The following points are offered as a guide to assist the evaluation of the research proposal.

* Is the proposal novel, and not merely the application of a previously described analytical technique, or the examination of a known process, in a system not previously studied? Is the proposed research significantly different from the student's or their advisor's research?
* Has the literature been sufficiently examined?
* Is the proposed research appropriate, based on the current evidence in the literature?
* Would the research provide significant new information that would merit publication?
* Is the proposal clearly focused on a topic of limited scope that could be investigated with reasonable budget and time constraints?
* Are the methods used appropriate to the proposed study and have they been described in sufficient detail?
* Is the proposal clearly written and adequately informative?
* Will the experimental plan actually result in the achievement of the goals of the research?
* Are potential problems indicated and are alternative procedures given?
Qualifying Exam Evaluation

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