

MS Part II Thesis Assessment Guidelines.

Examiners should write a report of not more than two pages giving their assessment of the thesis under the following headings:

1	a	What were the aims and objectives of the project?
	b	Are these clearly identified in the thesis?
2	a	Is the account of project management clear?
	b	Does it show that the project was well managed?
	c	Were the original objectives kept to, and if they were changed, is it shown why?
3		Has the candidate identified the engineering (or equivalent) context of the work?
4		Is the background literature to project reviewed adequately? (comprehensively, focussed on the project's area and <i>critically</i> .)
5	a	Are the methods and analysis of data used in the project clearly described?
	b	Did the student develop any new methods?
6	a	Are the "raw" results attained clearly described?
	b	Are the results analysed adequately and appropriately?
	c	(if appropriate) Are errors handled adequately?
7		Are the results properly discussed -
	a	in themselves?
	b	in relation to previous work in the area?
	c	in relation to the aims and objectives of the project?
8	a	What do you consider to be the main achievements of the project?
	b	Are these clearly identified in the thesis?
9	a	Indicate any weaknesses which you may have found.
	b	Does the thesis show awareness of these?
10		Does the thesis show original thinking on the part of the student?
11		Comment on the quality of the report.(use of English, overall style, quality of diagrams and figures, use of references to previous work, etc.)
12		Additional comments.

Having completed that report, please then

- (a) give an overall numerical mark for the thesis (generally /100 wrt the guidelines below.)
- (b) justify this mark in one short paragraph.

The following anticipated marking scheme for borderlines should be noted.

70 - 100	First Class
60 - 69	Upper Second
50 - 59	Lower Second
40 - 49	Third
30 - 39	Pass
0 - 29	Fail