Grading guidelines for M.Sc. thesis

From a student at the end of his/her academic studies, we expect motivation, a level of initiative and independent thinking, self-organization and a basic knowledge around the lab. The project itself should conclude at least with clear results. Generally, the guidelines are as follows:

Grade	The student...
6.0	- is extremely motivated and interested - is brimming with independent ideas - is quickly able to plan and setup experiments on his/her own - finishes with clear and satisfactory results and analyses - is someone who should immediately be hired as a PhD - provides a high quality report and presentation - has reliable attendance
5.5	- is very motivated - often comes forward with own ideas - is capable of independent work - works out clearly analyzed results - provides a high quality report and presentation - has reliable attendance
5.0	- is motivated and interested in his/her work - brings forth independent ideas - can work independently but often requires supervision - worked out clear results with basis analyses - provides a high quality report and presentation - has reliable attendance
4.5	- is usually interested in the project - displays some initiative and free thinking - can only do some of the work by himself/herself - worked out clear results - provides a medium quality report and presentation - has somewhat reliable attendance
4.0	- is rarely motivated - is doing very little independent thinking - requires constant supervision - concludes with few experimental results - provides a mediocre report and presentation - has somewhat reliable attendance
< 4.0	- has unreliable attendance and is unmotivated - is not doing any independent thinking - conducts unreliable experiments - is unable to perform basic tasks in a lab - provides a low quality (or no) report/presentation