**NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY, AWKA.**

**COLLEGE OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**

**BRIEF ON RUBRIC FOR THESIS/DISSERTATION EXAMINATION**

**1. Preliminary Pages**

a. The title is re-searchable and properly framed/concise

b. Certification and Approval pages are endorsed by the appropriate persons.

c. Title and Acknowledgments pages are correctly written.

d. Abstract contains purpose/aim, problem statement, method, results and conclusion/recommendation/potential application.

**2. Introduction**

i. Issues, facts underlying the topic are well articulated in the Background/Statement of Problem

ii. Aim/Aim and Objectives/Purpose properly stated and in line with the title.

1. The study is justified/significance well articulated.
2. Each research question addresses a definite issue.
3. Hypothesis clearly stated and testable where applicable.

**3. Literature Review**

i. Review of relevant literature on variables/concepts in the title.

ii. Articles and other materials used and cited are current.

1. Theories when used are properly linked to the study
2. Proper evaluation of literature and identification of research gap.

**4. Method**

i. Data collection method is adequately explained and justified

ii. Scope of data collected (in relation to the research topic) is limited/narrow,

too wide, appropriate

1. Structure of presentation of data: well organized, skewed, not well organized
2. Method of data analysis is explicit and well explained
3. Good/poor/fair in terms of the conclusions drawn from the data analysis

**5. Results**

i. Results are presented in sequence. E.g. results are in line with research questions and hypothesis numbering; in line with aim and objectives

ii. Results properly interpreted.

1. The result is relevant to local needs and is of global importance.

**6. Discussions/Conclusions**

i. Results are properly placed/appropriately discussed vis-a-vis existing relevant

literature

ii. Conclusions are drawn from data collected and analyzed.

1. Recommendations are based on findings and feasible
2. The study made original contributions to the body of knowledge
3. Contributions of the study are of local and global relevance

**7. Citation and References/End Notes and Bibliography**

1. Citations/in-text citation done according to the given reference format.
2. Rules of referencing format used are strictly followed.
3. Appendices, figures and tables are appropriately presented

**8. Quality of Writing**

i. Strictly followed the prescribed format for writing thesis/dissertation.

ii. Logical and coherent in presentation of ideas

1. Analytical, rigorous and consistent in development of thought
2. Grammatical and spelling errors are minimal.

**8. Quality of Presentation**

i. Well organized.

ii. Clear presentation.

iii. Good communication skill

1. Use of PowerPoint

**9. Quality of Defence/Response to Questions**

i. Answer questions correctly.

ii. Arguments are convincing.

1. Responses depict adequate knowledge in the area of specialization.