**Biological Sciences Department**

**Rubric for Assessing MST Non-Thesis Final Written Exam**

Name of MST Non-Thesis Student: ______________________________________________________

Name of Evaluator: ___________________________________________________________________

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| **Literature review, breadth and understanding of chosen field**  
Knowledge | Shallow, mistaken, containing large gaps, incorrectly cited | | | | | Extensive, synthetic, commanding, shows deep understanding. | |
| **Intellectual structure of essays**  
Critical thinking  
Knowledge | Poorly defined, illogically argued | Supported by facts, but some incongruity. | | | | Well argued, with each point substantiated. | |
| **Quality of answer to question**  
Communication  
Knowledge  
Critical Thinking | Did not address question | Appropriate, though pedestrian answer, hard to follow. | | | | Elegant and thoughtful response, easy to read and understand. | |
| **Grammatical structure of essays**  
Communication | Numerous grammatical and spelling errors, poor organization | Adequate attention to grammar, spelling and organization | | | | Clear exposition, near flawless, logically organized. | |

Other comments or recommendations: