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POSUDEK OPONENTA 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* in terms of cognitive narratology. This is preceded by a rather general introduction into the work of James Joyce. In the main part of her thesis, Lenka Zelená examines in much detail eight of the stories in the famous collection and uses them to emphasise the importance of her interpretative approach for the interpretation of Joyce's work as a whole.

Overall assessment

First and foremost, it needs to be said that the present thesis is a very interesting and original contribution and that its author has undertaken considerable and independent research. Also, the thesis is well written, is well structured and the argument is presented in a clear and comprehensible way.

The reservations, if any, would concern the relation of her interpretation to the whole of Joyce's work, namely if Joyce is treated rather at length in the introduction. Lenka Zelená's close reading is attentive, insightful, yet one would logically expect a stronger link to the whole, or, in other words, a more holistic approach. Especially the ending of the thesis seems to be written in haste and the conclusion is too short. But, then again, this is a B. A. thesis and as such, namely thanks to its original approach, it goes well beyond requirements we have for such type of scholarly work. Therefore I would like to conclude that I consider this thesis a good foundation for Lenka Zelená's future work and despite reservations voice above (and despite some minor formal glitches) I do recommend it for defence and suggest the grade **excellent (výborně)**.

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Podpis