Establishing a Good Relationship from the Beginning

This questionnaire can be completed separately by the supervisor and student, and then they can compare and discuss their respective answers.

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DESIGN							
It is the supervisors' responsibility to It is the student's responsibility to choose							
1	select the research topic						the research topic
_	The supervisor decides the appropriate						The student decides which theoretical
	theoretical framework						framework or methodology they should
2	theoretical framework						use
OWNERSHIP OF KNOWLEDGE							
	Supervisors need to have detailed						Supervisors need a general knowledge of
3	knowledge of the research topic						the research topic
4	The supervisor is the specialist						The student is the specialist
	The supervisor is an authority figure						The supervisor is a colleague, acting as a
5	The supervisor is an authority figure						sounding board
	Supervisors should go with students to						Students should attend academic
6	academic conferences						conferences independently
	The supervisor is responsible for the						The student is responsible for the
7	standard of the final thesis						standard of the final thesis
TIMING							
	The supervisor should have a timetable						The student should create their own
	in mind and ensure the student keeps to						timetable for their research and monitor
8	it						their own progress
	Supervisors should arrange the						Students should ask for meetings when
9	appropriate number of meetings						they need them
	The supervisor should initiate a						The student should initiate a discussion
	discussion about the timing for						about the timing for submitting the final
10	submitting the final thesis						thesis
	Students should always adhere to						Agreed deadlines are guidelines rather
11	agreed deadlines						than absolute targets
WRITING AND FEEDBACK							
	Supervisors should correct style,						Supervisors should only correct content,
12	grammar and spelling as well as content						not grammar and spelling
	Supervisors should encourage students						Writing academic articles before
	to publish in academic journals before						submission takes too much time
13	their thesis is submitted						
	Supervisors should make explicit how						Supervisors should give as much feedback
	often they are willing to give written						as the student needs
14	and/or oral feedback						
	The supervisor should assist in the						The supervisor advises only, and leaves all
	writing of the thesis if the student has						decisions concerning content, format and
15	difficulties						style to the student
	The supervisor should insist on						It is up to the student to ask the
	reviewing drafts of every section of the						supervisor to review drafts of the thesis
16	thesis						
	Students need fully honest feedback,						Supervisors need to judge how much
17	even when it is very critical						feedback to give