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Item	DESCRIPTION	Maximum Mark	Marks Scored
Title and Scope	- The title clearly reflects the topic, style, and thrust of the research. - Scope of the topic is achievable.	3.0	
Abstract	- The abstract contains all of the key information. - The abstract is approximately 200 words long	5.0	
Introduction	- The purpose of the project is very clear. - Clear statement of problem - There is excellent justification of the chosen topic. - SMART objectives	7.0	
Literature Review	- There is an excellent coverage of relevant literature from a range of sources and journals. - There is a highly developed critique of existing literature and it is clearly linked back to the relevance of the chosen topic.	10.0	
Methods	- Method is appropriate. - All aspects of the method are described in detail. - There is appropriate and relevant choice of data.	10.0	
Data Analysis	Appropriate and relevant choice of data analysis tools	10.0	

	• Clear analysis procedures accompanied by justification for choices		
Results	• Presentation of the data / results is exceptionally clear. • Analysis is appropriate, thorough, and possibly innovative. • Analysis contains no inaccuracies or inconsistencies.	20.0	
Discussion	• There is excellent interpretation of results in relation to the study's objectives. • There are very good references to theory and literature. • There is appropriate reflection about the study and an excellent discussion of the issues raised. • There is excellent application of results to professional and personal practice and the community / society etc. • Limitations of the study are very well addressed. • There is excellent discussion of possibilities regarding future research.	10.0	
Conclusions	• Clear, appropriate and relevant conclusion	2.5	
Recommendations	• Clear, appropriate and relevant recommendations	2.5	
Overall organization	• The thesis is an exceptional piece of writing that has coherence, originality, and creativity. • Formatting is consistent, error free, and impressive.	5.0	
References	• A recommended referencing system is used correctly and consistently throughout the dissertation. • All references cited in the text are included in the reference list, and vice versa.	10	
Skills in written English	• Language, grammar, and spelling are correct and appropriate throughout the thesis.	5.0	
• TOTAL MARKS		100.0	

Classification of thesis: $\geq 50\%$ PASS

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