Master’s Diploma Thesis Assessment Report

Thesis Title: Development of Major Female Characters in the Novels of A. S. Byatt and Margaret Drabble
Field of Study: English Language and Literature
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Reviewer’s recommendation for overall mark:

C – Good

The overall mark is based in part on the following assessments:

1. Evaluation of central idea, thesis, focus and purpose:
   C – Good

2. Evaluation of organization, logic and arrangement:
   C – Good

3. Evaluation of topic development, support and evidence:
   D – Satisfactory

4. Evaluation of language, style, standard usage, citation and bibliographic standards:
   D – Satisfactory

Comments and/or topics and questions for the thesis defence:

A solid and genuine piece of work in which perhaps a simpler organization, approach and style are employed; e.g. in the introductory chapters (6-17), the issues examined are hardly sufficiently connected with the texts selected. Subchapters devoted to the authors’ lives display some unnecessary detail, and the individual novel synopses would be more fitting for a supplement. The main analysis concerning the major female figures of the four novels explored is then fluent and readable, well developed and clearly documented. Short and basic introductory statements before each subchapter here should have perhaps been part of the rather limited Introduction, outlining the goals only very briefly; the conclusion should have been much more concrete re both the “feminist features” of the novels and the individual characters explored – instead, it largely displays very general views that one could pronounce even without reading the texts.

Brno, June 4, 2012

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