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2. Unacceptable to go to thesis exam

**Acceptable:** A thesis judged acceptable is well composed and contains no major errors or omissions in conceptualization, method, or interpretation. A work that requires some revisions may be judged acceptable.

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**All examiner evaluations are shared with the Supervisor and Student after the examination.** The examiner reports provide valuable feedback to the Student and Supervisor and we expect that you will comment on each aspect of the thesis outlined below.

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