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Evaluation of Bachelor Thesis

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Title: Obsession and Male Relationships in the Works of Julian Barnes

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Reviewer: Mgr. Petr Burkot

1/ Aim/Goal: definition	B	Interesting and relevant, yet it seems that the author has most of the answers already resolved at the beginning of the thesis. Which leaves little surprise to look for in the remainder of the text.
accomplishment	A-B	Accomplished.
2/ Argumentation (ability to accurately form initial and closing arguments, logical coherence, ability to generalize as well as present pertinent specific details)	A-B	Mostly well-built and persuasive argumentation.
3/ Knowledge of primary literature	A	Appropriate.
4/ Knowledge of secondary literature (extent, adequacy)	B	Relevant and sufficient.
5/ Originality (in argumentation, critical approach and conclusions)	B	Interesting and original angle of looking at Barnes' characters. Slightly lacking in deeper critical distance.
6/ Formal level (adhering to citation and bibliographic standards)	A	Adequate. No issues.
7/ Stylistic level of the thesis	B	Well written with minor grammar issues (occasional problems with tenses and articles)
8/ Stylistic level of the summary	C	Brief yet adequate. Unfortunately, a few damning grammar mistakes: "Graham ztrácí kontrolu na jeho (sic) emocemi", "Barnesovi (sic) popisy ukazují, že..."
9/ Typography, graphic appearance, freedom from errors	A	No issues.
10 / Thesis's contribution to the field	B	Adequate for a BA thesis.

Questions or comments:

- 1) Although the thesis is dealing with Barnes's male characters, how does he treat his heroines? Any interesting observations?
- 2) Is there a development in Barnes's treatment of his characters' psychology from his early works to his later novels?
- 3) What would you say that Barnes's works suggest about the relationship between love, friendship and morality?

Conclusion:

The thesis is recommended for oral defence.

Suggested classification: B

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