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Preliminaries

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I am grateful to [library or institution] for access to [sources].

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Main Body: Chapter Frames

Chapter 1. Introduction

This dissertation examines [the problem, in one sentence].

The question matters because [reason drawn from your reading].

The aim of the study is [aim, as approved]. Its objectives are [list them as approved].

The study uses [method] because [reason]. It relies on [primary texts and translations].

Chapter 2 [what it does]; Chapter 3 [what it does]; Chapter 4 [what it does]; Chapter 5 concludes.

Chapters 2 and 3. Exposition of Each Position

In [text], [thinker] holds that [claim].[footnote]

The argument for this can be set out in [number] steps: first, []; second, []; therefore, [].

A key term here is [term], which [translator or commentator] renders as [].[footnote]

[Interpreter] reads this passage as []; [another interpreter] disagrees because [].[footnote]

Chapter 4. Comparison and Evaluation

On the question of [question], [thinker A] holds [], while [thinker B] holds [].

The strongest objection to [position] is [], raised by [source].[footnote]

This objection [does / does not] succeed, because [your reasoning].

Comparison table shell (Chapter 4). Fill it from your own analysis only.

Question	[Thinker A]	[Thinker B]	Your assessment

Chapter 5. Conclusion

On objective (a), the study finds that [your finding, from your own reading].

On objective (b), []. On objective (c), [].

The study is limited by [for example the translations used, or the texts left out].

Further research could examine [].

Reference Material

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