**APPENDIX 8: PROJECT/ DISSERTATION/ THESIS SCORING RUBRIC FOR BOTH EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL EXAMINERS**

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| **ABSTRACT** | 2 |  |  |
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| **PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATION/ FORMAT** | 2 |  |  |
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| **1 CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION**  | **20** |  |  |
| 1 1 | Background to the Study | 4 |  |  |
| 1 2 | Statement of the Problem | 4 |  |  |
| 1 3 | Research Objectives | 4 |  |  |
| 1 4 | Research Questions/Hypothesis(es)  | 4 |  |  |
| 1 5 | Conceptual/Theoretical Framework  | 4 |  |  |
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| **2 CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW** | **20** |  |  |
| 2 1 | Alignment with Objectives | 5 |  |  |
| 2 2 | Up-to-date/Current | 5 |  |  |
| 2 3 | Gap Identification | 5 |  |  |
| 2 4 | Relevancy | 5 |  |  |
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| **3 CHAPTER THREE: METHODOLOGY (RESEARCH PROCESS)** | **20** |  |  |
| 3 1 | Philosophy | 5 |  |  |
| 3 2 | Methodology | 5 |  |  |
| 3 3 | Methods - alignment with objectives/ research questions | 5 |  |  |
| 3 4 | Population and sample (well-determined?) | 5 |  |  |
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| **4 CHAPTER FOUR: DATA PRESENTATION, ANALYSIS & INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS** | **15** |  |  |
| 4 1 | Data presentation - easy to understand | 3 |  |  |
| 4 2 | Alignment with Objectives | 2 |  |  |
| 4 3 | Analysis | 5 |  |  |
| 4 4 | Interpretation | 5 |  |  |
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| **5 CHAPTER FIVE: DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDADTIONS**  | **20** |  |  |
| 5 1 | Discussion - clear reference to the analysis and literature review | 5 |  |  |
| 5 2 | Conclusions - drawn from the problem statement/ gap and discussion  | 5 |  |  |
| 5 3 | Recommendations - linked to the conclusions/ how implementable | 5 |  |  |
| 5 4 | Applicability | 3 |  |  |
| 5 5 | Originality/ new knowledge and or skills | 2 |  |  |
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SECTION B: COMMENTS FROM THE EXAMINER (TO BE GIVEN TO THE STUDENT)

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SECTION C: SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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3. Additional literature review
4. Re-writing
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