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Evaluation of the Diploma Thesis by Opponent

Thesis Title	**Rural Supply Chain in the Urbanizing Country: the case of Kwahu, Ghana**
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Formulation of the aims	1	2	**3**	4
Choice of suitable methods	1	2	**3**	4
Fulfilment of the aims	1	2	3	**4**
Scientific contribution of the thesis	1	2	**3**	4
Originality of the thesis	1	**2**	3	4
Theoretical background of the author	1	2	3	**4**
Handling with data and information	1	2	3	**4**
Handling with scientific literature (citations)	1	2	**3**	4
Argumentation and critical thinking	1	2	3	**4**
Abstract and keywords	1	**2**	3	4
Structure of the chapters and paragraphs	1	2	**3**	4
Comprehensibility of the text	1	**2**	3	4
Accuracy of the terminology	1	2	**3**	4
Quality of scientific language	1	2	**3**	4
Formatting, layout and general impression	1	2	3	**4**
Evaluation of the work by grade (1, 2, 3, 4)				**4**

Evaluation: 1 = the best

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Other comments or suggestions:

In the diploma thesis the author analyses rural supply chain in the urbanizing country on the case of Kwahu in Ghana. Article is based on the empirical research of primary data obtained from really large questionnaires.

Methodology part does not satisfy requirements, which are set for this type of work. There are only description of study area, time frame and sample size. Methods and sources of information are missing. The theoretical framework of qualitative signs dependence analysis with their interpretations are absent.

The methodology chapter is meant for understanding of used calculations and interpretations.

In the aim of work student stated, that she will observe productivity and benefits of local farms. Where is an evaluation in results?

It is not clear what the author expects from declared hypothesis, what are assumptions of farmer (middleman, consumer) behaviour. I recommend defining work hypothesis more correctly and extend them.

The student used very large questionnaires with many questions, but in own results she provided evaluation only for small part. Results occupy only 8 pages. I suggest creating contingent and association tables which recognize relations between variables.

Economic and statistic verification of results is not provided completely. There are only description of answer frequency.

According to above written comments it is not possible to regard the results as significant and verified. On this work is visible that was prepared in time press.

For these reasons I do not recommend this work for defence.

Questions for thesis defence:

Explain, what means economic indicator ”productivity”?

How it is calculated?

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