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Opponent's opinion on the thesis:

Zoya Wasif

To the Witches and Ghosts Among Us; Exploring how Supernatural Entities uncover Social Processes in Urban Pakistan.

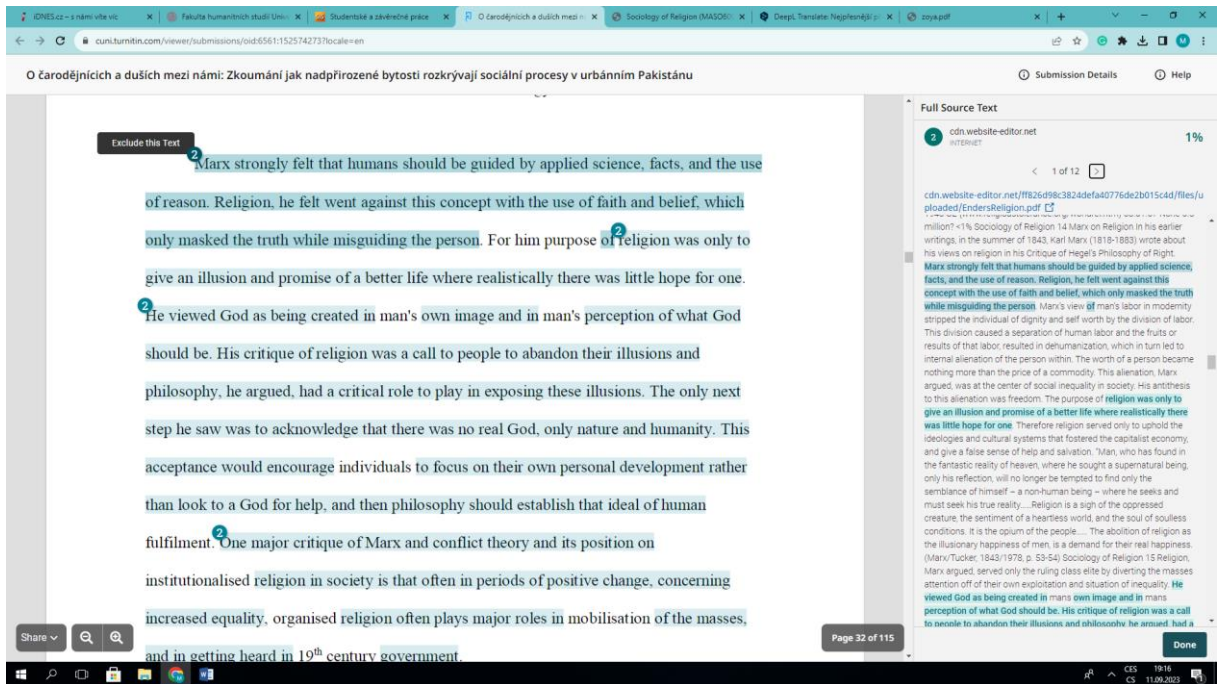
The student submits for defence a rather interesting thesis belonging to the genre of anthropology of religion based on data from urban Pakistan.

Unfortunately, before we proceed to the actual evaluation of the thesis, we must point out serious errors in citing sources. Turnitin has identified a number of problematic passages, probably taken from internet sources:

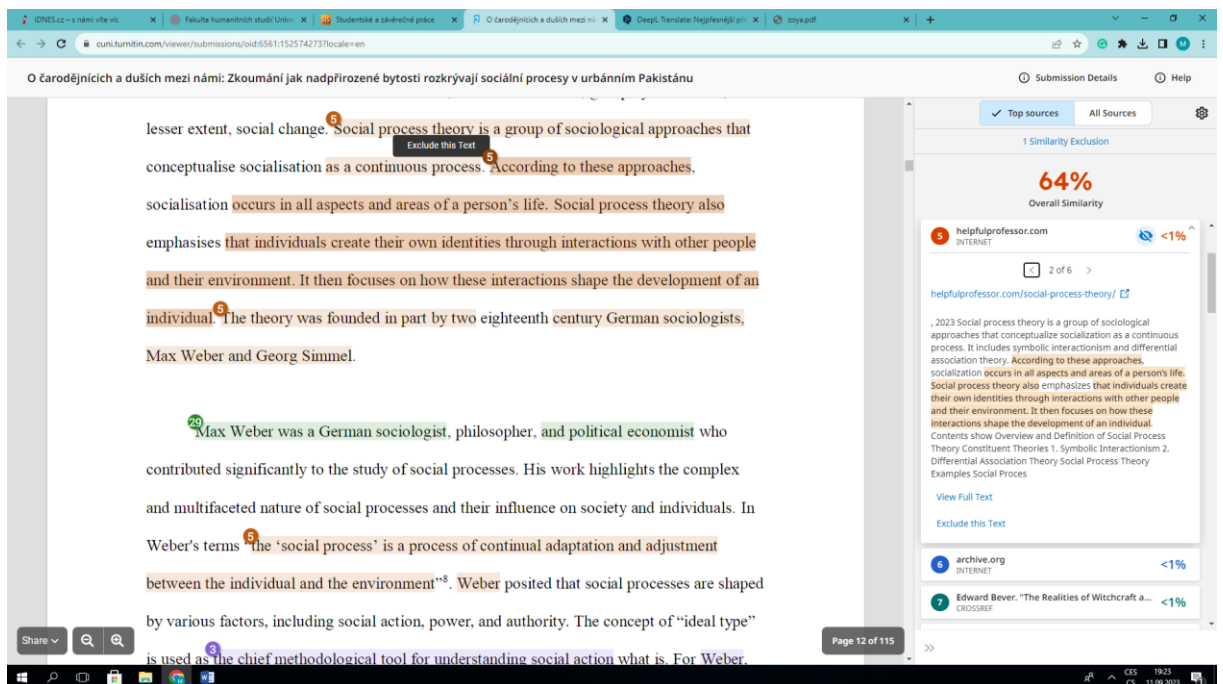
1. On page 32 and following, several dozen lines are copied verbatim or almost verbatim from the Regis University publication Sociology of Religion

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(passages about Marx, Durkheim, Weber)



2. On the page 12: original source: <https://helpfulprofessor.com/social-process-theory/>



3. On page 13. Original source <https://dokumen.pub/the-perspective-of-historical-sociology-the-individual-as-homo-sociologicus-through-society-and-history-1787433641-9781787433649.html>

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of individuals. He considers social relations to be of "chance", which means social relationships do not exist with any iron necessity or regularity, but instead have a somewhat probabilistic nature. He characterises social relations as largely potential entities, based on the chance that certain interconnected actions are taking place in reality. The theme of social relations is also related to the topic of the state and power. Weber defines power, once again, with the help of the concept of chance. In his conception, power is the chance of an actor (individual, group, institution) to enforce its own will against the resistance of others in the framework of a given social relationship.

Georg Simmel was a German sociologist who also made significant contributions to the study of social processes. According to Simmel, The fundamental problem which confronts modern social life is the relationship between the individual and the social forces

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Furthermore, there are a number of passages in the work that look at best like a confusion of quotation and paraphrase, if not something worse.

However, the problematic passages occur only in some parts of the thesis, particularly in the sections devoted to the classics of sociological theory. Other passages of the thesis are based on reading original sources and the research is also original. Theoretically, the plagiarized passages could be explained as cases of so-called unintentional plagiarism given by the poor way of taking extracts from the readings.

I believe that the student should be given a chance to explain the issues. If the matter is explained, I suggest a grade of good (3).

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