National Research University Higher School of Economics

**School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

**Master of International Business Program**

Master Thesis Opponent’s Review Form

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**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

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|  | **OK or (1-3) or «-2 points»** | | **Guidelines** |
| Clear cross-border component is present |  | | •“yes” - OK  •“no” – unsatisfactory grade (1-3) |
| Certain managerial decision-makingaspects are defined |  | | •“yes” – OK  •“no” - unsatisfactory grade (1-3) |
| Relevant numerical data and financial results are provided |  | | • both are present – OK  • only numerical data are present (no financial results; where required) – minus 2 points from FINAL GRADE  • none are present – unsatisfactory grade (1-3) |
| Size of the Paper (the lower one among “Main part” and “Total” is applied)\* |  | | • within the required size – OK  • deviation of less than 10% of the min required size\* – minus 2 points from FINAL GRADE  • deviation of more than 10% of the max required size\* – unsatisfactory grade (1-3) |
| **NOTE: unsatisfactory grade is considered FINAL, no further evaluation required** | | | |
| **EVALUATION** | | | |
|  | **Points**  **(0-10)** | **Comments** | |
| **Introduction** | | | |
| Knowledge gap in current research is identified |  |  | |
| Object, subject, hypothesis / research question, goals and tasks are valid |  |  | |
| **Body of the Paper** | | | |
| Logically structured, topic thoroughly explored (balanced combination of theory and analysis) |  |  | |
| Adequacy and completeness of theoretical background on the topic |  |  | |
| Relevance, sufficiency and depth of primary analysis |  |  | |
| Clear evidential support for findings is provided |  |  | |
| **Conclusion** | | | |
| Problems stated in the title were solved / key questions were answered |  |  | |
| **Format of the Paper** | | | |
| Proper formatting (titles, headings, etc.), grammar and syntax used |  |  | |
| References within text and in bibliography correctly cited |  |  | |
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| **FINAL GRADE (may differ from the mean value)** |  |  | |
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| Overall Comments Strengths: | | | |
| Weaknesses/Suggestions: | | | |

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*(Additionally the review can be written in free format provided that all the earlier mentioned criteria are evaluated. It is desirable to characterize originality and novelty of the paper as well as effort, interest and creativity demonstrated by the student. It is possible to provide the questions that the student will have to answer during the defense. It is necessary to provide an overall evaluation of the paper in conclusion)*

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| **Evaluation criteria** | **Main part** | **Total** |
| OK | 80 000 - 100 000 | 100 000 - 120 000 |
| Deviation up to 10% (minus 2 points) | 72 000 - 80 000 or 100 000 - 110 000 | 90 000 - 100 000 or 120 000 - 132 000 |
| Deviation more than 10% (unsatisfactory grade 1-3) | less than 72 000, more than 110 000 | less than 90 000, more than 132 000 |