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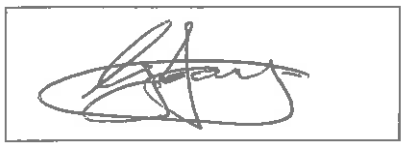
I, Kevin Naidoo, student number 0214672N, hereby confirm that I have received the full examiners report on a research dissertation submitted in partial fulfilment for the Degree of Master of Science.

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Based on the proposed changes outlined by the external examiner the following corrections have been made in line and with the approval of both my supervisor and head of school (whose signatures appear below).

- The abstract should be single spaced and should be a maximum of one page. There should be no sub-titles within the abstract.
- The candidate should provide the names of the chapters such as Chapter One, Chapter Two, etc...
- The problem statement is not clear and justified. The candidate can do more work her to bring out clearly the problem statement.
- The candidate did not indicate the specific objectives that are pursued to achieve the broader aim. This should be considered.
- The candidate failed to provide the study's organisation. This is important as it will guide the reader to know what is expected in each of the chapters. The candidate should therefore discuss how the study is organised.
- The figure in Chapter 2 should be named Figure 2.1. The next figure in the same chapter (2) if any should be Figure 2.2.2, etc. If there are any tables and/or figures in Chapter 4 for instance, the tables should start from Table 4.1 and then 4.2 etc. The figures should also start from Figure 4.1, 4.2 etc.
- The candidate should provide the sources of all tables and figures used.
- The candidate should indicate the sampling size used for the study and should also justify why the purposive sampling technique was used to select the samples and not techniques like the simple random or say the snowball.
- The entire Chapter 4 needs to be improved. The candidate should discuss the intuitions behind and the implications of the results. The candidate should also discuss the results in relation to the literature by identifying those studies whose findings are similar to or different from what he/she is reporting and then discuss them together. The discussions in chapter 5 should be done in this chapter.

- The heading of Chapter 5 should be "summary and Conclusion" instead of Discussion and Conclusion we have at the moment. The discussion should actually be part of chapter 4. The chapter 5 should be structured as follows:
  - 5.1 Introduction
  - 5.2 Summary and Findings
  - 5.2 Conclusions
  - 5.4 Implications of the study
  - 5.5 Limitations and directions for future studies
  - 5.6 Recommendations
- The references should not be numbered.



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