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AMS	: ASEAN Member States
ASEAN	: Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AUKUS	: Australia, United Kingdom, and United States Trilateral Security Pact
BCM	: Bilateral Consultative Mechanism
CoC	: Code of Conduct
DoC	: Declaration of Conduct
EEZ	: Exclusive Economic Zone
FON	: Freedom of Navigation
FONOPs	: Freedom of Navigation Operations
GSI	: Global Security Initiative
PRC	: People's Republic of China
QUAD	: Quadrilateral Security Dialogue
SCS	: South China Sea
SLOCS	: Sea Lines of Communications
UNCLOS	: United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
US	: United States

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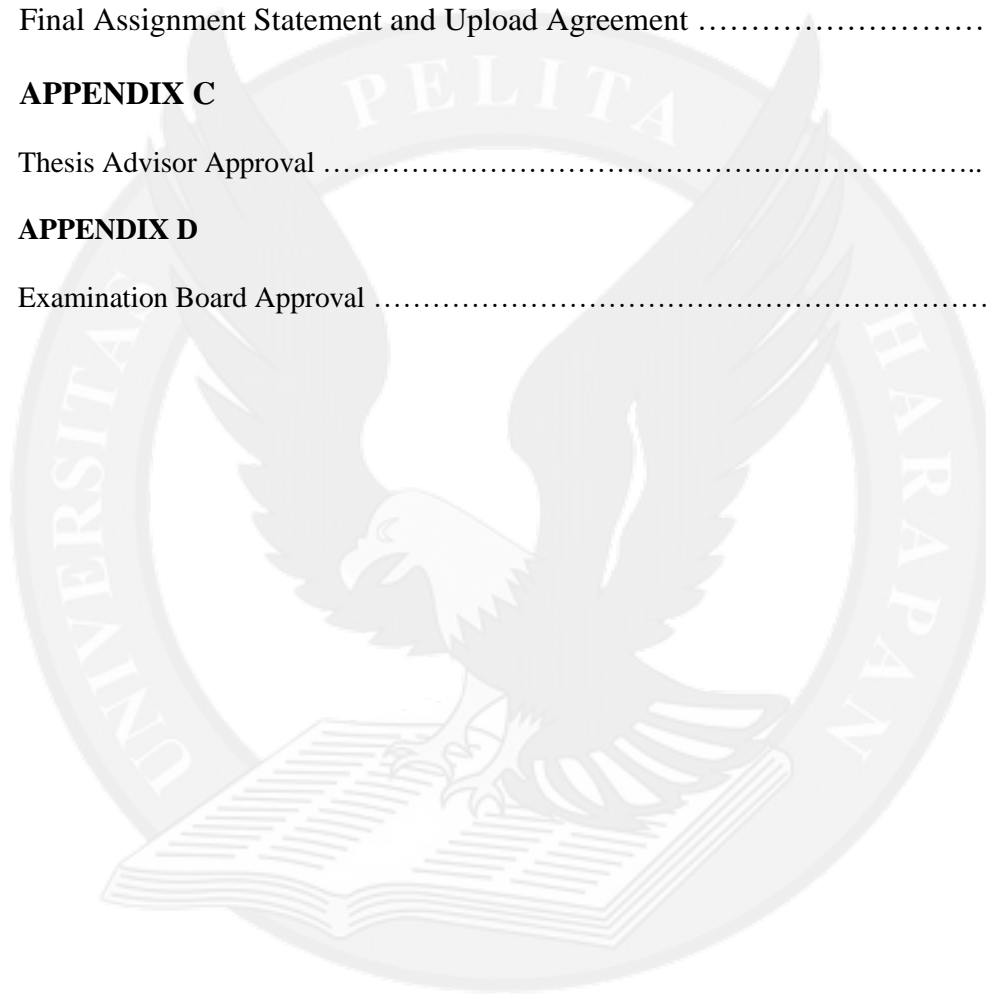
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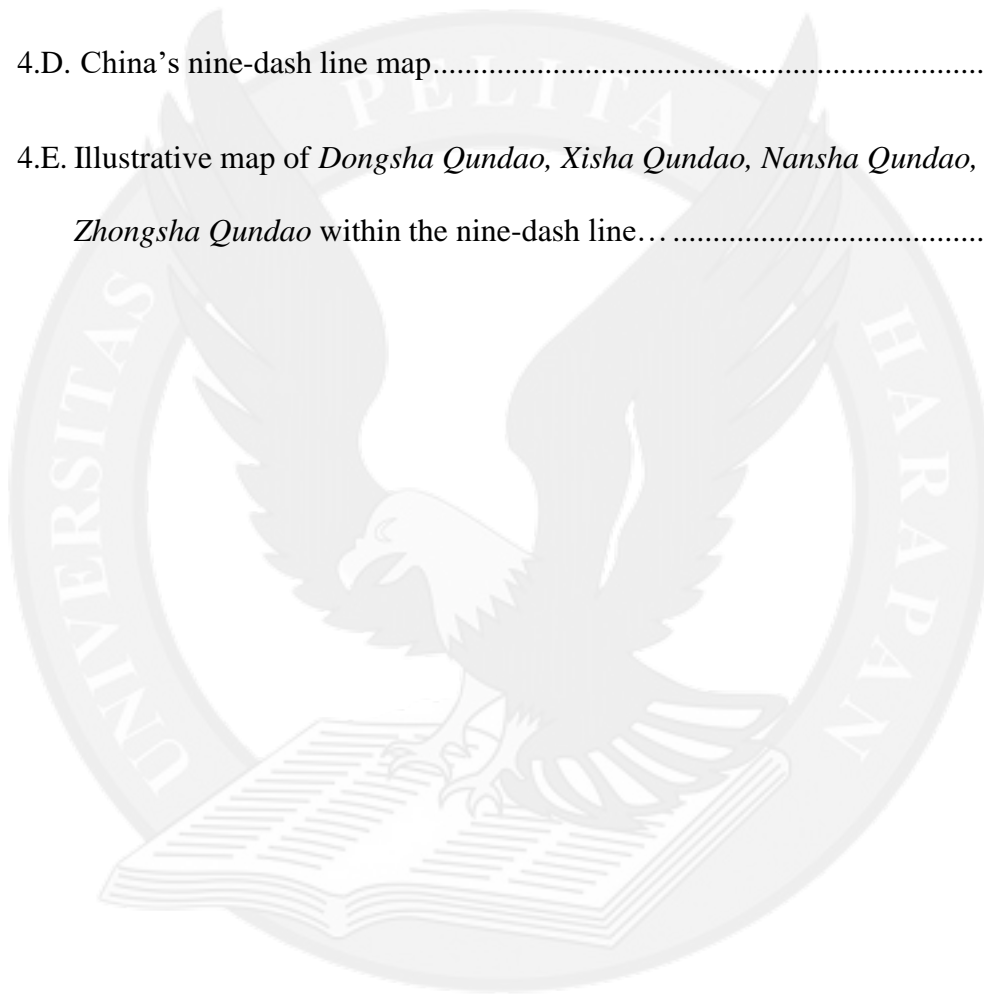
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