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## **OPPOSITION FOR MASTER'S PROJECT**

The duties of an opponent are to:

- Critically review the report in question
- Pay particular attention to the problem approach, the methodology chosen and to the interpretation/evaluation of results
- Make annotations on the report of clerical errors, other minor errors, incomprehensible or ambiguous text in the thesis, to be distributed to the presenter after the presentation.
- Complete this Opponent Record
- In advance at the time stipulated give this record to the persons stipulated in the instructions for your thesis course.
- Put questions to the author of the report following his/her presentation: you may put forward the questions set down in the Opponent Record, or some of these questions, but it is also reasonable to expect the presentation to generate new questions.
- Give the Opponent Record and the annotated report to the author at the conclusion of the seminar You may contact the person responsible for the degree project, e.g. to test programs.

Master's projects vary considerably. Consequently, at times not all of the questions will be relevant to the project you are opposing. It can be appropriate to rephrase the questions to fit the project. You may also introduce one or two additional questions.

Attempt to answer the questions in the Opponent Record in relative detail. Answers such as yes and good are insufficient.

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