



POSUDEK VEDOUCÍHO BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: **Anglický jazyk a literatura (dvouoborové studium)**

Název práce: **James Joyce and the Science of Mind - the Approach of Cognitive**

Narratology to Dubliners

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Short characteristics of the thesis

The present B.A. thesis interprets Joyce's *Dubliners* using the method of cognitive narratology. The author starts with a short introduction, moves on to presenting the work of J. Joyce, his collection *Dubliners* (published in 1914) and the basic tenets and interpretative focus of cognitive narratology. The main body of the work (PART TWO) analyses a representative selection of the stories (8 out of 15) and attempts to underline the significance of the given approach for the interpretation of this major work.

Overall assessment

Clearly, Lenka's work is an original contribution to our discussion of Joyce's work: the approach of cognitive narratology is not an ordinary method of literary analysis and so the author was forced to set on an adventurous journey through an unmapped landscape. In that respect, she has succeeded: the psychological expectations we have in relation to a given text and the degree to which these expectations are either met or frustrated creates an important aspect of the reader's interpretation of the work.

The thesis is well-written, the chapters progress logically and the basic line of the argument is lucid. There are some minor problems, such as typos and grammatical errors, but the overall impression is very satisfactory.

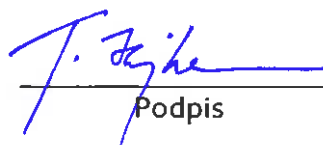
Perhaps the only reservation I have is that the author should have elaborated more on the specific contribution her thesis has for our interpretation of *The Dubliners*: indeed, the one-page conclusion seems a bit too short for a relatively long B.A. thesis. Sometimes the interpretations are detailed close-readings of the short stories and the reader would benefit from a more comprehensive summary of the analysis and its specific findings. Moreover, the very last chapters seem to have been written too much in a hurry and their arguments are should have been developed more thoroughly.

Let's hope that this would be the challenge for Lenka's future work.

Nevertheless, I **do** recommend the thesis for defence and suggest the following grade: **excellent (výborně)**.

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Podpis