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A. Tentative Thesis Title:		
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***The italics text shown in Sections E-J below is guidance for you.  
Delete italics text before submission for approval and signature.***

### **E. Research Questions**

*This section should include the primary research question and subsidiary research questions to be investigated in the thesis. The primary research questions should be broad enough that it covers the entire spectrum of the research activity. Subsidiary research questions subdivide the primary research question into manageable research segments. This section should include a very explicit statement of the questions the research will seek to answer. While the questions may be redefined later as the research progresses, the initial objective should be made very specific.*

### **F. Discussion of Topic**

*This section should describe the main thrust of the study: What the specific objectives of your proposed thesis research are; What areas will be specifically investigated and what areas will be excluded. Put boundaries around the study; Identify what the study will be (e.g., a computer simulation, an experiment, an electronic design and implementation, a system study). Discuss any limitations of the study.*

### **G. Tentative Chapter Outline**

*This section should list tentative chapter headings and provide a brief discussion of chapter content. (Note: This can change).*

### **H. Benefit of Study**

*This section should present the contribution expected from research efforts, what individuals/organizations may be expected to use the results of the thesis (if known) and what problems/issues will be addressed/resolved.*

### **I. Preliminary Bibliography**

*This section should include a listing of representative materials consulted during preliminary literature search. This should include references to the problem or issue to be studied, prior thesis work, literature references, or other sources of information. The final bibliography will probably be much more extensive.*

### **J. Milestones**

*This section should include a tentative list of target dates for completion of the successive stages of the project. You will not be held strictly to this schedule; it is a means of conveying to others when major milestones of the study are expected to be completed. The list should include dates during which the following activities are expected to be accomplished:*

1. Literature Review
2. Construct Research Approach
3. Conduct Research/Travel
4. Analyze Data
5. Draft Thesis
6. Final Thesis Submission/Signature