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QUALIFICATION:	<input type="text"/>	PROGRAMME:	<input type="text"/>
RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT TITLE:	<input type="text"/>		

GENERAL

The MEng/MEngSc (Structured) requires a 60-credit Research Assignment as part of a 180-credit programme, or 600 hours (15 weeks) of project work. The Research Assignment need not show proof of original work or make a substantial novel contribution to knowledge in the field of study, but should illustrate that the candidate can successfully complete a short project, which contains all the basic research elements.

Examiners are requested to evaluate the Research Assignment by completing this form. The grading is based purely on the submitted document, and not on any anticipated versions or outputs. Only one submission of a Research Assignment is allowed, but the examiner may indicate minor changes to the document, which should be implemented to the satisfaction of the supervisor(s).

Examiners should note that Stellenbosch University allows for submission of a Research Assignment without the approval of the supervisors(s). This measure is intended to protect the student. In such a case, the examiners are not informed beforehand in order to avoid bias, but a full supervisor's report is submitted, which is included in the documentation evaluated by the internal and external moderators.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND REPORT

The Research Assignment should be evaluated according to the following assessment criteria.

- * The scope of the work is that which can be expected from an 600h project.
 - * The complexity of the work, and the level to which the relevant field of study has been mastered, are sufficient. Note that for multi-disciplinary research, this criterion should be carefully assessed. As a minimum requirement, the complexity of at least one field should be on par with the level of a final year BEng or BSc(Hons) module, while the other fields should be at least at a second-year level in their respective disciplines. The integration of the different fields should be at Master's level.
 - * The Research Assignment shows an acceptable level of familiarity with the relevant research literature.
 - * The Research Assignment shows an acceptable command of the relevant research method.
 - * The Research Assignment shows an acceptable ability to interpret research results.
 - * A clear and systematic presentation of the material and logical exposition of the argument are presented. Proper documentation and support of the results of independent research are provided.
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RECOMMENDATIONS

My evaluation of the Research Assignment is as follows *(please select the relevant tick box)*:

- (a) The Research Assignment satisfies the assessment criteria adequately I have indicated changes and/or corrections, which should be completed to the satisfaction of the supervisor(s) before the final mark can be submitted. ☐
- (b) The Research Assignment fails to satisfy the assessment criteria adequately. No re-submission is recommended. ☐

Awarding of a mark

- * Please follow the guidelines for marking, as stipulated in Table 1 below, taking into account that a Research Assignment should reflect the work of only 600h, as compared to a full Master's thesis of 1800h.
- * If (a) a mark of between 50 and 100 must be awarded, in increments of 5.
- * If (b), a mark of below 50 must be awarded, in increments of 5.

I award the following mark for this Research Assignment: (If a mark of 75+, or below 50, is awarded, please motivate below)

Motivation for a mark below 50 or from 75 above

CONFIDENTIALITY AND SIGNATURE

Please select only one of the following options:

- * **All** of my comments may be made available to the student.
- * **Only part** of my comments may be made available to the student, as indicated in the report.
- * **None** of my comments may be made available to the student.

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DATE:

SIGNATURE:

Table 1: Marking scheme for MEng/MEngSc (Structured) Research Assignment
(A Research Assignment should reflect the work of 600h, and the categories below should therefore be judged in this context, and not in terms of a full 1800h Master's thesis)

Outcome	Description	Mark	International equivalent				
		SU	USA	UK	DE	NL	
Outstanding Large scope and high complexity and originality, presented at expert level	The Research Assignment presented is a truly outstanding piece of work, beyond what is expected of a distinction, and essentially flawlessly presented. There is an exceptionally clear explanation and development of the argument with excellent judgement and significant originality of approach. The extent of the work is far beyond adequate.	85±	4.0 (A+)	1	1.0	10	
Distinction Large scope or high complexity or originality, presented at a well-informed level	The Research Assignment presented is an excellent piece of work. There is a clear explanation and development of the argument with sound judgement and originality of work. The extent of the work is more than adequate.	75+	3.5 (A-)	1	1.3	8.0	
Good	A solid piece of work and there is indisputable evidence that the student has a solid understanding of the field of study. The work is adequate for completion of the degree.	70+	2.9 (B)	2.1	2.0	7.2	
Fair	A fair piece of work had been presented and shows that the student has a good understanding of the topic. However, the work, in particular the interpretation thereof, is limited.	60+	2.3 (C+)	2.2	2.7	6.5	
Marginal pass	The Research Assignment is marginally passable. The student passes their degree, but has reached their limits.	50	1.1 (D)	3.0	4.0	6.0	
Fail	The student has not shown that they are able to obtain a good understanding of the topic. The student fails the degree.	40	F	F	5.0	F	