

# Evaluation of PhD Dissertation and Defense

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Student:

Date:

Evaluator:

Dissertation title:

*1 - strongly disagree      2 - disagree      3 - neutral      4 - agree      5 - strongly agree*

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Had command of the directly relevant and related literature.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Dissertation tested hypotheses generated by the candidate from a literature review.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Experiments were well-designed to test the hypotheses.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Experiments included all necessary positive and negative controls.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ Work used appropriate laboratory methods.
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ Results of experiments were interpreted appropriately.
- G. \_\_\_\_\_ Results were placed in proper context of other work.
- H. \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate understood and explained limitations of the work.
- I. \_\_\_\_\_ Work contributes to the advancement of the field.
- J. \_\_\_\_\_ Thoughts were logically organized.
- K. \_\_\_\_\_ Thoughts were expressed clearly, using appropriate words, correct grammar, etc.
- L. \_\_\_\_\_ Good use was made of tables and figures.
- M. \_\_\_\_\_ Tables and figure were easily comprehensible.
- N. \_\_\_\_\_ Appropriate credit given to material taken from other sources.
- O. \_\_\_\_\_ Work reflects the candidate's competency in use of computational tools.
- P. \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate readily understood questions asked in the defense.
- Q. \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate answered questions correctly, thoroughly and with elaboration.

**Other comments:**

Defense recommendation:	Pass	Fail w/ repeat	Fail
Dissertation recommendation:	Accept	Accept w/ revision	Reject