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Unit F212: Molecules, Biodiversity, Food and Health

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C	Quest	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	human immunodeficiency virus / HIV;	1	DO NOT CREDIT if there is any ref to AIDS
1	(a)	(ii) 1 2	(infective agent), in blood / body fluids; idea of: used needles are contaminated; ora		1 ACCEPT any infective agent even if incorrect as question asks for <i>mode of transmission</i> 2 ACCEPT e.g. 'used needles are infected' 2 ACCEPT e.g. 'new needles are sterile' 2 DO NOT CREDIT 'dirty' / 'clean' needles
1	(b)	3 (i)	reduces chance of sharing needles; ora	2 max	3 IGNORE 'prevents' / 'stops' Answers must be on correct line
		(-)	amino acid(s);		ACCEPT phonetic spelling for both
			nucleotide(s);	2	DO NOT CREDIT if ref to DNA / 'nucleosides' ACCEPT 'ribonucleotides'
1	(b)	(ii) 1	reverse transcriptase in (host) nucleus;		
		2	viral DNA, (inserted) in (host), chromosome / DNA;		
		3	idea of: (viral) RNA / mRNA produced / transcribed;		
		4	(to) code for / make / translate, viral proteins;	2 max	4 IGNORE 'different protein'

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1	(c)	(i)	·		Mark the first three answers only regardless of which line they are on
		1	not vaccinated against TB;		1 IGNORE general refs to lack of medical care
		2	weakened immune system;		
		3	(lifestyle) e.g. poor diet / lack of protein / malnourished / smoking / alcoholism;		3 DO NOT CREDIT 'alcohol' unqualified IGNORE 'poor health'
		4	homelessness;		
		5	poor ventilation (of housing) / AW;		
		6	overcrowding;		
		7	close contact with people from / visiting, area where TB is common;		7 ACCEPT area where those with TB are not quarantined
		8	close / prolonged, contact with individual(s) with TB;		
		9	consumption of milk or beef, from infected cattle / in developing countries;	3 max	

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C	uesti	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
	(c)	(ii) 1	cytokine / interleukin / receptor has, specific / unique, shape;		1 DO NOT CREDIT 'cytokine is specific to receptor' as this is implied in question
		2	(cytokine / interleukin), binds / attaches / bonds to / fits into, receptor;		
		3	receptor on (cell surface) membrane (of B lymphocyte);		3 DO NOT CREDIT 'antibodies' (on cell surface)
		4	(receptor and cytokine have) complementary shapes;		
		5	activates / stimulates, clonal expansion / mitosis;	3 max	5 ACCEPT activates / releases 2 nd messenger
			Total	13	

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2	(a)	(i)	blue-black / black / dark blue ;	1	ACCEPT dark purple / purplish-blue DO NOT CREDIT blue or purple unqualified by darkness ACCEPT acceptable colour change
2	(a)	(ii) 1 2	between oxygen and hydrogen (atoms) ; (between) electronegative / δ^- , and electropositive / δ^+ ;		CREDIT marking points from clearly labelled diagram max 1 if incorrect charges are on atoms 1 DO NOT CREDIT molecules / ions 2 DO NOT CREDIT ions / + and - 2 ACCEPT slight / partial (negative / positive), charge
				2	
2	(a)	(iii) 1	hydrogen / H, bonds break ; helix, lost / unravels / AW ;		IGNORE refs to denaturation 2 ACCEPT spiral / coil
		3	iodine, released / no longer in complex / AW;	2 max	3 ACCEPT no longer contained in helix

