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**Tentative Title for
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- The dissertation is likely to make an important contribution to the relevant literature.
- The methodology will yield a legitimate test of the thesis/hypothesis.
- The student has an excellent grasp of the relevant literature.
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