## QRMS Project 5: Grading Rubric

• Does the essay have a title?

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ / 60

Please staple this rubric on as a cover sheet for your project.
Name(s):
1. Introduction (5 pts)
<ul><li> Are the problems to be solved clearly identified?</li><li> Are the answers reached clearly identified?</li></ul>
2. Assumptions (10 pts)
<ul><li> Are all assumptions made clearly identified?</li><li> Is a justification for making these assumptions given?</li></ul>
3. Methodology (20 pts)
<ul> <li>Does the essay describe how the data given was evaluated?</li> <li>Does this method make sense?</li> <li>Does this method take all of the requested factors into account?</li> <li>Does the essay describe (or provide a formula for) how the final answer was reached?</li> <li>Does the method or formula used to reach this answer make sense?</li> </ul>
4. Strengths and Weaknesses (5 pts)
<ul> <li>Are the strengths and weaknesses of the method identified?</li> <li>Are the situations in which the method doesn't work well (if any) shown to be rare?</li> <li>If not, are methods for overcoming the weaknesses discussed?</li> </ul>
5. Data (10 pts)
<ul> <li>Does the essay clearly identify which models are best?</li> <li>Does the essay provide a quantitative rating for each model?</li> <li>If necessary, does the essay explain how these quantitative ratings were used in selecting the best model?</li> <li>If the essay includes a significant amount of data, is it presented in a clear manner?</li> </ul>
6. Interpretation/Conclusion (5 pts)
<ul> <li>Does the essay critically examine the significance of the conclusion reached?</li> <li>Does the essay have an adequate conclusion? (this is somewhat open-ended)</li> </ul>
7. Further Research (5 pts)
• Are other relevant questions or ideas for future work discussed?
8. Organization (0 pts, negative score possible)
<ul> <li>Does the essay flow smoothly and logically?</li> <li>Are key features such as the thesis easily identifiable and supported by the essay?</li> <li>Are the topics discussed in the essay tied back thematically to the thesis?</li> </ul>
9. Mechanics (0 pts, negative score possible)
<ul> <li>Are spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc. correct? Are words used correctly?</li> <li>Does the essay reflect proper standards for formal writing?</li> </ul>