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Advanced GCE

Unit F215: Control, Genomes and Environment

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Question	Expected A	nswers	Marks	Additional Guidance
In ALL questions				
	IGNORE wrong or vague statem e.g. in Q1(a)(i) mark point 1:	Therefore penalise "pla	nts eat rb plant	sheep' (CON) ts by phagocytosís' (wrong)
	ACCEPT incorrect spellings if th	ey are recognisable and so	und the sa	ame when pronounced, even for underlined terms.

C	Quest	ion		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	1	(sheep / animals) ingest / consume / eat / feed on (grass / plants) ;		
			2	digest / hydrolyse , (protein) to amino acids ;		2 ACCEPT break down IGNORE enzymes
			3	amino acids move into , blood / cells ;		 3 ACCEPT amino acids are absorbed into , blood / cells CREDIT AW description of movement e.g. diffusion / active transport but DO NOT CREDIT movement by osmosis
			4	synthesis of proteins / translation ;	3 max	
1	(a)	(ii)	1 2 3			3 IGNORE faeces in the context of mp3 but do not then credit mp4 as a description
			4	egestion / defaecation / described ;	2 max	 therefore 'excretion of faeces' scores mp3 only IGNORE waste matter 4 IGNORE waste matter

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1	(a)	(iii)			Full marks can only be awarded if mp 4 awarded
			 C is <i>Nitrosomonas</i>; D is <i>Nitrobacter</i>; C and D are <u>nitrifying</u> bacteria; for mps 1, 2 and 3 internal max 2 plants need nitrates to make, amino acids / protein(s) / enzymes / DNA / RNA / nucleic acids / chlorophyll / cytoplasm / new cells; 	3	 1 & 2 ACCEPT "they are '<u>Nítrosomonas</u> and <u>Nítrobacter</u>' = 2 marks
1	(a)	(iv)	 E continues / plants use nitrate ; less / no , B / decay ; less / no , C / D / recycling of nitrogen / nitrification ; (cabbages) harvested / removed ; 	3 max	IGNORE references to other letters throughout2 ACCEPT cabbages do not rot down

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1	(a)	(v)	1 legume / any named leguminous plant ;		1 CREDIT English or Latin name. Examples include but are not limited to: pea (<i>Pisum</i>) / bean (<i>Phaseolus</i> or <i>Vicia</i>) / vetch (<i>Vicia</i>) / soya (<i>Glycine</i>) / chickpea (<i>Cicer</i>) / peanut (<i>Arachis</i>) / alfalfa, lucerne or medick (<i>Medicago</i>) / clover or trefoil (<i>Trifolium</i>) / lupin (<i>Lupinus</i>) / <i>Leucaena / Cyamopsis / Sesbania</i> IGNORE names of non-leguminous plants, therefore 'plant legumes such as cucumbers' scores mp 1
			 2 Rhizobium / nitrogen-fixing bacteria (in root nodules); 3 idea of converting nitrogen gas / N₂, into, compounds / ammonium / ammonia / amino acids / protein (in plants); 4 plants ploughed in / plants left to decay / ref B / ref C / ref D; 	3 max	3 the nitrogen must be clearly gaseous IGNORE nitrite / nitrate (because not made in plant)
1	(b)				IGNORE biotourism
			 genetic resource / gene bank / have (different) alleles; for, genetic engineering / genetic modification / artificial selection / selective breeding / described; if conditions change / in the future; example of useful trait; 		 IGNORE source of genes IGNORE unless context is genetic e.g. disease resistance (not immunity) / hardiness /
					An animal need not be named but if it is it should be a farm animal e.g. sheep / cows / goats / pigs / poultry
			5 to <u>maintain</u> , biodiversity / genetic diversity / (large) gene pool;	2 max	5 CREDIT ORA to prevent loss of genetic diversity IGNORE to prevent extinction / to increase biodiversity

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1	(c)	(i)	mutation / described ; <u>select</u> ion / <u>select</u> ion pressure / <u>select</u> ive advantage ;	2	 ACCEPT new or different allele formed / DNA changed IGNORE type of selection
1	(c)	(ii)	 small, population / gene pool; ref. inbreeding / genetic drift; unusual diet / cannot eat grass / poisoned by grass / must eat seaweed; may not be commercially viable / expensive to keep; 	2 max	 CREDIT lack of genetic , variability / variety CREDIT founder effect Mark point must relate to diet
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2	(a)	(i)	1 <u>instinct</u> ive ;		
			2 genetic / genetically determined / inherited ;		2 IGNORE born with it / present from birth
			3 rigid / fixed pattern / inflexible ;		3 ACCEPT description. <u>Same</u> in all members of species or performed the <u>same</u> all the time
			4 <u>stereotyp</u> ed / <u>stereotyp</u> ical ;		
			5 automatic / does not require thought / does not require learning ;	2 max	
2	(a)	(ii)	1 (behaviour) chang <u>ed</u> / alter <u>ed</u> / learn <u>t</u> , by experience ;		1 ACCEPT taught by parents / learnt by watching others 'due to experience' is not enough. They need to refer to
			2 ref. memory / association / reinforcement / practice ;		<i>past</i> experience.
			3 variable ;	2 max	3 ACCEPT description. Varies or is different in different members of a species or in one animal at different times

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2	(b)		general innate behaviour advantages		<i>Note -</i> The question relates to animal behaviour that is, in broad terms, advantageous for survival.
		A1 A2 A3	rapid / automatic / correct , behaviour / response ; <i>idea that</i> simple nervous system is enough ; suits species with , short lifespan / no parental care / solitary lifestyle ;		A marks can be awarded in the context of an example
					E marks the name of the type of behaviour is not needed.
			innate behaviour examples with specific advantages		Odd E numbers require the animal to be identified and the behaviour described. Even E numbers require an explanation of how the behaviour is advantageous e.g. to keep the animal in a suitable environment / to avoid predation or damage / to find food or a mate. Can be awarded even if corresponding odd E number has not been awarded.
		E1 E2	an escape reflex described in a named animal ; advantage of this escape reflex explained ;		
		E3 E4	a taxis described in a named animal ; advantage of this taxis explained ;		E3 ACCEPT motile protoctist e.g. Euglena / Paramecium
		E5 E6	a kinesis described in a named animal ; advantage of this kinesis explained ; continued		continued

(Question		Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
2	(b)		continued		
		Α4	general learned behaviour advantages flexible / adaptable to , change / environment ;		A mark can be awarded in the context of an example
		A4	nexible / adaptable to , change / environment ;		A mark can be awarded in the context of an example
			learned behaviour examples with specific advantages		E marks the name of the type of behaviour is not needed.
		E7	habituation described in a named animal;		Odd E numbers require the animal to be identified and
		E8	advantage of this habituation explained ;		the behaviour described . Even E numbers require an explanation of how the
		E9	imprinting described in a named animal;		behaviour is advantageous e.g. to conserve energy
		E10	advantage of this imprinting explained;		(habituation) / access care (imprinting) / access food / safety or other reward or survival need
		E11	conditioning described in a named animal ;		E11 ACCEPT description of Pavlov's dogs for conditioning
		E12	advantage of this conditioning explained ;		E12 IGNORE ref. to Pavlov's dogs
		E13	latent learning described in a named animal;		
		E14	advantage of this latent learning explained;		
		E15	insight learning described in a named animal;		
		E16	advantage of this insight learning explained;		
				10 max	
			QWC – relating types of behaviour to advantages ;	1	QWC = any description mp (odd E) PLUS any advantage mp (even E or A) from both sections
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3	(a)	(i)	DNA / gene / genetic , fingerprinting / profiling / analysis ; DNA / protein / gene , sequencing ; electrophoresis ;	1 max	IGNORE gene testing / gene probing / gene mapping / genome sequencing
3	(a)	(ii)	rarely / do not , produce seed / cross-pollinate / interbreed ; only reproduce asexually ;	1 max	
3	(a)	(iii)	vegetative propagation;	1	IGNORE asexual reproduction (as given in the question)
3	(b)		 1 genetically identical / little genetic variation ; 2 all susceptible / none resistant , to this disease ; 		 IGNORE clone IGNORE all susceptible to 'disease' in general. Only credit if one particular disease is implied e.g. the / new / fungus / same , disease DO NOT CREDIT immune instead of resistant
			 3 beetles , move / fly , from tree to tree or beetles are vector ; 4 trees grow , in clonal patch / close together or disease spreads through , suckers / roots or connected by , suckers / roots ; 5 the beetles <u>only</u> , live on / target , elm trees ; 6 attempts at control contributed to spread ; 7 as more trees became diseased then 		3 IGNORE simple repetition of text 'beetles spread disease'
			 more tree surgery was necessary (contributing to spread of problem); 8 as more trees became infected then more, saws / equipment, were contaminated; 	4 max	

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3	(c)	(i)	1 less / no , movement of water or less / no , water reaches leaves ;		
			2 less / no , minerals / nitrate / phosphate / magnesium / iron ;		 2 CREDIT correct symbols NO₃⁻, PO₄²⁻, Mg²⁺, Fe²⁺, Fe³⁺ IGNORE nutrients IGNORE reference to other substances such as sugars
			3 less / no , chlorophyll formation ;		
			4 chlorophyll breakdown / leaf senescence ;	2 max	
3	(c)	(ii)	 less / no , photosynthesis ; less / no , sugar(s) / amino acid(s) / assimilates / organic molecules ; roots cannot , respire / do active transport / metabolise ; 		2 CREDIT named sugars, e.g. sucrose , glucose , hexose IGNORE nutrients / food
			 4 the falling leaves carry the fungus ; 	2 max	

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3	(d)	1 2	cut plant material into , explant <u>s</u> / small piece <u>s</u> ; example of part of plant used e.g. leaf / stem / root / bud / meristem / dividing region at tip of plant ;		1 DO NOT CREDIT a single cutting
		3 4	sterilise explant ; (with) bleach / sodium hypochlorite / alcohol ;		
		5 6 7 8	place on , agar / growth medium ; containing , glucose / amino acids / nitrates / phosphates ; callus or mass of , undifferentiated / totipotent , cell <u>s</u> ; high auxin and cytokinin (for callus formation) ;		 5 CREDIT place in aerated solution 6 IGNORE polymers / carbohydrates 7 DO NOT CREDIT description of single cell
		9 10 11	subdivide callus / sub-culturing ; treat to induce , roots / shoots ; change plant hormone ratio ;		 9 IGNORE ref. single cells 11 CREDIT description, e.g. high auxin to give roots or (relatively) high cytokinin to give shoots (auxin : cytokinin ratio = 100 : 1 for roots, 4 : 1 for shoots, or similar
		12	transfer to , greenhouse / soil / less controlled environment / non-sterile environment ;		figures)
		13	ref. aseptic conditions (anywhere within stages 5-11) ;	6 max	13 Do not award for sterilising explant (which is mp3)
			QWC – described in logical sequence of steps ;	1	Award QWC for sequence of marks as follows: either mp 1 or 2 then 1 mark from mps 5 – 8 then 1 mark from mp 9 - 12

Question	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance
3 (e)	 advantages quick ; disease-free / virus-free , stock created ; plants have same feature / uniform plants created ; can reproduce infertile plants ; can reproduce plants that are hard to grow from seed ; create whole plants from GM cells ; production , not determined by seasons / at any time / anywhere in the world ; (plantlets small) can be transported easily / grown in small space ; can save rare species from extinction ; 		 CREDIT the first answer on each prompt line 1 IGNORE ref. large numbers alone 3 refers to plant phenotype e.g. plants , grow at same rate / grow to same height
	 disadvantages 10 expensive / labour intensive , process ; 11 process can fail due to microbial contamination ; 12 all offspring susceptible to same , pest / disease / named environmental factor (e.g. drought) ; 13 no / low / little , genetic variation ; 	4	 12 IGNORE all are susceptible to disease in general (as in 3b) 13 IGNORE loss of alleles
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C	Questi	ion	Expected Answers	Marks	Additional Guidance	
4	(a)	(i)	57 / 57.3 ; ;	2	Award 2 marks for a correct answer ACCEPT 57.25 for 2 marks If answer is incorrect then allow 1 working mark for 655 – 280 or for seeing 375 anywhere in the working	
4	(a)	(ii)	<pre>description (D) D1 number of , waders / birds , decrease (in area 2) ; D2 (numbers decrease) in , all / four , species ; D3 unlike / different to ,</pre>		 D1 CREDIT 'it' as number ACCEPT 'amount' D2 CREDIT the four names if all said to decrease D4 CREDIT lapwing and redshank increase / only dunlin and snipe decrease D5 Percentage change figures: area 1 area 2 lapwing +24 -31 redshank +51 -41 dunlin -31 -56 snipe -10 -57 Look for ecf from 4(a)(i) if snipe in area 2 incorrect E1 IGNORE hedgehogs eat eggs as given in question 	
			 E2 indegenogs , stop birds breeding / reduce offspring (one year) ; E3 idea of fewer , new adults / breeders (next year) ; E4 idea of more deaths than 'births' ; 	6 max	E3 Look for idea of future / knock-on effect	

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4	(a)	(iii)			Mark the first suggestion on each numbered line. Award 1 mark for a factor and a further mark for a related explanation
			 plenty of / enough , food / birds' eggs / space ; breed rapidly / breed successfully / young survive ; no / few , predators ; few die (young / before breeding) ; <i>idea that</i> hedgehogs are introduced species ; invasive / fill vacant niche / not reached carrying capacity ; these hedgehogs restricted to island ; cannot , emigrate / leave island (so numbers build up) ; 	4 max	1 CREDIT little competition for food
4	(b)		 idea that the following may be ethically wrong 1 killing hedgehogs; 2 letting hedgehogs, kill / decrease number of, waders; 3 introducing hedgehogs to island (upset the ecosystem); 4 catching / moving, hedgehogs might cause suffering; 5 doing nothing; 	3 max	 CREDIT ORA idea preventing these is ethically right IGNORE 'right to life' and 'playing God' 2 CREDIT ORA need to conserve waders 4 'the other methods are cruel' = 1 mark (mp 4) 'moving hedgehogs elsewhere causes problem somewhere else' = 1 mark (mp 4) 5 CREDIT ORA idea of human responsibility
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5	(a)	 methionine arginine threonine trustanban is 		AWARD 2 marks if all four correct AWARD 1 mark if two or three correct AWARD 0 marks if only one correct
5	(b)	5 tryptophan ; ; <u>translation</u> ; <u>ribosome</u> / <u>rough</u> ER / <u>R</u> ER ;	2	IGNORE incorrect spelling if meaning is clear IGNORE ER alone DO NOT CREDIT smooth ER
5	(c)	messenger / m ; RNA / ribonucleic acid ;	2	<i>mRNA</i> ' = 2 marks IGNORE incorrect 'r' or 't' prefix for 2 nd mark
5	(d)	UAA and UAG and UGA; do not code for an amino acid / no matching tRNA;	2	NEED all 3 for one mark ACCEPT do not code for anything ACCEPT no , matching / complementary , anticodon
5	(e)	neutral / silent / substitution / point ;	1	
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6 (a)	<i>somatic</i> changes / uses , body cells ; change cannot be passed to offspring ; cures / alleviates , genetic disease in one individual ; short-lived / repeat treatments needed ;		ORA germ line changes could be passed to offspring	
		<i>germ line</i> changes / uses , gametes / zygote / embryo / reproductive tissue ; banned ;	2 max	ACCEPT sperm / eggs	
6 (b)	centralCIbrain and spinal cord ;C2intermediate neurones ;C3has , coordinating role / many synapses ;peripheralmax 3		For full marks needs at least 1 C mark C2 CREDIT relay / internuncial / bipolar C3 IGNORE processing	
		 P1 <u>nerves</u>, from sense organs / to muscles / to glands; P2 sensory and motor, neurones / nerve cells; P3 role in, sensing stimuli / controlling effectors or conducting impulses, to / from, CNS / brain / spinal cord; P4 includes, somatic / autonomic / sympathetic / parasympathetic; 	4 max	 P1 IGNORE effectors P2 DO NOT CREDIT if intermediate included DO NOT CREDIT nerves P3 IGNORE messages / signals / information 	
6 (c)	<i>prophase 1</i> <u>homologous chromosomes</u> pair up / <u>bivalents</u> form ; <u>chiasmata</u> / crossing-over / recombination ;	2	CREDIT reverse arguments for prophase 2 ACCEPT description e.g. <u>non-sister chromatids</u> exchange , (matching sections of) DNA / alleles / genetic material	
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C	Question		Expected Answers		Additional Guidance	
7	(a)	(i)	 sweep netting / sweep vegetation with a net; beating / beat trees and bushes; pooter / pooting / described; 	1 max	 2 ACCEPT fogging 3 ACCEPT pitfall traps / described 	
7	(a)	(ii)	idea of ladybirds not evenly distributed / some parts of hill different / more representative ;		ACCEPT description e.g. could be more ladybirds one side than another ACCEPT increases reliability IGNORE accuracy / precision / removes anomalies	
			lets <u>reliability</u> be assessed / anomalies identified ;	1 max		
7	(b)	(i)	 M1 (calculate) % / proportion / ratio ; E1 as different total numbers at each site ; or 		M1 IGNORE χ^2	
			 M2 (draw) bar chart / kite diagram ; E2 pictorial data easier to understand ; 	2 max	M2 IGNORE histogram / line graph	

