Template for assessment

*The same template is used for the preliminary and the final assessments. In the preliminary assessment, the section “Conclusions (for the preliminary assessment)” is written. After the defense, the section “Conclusions (for the preliminary assessment)” is deleted, and the sections concerning the assessment of the oral presentation and discussion and the conclusions are added instead. The final assessment is signed by all members of the assessment committee.*

*Sections written with inverted text are explanations to the template and hence should be deleted. Sections that are written in* red *in this template should be written in black in the assessment. The text is red in the template in order to make it easier to see what formalities should be filled in.*

***Please remember to write the report in English.***

**Assessment of the PhD thesis entitled:**

Full title of the thesis

Submitted by XXX, M.Sc. in XXX

The assessment committee consists of the following members as decided by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Science by XXX date:

* Member 1: Title and name, affiliation (place of employment), and E-mail.
* Member 2: Title and name, affiliation (place of employment), and E-mail.
* Member 3 (chairman): Title and name, affiliation (place of employment), and E-mail.

Supervisor for the thesis has been title, name, affiliation.

Co-supervisor for the thesis has been title, name, affiliation.

**Description of the thesis**
*Details like the structure (monograph or based on a collection of papers), size of the thesis, for all papers: title, authors, name of journal/conference and status (raw manuscripts, submitted, in press or printed), etc. are listed.*

*If the thesis is based on a collection of papers, please state the following information for all the papers:*

* Paper 1: Title, authors, name of journal/conference, and status (raw manuscript, submitted, in press or printed).
* Paper 2: Title, authors, name of journal/conference, and status (raw manuscript, submitted, in press or printed).
* Paper 3: Title, authors, name of journal/conference, and status (raw manuscript, submitted, in press or printed).
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**Assessment of the thesis**
*If the thesis is based on a collection of papers, the assessment should include mini-reviews of these papers.*

* *If the thesis is based on five papers or less, a mini-review of each of these papers is included.*
* *If the thesis is based on six papers or more, the assessment committee should select at least five of the academically most significant papers and include a mini-review of these in the assessment.*

*The content of the extended summary/monograph is evaluated. At least the following aspects should be assessed:*

* *Formulation of research questions or hypotheses.*
* *State of the art including a critical approach to other researchers’ results.*
* *Methodology.*
* *Experiments, numerical simulations etc.*
* *Research contributions and quality.*
* *For a paper-based dissertation, also the link between the extended summary and the papers should be discussed.*
* *Quality of the dissemination of science and engineering results.*
* *Quality of the conclusions – e.g. are the conclusions sufficiently supported?*
* *Link between research problem(s)/hypotheses and results/conclusions – has the project objective been met?*
* *References – have solid references been used properly?*

*The language and written presentation may also be commented in general terms. However, detailed accounts of typos, grammatical errors or other minor editorial comments should, if deemed relevant, be sent in a separate document to the Doctoral School. The Doctoral School will then forward the document to the PhD student.*

***The most important element is a thorough description of the engineering/scientific contributions of the thesis as well as a balanced discussion of its strengths and weaknesses. Note in particular that the assessment has to be consistent with the conclusions below. For instance, a very negative assessment cannot be followed by concluding that the thesis is suitable for oral defense.***

***For the preliminary assessment use this:***

**Conclusions** *(for the preliminary assessment. This part is deleted in the final assessment.)*

*Please remember that in Denmark we have an assessment procedure of the PhD thesis and not a review process. This means that no conditional assessments are allowed. Hence, in the preliminary assessment you should state whether the thesis in its present form is suitable for conducting an oral defense or not. If it is not suitable for defense, the conclusion should state whether the PhD thesis may be resubmitted in a revised version. In such case, a deadline for resubmission must be stated.*

***For the final assessment use this:***

**Oral presentation and discussion** *(for the final assessment, this is added after the defense)*
Date and place of the oral defence: XXX

*A short section (5-10 lines) is added about the oral presentation by the PhD student and the subsequent discussion. This should evaluate the dissemination of the findings, the ability to conduct a scientific discussion etc.*

**Conclusions** *(for the final assessment, this is added after the defense)
A short resume of the assessment is included if needed. Then the recommendation for the Academic Council about the PhD degree is added. Choose the relevant formulation below or use your own formulation.*

The committee unanimously *(or possibly a split decision)* recommends that name of the candidate is awarded the PhD degree.

***Or***

The committee cannot recommend that name of the candidate is awarded the PhD degree.

*Dated and signed by all members of the committee.*

Member 1 Member 2 Member 3

***NB Please remember to paginate the assessment (i.e. 1/3 etc.).***