EXCERPTS FROM EXAMINERS' COMMENTS

1. The literature review is quite thorough but not critically written. Most of the references were up-to-date but many statements made needed to be supported with relevant and established reviews or research papers.

2. Many topics and writings are reviewed (in the literature review chapter)…, there is little to tie them together and one comes after the other in often unrelated and confusing fashion.

3. This chapter, (literature review), should be broken up with subheadings. It is now very confusing with new subjects seemingly introduced without warning or much order.

4. A major problem with the literature review is that it is now very disjointed and reads like a series of an author's reference cards. Very little sense of the issues or conclusions comes out of this review.


6. References should be organized and discussed according to selected subject matter themes. The review should flow logically.

7. If a researcher’s work to be scientific, he or she must identify conflicts in the literature and try to explain why the conflicts arise.
8. ...it is noticeable as one reads the BIBLIOGRAPHY that few citations appear with recent dates.

9. The review of literature should focus on the subject matter and should right away deal with it. Materials not related should be removed.

10. A fair amount of literature was reviewed by the candidate. However, many relevant references were not cited.

11. I am surprised by the lack of recent references to the scientific literature. There are only five literature references dated later than the starting date of this thesis work.

12. The literature review was more than adequate since it was up to date and achieved the due level of critical analysis needed for such a work.

13. …he rightly restricted himself and gave an indication of the complete breadth of the area in the bibliography.

14. …he indicated not-only that he had read literature but had understood and was able to critically analyse what he had read and thus-use it constructively in preparation for his own work.

15. The researcher has done an exemplary job in screening and presenting current literature and research findings that are highly germane to the research project.