Rubric to guide evaluation of Honours thesis and oral defence

1. **Thesis** (weight 60%)
   - *Introduction* Topic is clearly presented; background information explains topic’s scope and importance; key concepts and theories are well explained; objectives are clear and questions/assumptions/hypotheses well defined.
   - *Body* Methods are sufficiently detailed and clear; research results and trends are accurately reported; research results and trends are well interpreted; future directions are identified; text is well structured.
   - *Presentation* Figures, tables, and statistics (if necessary) suitably complement text; figures, tables, and statistical summaries are clear and well designed.
   - *Literature* Key publications are cited; citations are current; citations and list of references match and are formatted uniformly.

Score: ____/60

2. **Oral Presentation** (weight 30%)
   - *Content* Clear introduction, explanation of approach, and outline of objectives are presented; content is accurate and suitably detailed; mastery of project is demonstrated; comfort with material presented is shown.
   - *Organization and Delivery* Presentation is clear, logical, organized, and well-paced; tone and body language engages audience; eye contact is maintained.
   - *Use of Visual Aids* Visual aids are appropriate, necessary, effective and well designed; slides are clear and visually appealing; interaction with visual aids is appropriate (e.g. use of pointer, description of contents).

Score: ____/30

3. **Questions & Answers** (weight 10%)
   - *Content* Shows understanding of theories/concepts underlying topic; understands questions and their contexts; acknowledges limits of knowledge.
   - *Organization and Delivery* Answers questions clearly and fully; engages in discussion.

Score: ____/10

Total: ________/100

A minimum of 60% is required to obtain a grade of Pass.