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Field of Computer Science A-Exam Evaluation

Candidate Name: _____

Date: _____

Criteria	Needs Improvement	Acceptable	Very Good
1. Problem Definition and Motivation: States the problem clearly, providing motivation for undertaking the research, including a discussion of the potential for the research to advance knowledge in the area of study and of its broader implications.			
2. Literature Review: Demonstrates sound knowledge of the literature in the area.			
3. Research Plan: Provides a sound plan for applying state-of-the-field research methods and tools, shows a good understanding of how to use them effectively, and provides a sound plan for justifying the research findings			
4. Creative Thinking: Demonstrates capability for creativity, innovation, and independent research in the proposed research area.			
5. Presentation Quality: Student gave a good talk.			

Overall Assessment:

Passes A-Exam: _____

Does not pass A-Exam: _____

Name of Special Committee Chair: _____

Signature of Special Committee Chair: _____

Additional comments (optional):

