Criteria for marking disputations (PhD defense, Presentation MSc projects)

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The following list of criteria serves as guide to the marking, not all individual points need to be marked but at least each section should receive one. The aim of this form is to improve transparency, comparability and fairness.

### Structural Elements of the Presentation
- Background and motivation
- Setting the problem
- Approach, methodologies and tools
- Summary and outlook
- Logical line of arguments
- Total mark

### Stylistic Elements of the Presentations
- Language, clarity of speech
- Clarity of figures, legends, references
- Readability of slides
- Addressing the audience, eye contact
- Time keeping
- Total mark

### Discussion
- Understanding of questions
- Conciseness and clarity of answers
- Knowledge beyond PhD topic
- Knowledge of the literature
- Total mark

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<th>Mark</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>90-100</td>
<td>100% would correspond to work, in that aspect, that reaches the highest standards that could be expected of a professional scientist with experience. Contains all of the relevant information with no errors or only insignificant errors. Displays excellent understanding of the subject within a wider context. Gives extensive evidence of critical awareness and independent thinking.</td>
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<td>1.3</td>
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<td>80% corresponds to work that is, in that aspect, mainly of professional standard, but has few shortfalls. Displays good understanding of the subject within a wider context. Has reached beyond the essential material.</td>
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<td>2.0-2.7</td>
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<td>60% corresponds to work which has, in that aspect, both strong and weak features with the stronger features being in the majority. Less evidence for critical awareness and independent thinking.</td>
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<td>4.0</td>
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<td>40% corresponds to work that is marginally satisfactory in that aspect. There are several failings, but there are also some achievements and positive features. Little evidence of critical awareness and independent thinking. Lack of evidence for a deeper understanding of the subject within a wider context.</td>
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Overall Mark: ____________ Examiner: Signature: