1. **Statement of the Problem**

*Statement of thesis clearly indicating (a) the interpretive problem you seek to resolve, (b) your proposed solution to the problem, and (c) your proposed method of reaching that solution. 5–10 pages, double-spaced, with annotations.*

1. **Present Status of the Problem**

*Literature review (a) summarizing addressing past research addressing the interpretive problem identified in Section C, and (b) situating your research project in reference to said past research. 5–10 pages, double-spaced, with annotations.*

1. **Statement of Materials**

*Not applicable for most Religious Studies dissertations. Projects involving original social scientific research should describe data collection instrument(s).*

1. **Statement of Procedure or Methodology**

*Statement of analytical method or methods to be utilized in pursuit of your solution to the interpretive problem identified in Section C. 5–10 pages, double-spaced, with annotations.*

1. **Tentative Outline of the Dissertation**

*Schematic outline of projected dissertation with chapter headings*. *Subheadings optional.*

1. **Bibliography**

*Tentative bibliography including, but not necessarily limited to literature cited in Section D. Double-spaced. Format to a style obliging to your field of research (e.g., Chicago, MLA, SBL*).

1. **Tentative Timetable**

*Tentative schedule for completion and defense of dissertation. Dates should be specific to the month (e.g., December 2018, not fall 2018). Items should correspond with chapter headings indicated in Section G.*