	Quest	ion	Expected Answers		Additional Guidance
7	(b)	(ii)			If candidates argues 'yes' exclusively, can only be awarded mps 1-3 If candidate answers 'no' exclusively, can only be awarded mps 4 & 5
			 yes (for first statement) 1 first statement true / correlation exists ; 2 number of black ladybirds increase , from 100m to 300m / until 300m ; 3 400m number decrease but % black increases ; 		
					Note percentage of black ladybirds increases as you go up the hill = 2 marks (mps 2 & 3)
			 no (for second statement) 4 correlation not proof of causation / no proof of causal link / second statement not (necessarily) true ; 5 another (named) factor could be involved ; 		5 CREDIT could be due to distance from town /
				3 max	more or less predation high up / camouflage / warning colours
7	(c)	(i)			DO NOT CREDIT gene IGNORE letters / genotypes
			only expressed , when homozygous / in absence of dominant (allele) ; not expressed when heterozygous / expression masked by dominant (allele) ;		ACCEPT only seen in phenotype when it is present in 'double dose'
			expression masked by dominant (allele);	1 max	

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Questi 7 (c)	ion (ii)	Expected A 1 \underline{q}^2 = 296 / 346 2 q = $\sqrt{\text{previous answer}}$ 3 p = 1 – previous answer	or 0.85 / 0.855 / 0.86 ; or 0.92 / 0.93 ;	Marks	Additional Guidance 1 DO NOT CREDIT calculation or figure unless it has been indicated as q ² 2 ACCEPT ecf 3 ACCEPT ecf 3 ACCEPT ecf Note If both p and q are correct = 3 marks If p and q not given to 2 decimal places then penalise 1 mark and then apply ecf • If the 2 final answers add up to 1 give mp 3, then look for evidence of mps 1 or 2 in the working • If the 2 final answers do not add up to 1, look for evidence of mps 1, 2 & 3 in the working
				3	• Award the working mark(s) if method correct, even if subsequent calculation incorrect (e.g. $1 - 0.54 = 0.56$ could get mp 3 for '1 – previous answer' even though 0.56 is the incorrect answer for the calculation) e.g. if black allele wrongly assumed to be recessive $q = 0.38$ or $q = \sqrt{0.1445}$ give mp 2 as ecf p = 0.62 or $p = 1 - 0.38$ give mp 3 as ecf e.g. if answer given as q = 0.85 and $p = 0.15$ give mp 3 They will not get mp 1 as they think that 296/346 = q (rather than q ²) and so will not square root it so they won't get mp 2
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