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REVIEW of BA diploma thesis

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Title of the work: Impoliteness Strategies: A Case Study of the *South Park* Television Series

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Points /results (for each section & proposed classification)

<i>excellent</i>	5	A
<i>very good</i>	4	B
<i>good</i>	3	C

<i>acceptable</i>	2	D
<i>weak/sufficient</i>	1	E
<i>insufficient</i>	0	F

	Points
<p>1. <i>Originality and new contribution to the field, up-to-date presentation of the problem.</i></p> <p>An interesting work with a present-day relevance. The author analyzes impoliteness strategies (which give rise to humorous scenes) in a sitcom which has not been analysed from this perspective before, and thus brings original data analysis.</p>	5
<p>2. <i>Awareness of treatments in the field (literature).</i></p> <p>The theoretical part is very well-written. All relevant sources are covered. The author understands the theoretical background and is also able to critically comment on the limitations of the theories, as she compares several theoretical approaches to the core phenomenon (Culpeper, Bousfield, Lachenicht). She is also able to comment on her choice of the preferred approach.</p>	5
<p>3. <i>Clarity of the topic, research question(s), hypotheses</i></p> <p>The aim of the thesis and the research questions are stated clearly. The author's aim is not only to analyze the impoliteness strategies in <i>South Park</i> and their development throughout years, but also to evaluate the applicability of the selected theoretical model, which I find very advanced.</p>	5
<p>4. <i>Methodology.</i></p> <p>Data collection as well as the consequent analysis is well described.</p>	5
<p>5. <i>Argumentation, discussion, interpretation of the results, summary.</i></p> <p>The structure of the work is excellent. The practical part presents specific examples of impoliteness strategies from the sitcom. All the examples are properly described, and the author explains the used strategies in a clear way. Moreover, the author is aware of the limitations of Culpeper's theory; to categorize all the instances of humorous impoliteness, she uses additional taxonomy by Bousfield, as some of the instances would not fit Culpeper's taxonomy (e.g. <i>criticize</i>). Here, the author argues for using the additional model.</p> <p>The general results are correctly interpreted and commented on in an elaborate way. The research questions posed at the beginning were answered.</p>	5

6. <i>Formal aspects of the work: format, graphics, bibliography formatting.</i>	
The overall formatting is great. The examples are numbered, which is useful for referencing. The crucial parts in examples (i.e. impoliteness) is marked in bold, which makes it easier for the reader.	5
7. <i>English (language correctness, style)</i>	
Excellent, high level of academic English	5
8. <i>For the supervisor (if not applicable, write " Not applicable ")</i>	NA

I recommend the work for the defence: YES

Proposed classification:¹ A

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Name (and signature): Mgr. Markéta Dančová

¹ The itemized number evaluations above do **NOT** provide automatically the final evaluation - some weaknesses are more crucial than others and some cannot be compensated at all. The proposed classification is therefore independent on these statistics. It is the comprehensive evaluation of the presented written work and it can be still modified during the defence to become the result of the defence.