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Student name: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________
Your name: ____________________________

Research proposal:
☐ very well written, a pleasure to read, accepted as is
☐ written in a satisfactory style, accepted as is
☐ accepted subject to a minor revision (please specify) ____________________________
☐ needs major revision; a review by the committee is necessary
☐ inadequate, rejected

Research area:
☐ a hot research area, very competitive, great source of research problems
☐ a classical research area, with hard problems
☐ offers suitable supply of research problems, fairly interesting
☐ offers suitable supply of research problems, but is of limited interest
☐ offers research problems but unlikely to lead to a suitable ACO thesis
☐ not clear there are any substantial problems there

Student’s knowledge:
☐ outstanding, answered all questions correctly and completely
☐ very good, sufficient to start excellent research, likely to improve with time
☐ good, has good potential after filling certain gaps (please specify)
☐ fair, not ready to start research, but has the potential to improve
☐ poor, should not continue in the program

Comments: ____________________________

Readiness to start research:
☐ Student presented a paper publishable in a top journal. Has already started research
☐ Student presented a paper that is publishable, but not in a first-class journal
☐ Student presented a manuscript that is probably not publishable in a reasonable journal, but
  shows ability to conduct research (please give details)
☐ Student presented a manuscript that is not convincing of his/her ability to conduct research
☐ Student failed to demonstrate his/her ability to conduct original research
☐ Other (please specify)

Comments: ____________________________
Knowledge of current literature:

☐ Student is familiar with the current literature, has listed adequate number of references and shown familiarity with them

☐ Student is somewhat familiar with current literature, but needs to do more reading (please specify)

☐ Student listed enough references, but has not shown adequate familiarity with them (please provide details)

☐ Student did not list enough references but has shown familiarity with those listed (please provide details)

☐ Student did not list enough references and has not shown familiarity with them

Comments:  ____________________________________________

Questions asked: Please list the questions you asked the student and describe your level of satisfaction with the answers given.

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Overall recommendation:

☐ pass

☐ conditional pass (please specify)  ____________________________________________

☐ fail with recommendation to retake

☐ unconditional fail

Signature: _______________________________ Date: _____________________________