supervisor’s Signature (1):

Date:

Supervisor’s Signature (2):

APPENDIX 15 – BSc (Hons) / MSc Dissertation Independent Assessor's Report

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Independent Assessor's Report

NOTE TO INDEPENDENT ASSESSOR

The final assessment of project work will comprise of 4 marks as follows,

Section A, which is to be filled in exclusively by the project supervisor (or jointly by the supervisor(s)), represents marks for continuous assessment of the project work. Section A contains information so as to guide the independent assessor on the student's progress, attitude and diligence at work during the project work. A copy of this form will be made available to the independent assessor. The maximum marks to be scored by the students are equal to 100, and weighted 10 marks for contribution to project work. The marks are to be inserted in the box labelled **Continuous Assessment**, in Section B.

Section B, which is to be filled independently by the project supervisor(s) and the independent assessor, represents marks for the dissertation. The maximum marks to be scored by the students are equal to 100, and weighted 70 marks for contribution to project work. The marks are to be inserted in the box labelled **Dissertation Supervisor(s)** or **Dissertation Independent Assessor**, in Section B of the Supervisor's Report or Independent Assessor's Report, respectively.

Where the supervisor's and independent assessor's marks differ by more than 10 marks, the Programme co-ordinator will consult both examiners so as to arrive at an agreed mark. Following consultation, the Programme Co-ordinator will enter the agreed mark in the box labelled **Agreed Mark For Dissertation**, in Section B of the Supervisor's Report. Conflicting cases, if any, will be submitted to the external examiner(s) for moderation, following a note from the Programme Co-ordinator. In any case, all marks (continuous assessment, supervisor's and independent assessor's marks, agreed mark between supervisor and independent assessor (if any) will be submitted to the external examiner(s). The external examiner's marks for dissertation are final and are used for the computation of the student's marks for dissertation.

The remaining marks will be allocated on the basis of the oral (maximum marks = 100; weighted 10 marks for contribution to project work) and poster presentations (maximum marks = 100; weighted 10 marks for contribution to project work).

SECTION B – Independent Assessor’s Report

Programme:

Name of Student:

Name of Independent Assessor:.....

Use the: Marking Scheme for BSc (Hons) / MSc Dissertations (*enclosed*)

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Additional Comments:

Dissertation Independent Assessor	
	100

Independent Assessor’s Signature:.....

Date: