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PROTOKOL O HODNOCENÍ BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE
(Posudek vedoucího)

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Název práce: *English as a Lingua Franca: Theory and Practical Implications*

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1. CÍL PRÁCE:

The objective of the thesis is to show how English has become de-facto a lingua franca looking through history, geography, religion, education, international trade, communication and taking into account linguistic features of the language. The practical part of this project is designed to assess the scope and depth of knowledge/awareness of and familiarity with the concept (lingua franca) and its implication in being of university students. The assessment is meant to be based on conducting an independent survey. The outcomes and results - of academic research, analysis of scholarly materials, preparation of the survey and q evaluation of collected data - are clearly articulated in relative chapters and summarised in Conclusion section. They – outcomes and results - are consistent with the objective and their presentation leaves very little room for improvement. Any thesis in Philology & Foreign Language studies has always an ulterior aim, which is to demonstrate ability to express ideas freely, comprehensively and competently. I am pleased to see in front of me a good example of these linguistic communicative skills.

2. OBSAHOVÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ:

The work is original, demonstrates creative thinking, evidences extensive reading and cognitive skills.

The parts are well balanced. The chapters are proportional in relation to each other and to the whole entity. The content is relative to the subject matter of the project. Both, theory and practical parts are well written and seem to be logically connected and intrinsically cross-referenced. Attachment section consists of relative documents, inclusion of which is justified by the design and the format of the thesis. Graphics are extremely helpful, visually pleasing and perfectly suitable. Figures, on contrary, are of questionable quality and, arguably, have been reproduced here for no reason.

3. FORMÁLNÍ ÚPRAVA:

The language register is correct. The style of writing is academic as (and when) required. The text is fully understandable, lexically and grammatically almost flawless. Some shortcomings listed in 4.2.1 & 4.2.3. are present, but they are fine linguistic glitches that are conventionally tolerable in academic writings at any level.

Citations and references to authorities and sources are accurate. However, when a reference is being provided to a fragment of text without quotation marks it is unclear what part of the text is supported by authority: either it is a phrase immediately preceding the reference, or the whole sentence, or the whole paragraph (see, for example, § 4, p.10). Also, it is arguably unnecessary to provide authoritative support of other scholars to truisms and cliché (see, for example, §4, p. 21).

The layout, visualisation of and commenting to graphics are very well organised. The system of references to the List of Bibliography and the list itself are of accepted standards.

4. STRUČNÝ KOMENTÁŘ HODNOTITELE:

All the areas of the research have been executed very well and the topic is professionally or scientifically current. The source materials consisting of scientific documents support the research well. The author is very familiar with the topic. All the areas contribute to the research goal. A seamless entity with balanced and logical content. The results are reported with reference to the theoretical background. The choice and handling of the topic/viewpoint demonstrate independent thinking. Very good academic style, linguistically almost faultless.

5. OTÁZKY A PŘIPOMÍNKY DOPORUČENÉ K BLIŽŠÍMU VYSVĚTLENÍ PŘI OBHAJOBĚ:

Please state in clear and unambiguous terms your opinion on the following matters:

(a) Linguists use terms like: (i) Lingua franca, (ii) Globish, (iii) Universal Language, (iv) Basic English, (v) Minimal English, (vi) Natural Semantic Metalanguage, (vii) Metalanguage, (viii) Multicultural Language for International Communication, (ix) International Auxiliary Language – interchangeable as if they are synonyms.

(b) There does exist a single lingua franca in our modern world and it brings significant benefits to the mankind, to each nation and each language group in all spheres of human activities to be able to speak lingua franca.

6. NAVRHOVANÁ ZNÁMKA:

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