C	uesti	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance	
2	(b)	1	take samples at a range of times / AW;			
		B2	same volumes (of solutions) added / removed (each time);		B2 must be in context of Benedict's test rather than reaction mixture	
		В3	heat with, Benedict's (solution) / CuSO ₄ and NaOH;		B3 DO NOT CREDIT boil / warm B3 DO NOT CREDIT if Benedict's added to the	
		B4	(use of) excess Benedict's ;		mixture at the beginning	
		B5	changes to, green / yellow / orange / brown / (brick) red;			
		C6	remove precipitate / obtain filtrate ;		C6 CREDIT description of method e.g. filtering / centrifuging / decanting	
		C7	colorimeter;			
		8	calibrate / zero, using, a blank / water / (unreacted) Benedict's;		8 IGNORE 'control'	
		9	use (red / orange) filter;		9 DO NOT CREDIT if colour of filter is incorrect	
		T10	reading of, transmission / absorbance OR mass of precipitate;		T10 ACCEPT 'measure how much light, does / does not, pass through'	
		11	more transmission / less absorbance, of filtrate, OR greater mass ppt, = more maltose present; ora		 11 if unfiltered Benedict's / precipitate is clearly indicated as being present in sample, ACCEPT 'less transmission / more absorbance, = more maltose present' 11 DO NOT CREDIT if precipitate is added to colorimeter 	
		12	using, standard / known, concentrations (of maltose);		12 CREDIT 'serial dilutions'	
		13	(obtain) <u>calibration</u> curve;		12 0112211 001101 01101	
		14	plot, transmission / absorbance / mass of ppt, against			
			(reducing sugar) concentration;			
		15	use graph to read off concentration of maltose / AW;	6 max		
			QWC – correct sequence ;	1	1 of mps B2 to B5, then mp C6 or C7, then mp T10	

C	uesti	ion	Expected Answer			Mark	Additional Guidance					
2	(c)	(i) 1 2 3	increases / greater / faster ; reaction completed in / plateaus after / conce 100% aft figures with units to support mp 1;			2 max	 1 ACCEPT any time between 3.45 and 3.55 min. 3 two maltose concentrations (+ or – chloride) for a given time or two times (+ or – chloride) for given maltose concentration. 3 ACCEPT calculated difference 3 DO NOT CREDIT if '%' and 'min.' not given 3 ACCEPT any concentration within ± 1 % and time within ± 0.05 min. 					
			Presence or absence of chloride ions	The pe	rcentage 0.5 min	1.0 min	1.5 min	f maltose 2.0 min	2.5 min	3.0 min	ry half a 3.5 min	4.0 min
			Chloride ions present	0	24	54	70	80	88	95	100	100
			Chloride ions absent	0	12	20	29	36	40	45	48	50
			Difference in maltose concentration When chloride ions are either present or absent Allow a + /- 1% for any	0 concent	12	34 maltose a	41 and a +/- 2	44 2% for the	48 e differen	50 ce in mal	52 tose cond	50 centrations
2	(c)	(ii) 1 2	(acts as a) cofactor; (Cl ⁻) binds to, enzyme / amylase / amylose /	substrate	;			RE 'coen:	zyme'	e site		
		3	enzyme substrate complex / ESC, forms mo		uickly;	2 max	3 ACCE	PT desci	ription			

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2	(c)	(iii)			Mark the first three answers only regardless of which line they are on DO NOT CREDIT refs to, time
		1	temperature;		
		2	pH;		
		3	enzyme / amylase / chloride, concentration;		3 IGNORE 'amount' or 'volume' 3 DO NOT CREDIT 'concentration' unqualified
		4	substrate / starch / amylose, concentration;		4 IGNORE 'amount' or 'volume' 4 DO NOT CREDIT 'concentration' unqualified
		5	constant / regular, stirring;		4 DO NOT ONEDIT concentration unqualified
		6	(fixed) volume of solution (removed each time for sampling);	3 max	
			Total	19	

(Quest	ion	Ex	pected Answ	er	Mark	Additional	Guidance	
3	(a)	(i) 1	(all), sub-arctic / all 4 na	med sub-arcti	c, species / birds, show decrease ;		ACCEPT reference to number success throughout 1 sub-arctic species = snow + ptarmigan + dotterel	•	
		2	(all / most), other / non s arctic, species		4 named non sub- increase / no change;		2 non sub-arctic species = I meadow pipit + ring ouzel	red grouse + wheatear +	
		3	greater change / AW (in		cess), in sub-arctic non sub-arctic species	;			
		4	comparative figs (in 197	0 AND 2000)	;	3	4 number of young for one sub-arctic species in 1970 a subtraction between the two 4 DO NOT CREDIT if figure 2000	and 2000 (or calculated pyears)	
					number of you	ıng raised	ng raised per year		
			species	1970	2000		nce in number of young between 1970 and 2000		
			Snow bunting*	78	2		Down 76		
	Lapland bu		Lapland bunting*	7	0		Down 7		
			Ptarmigan*	1280	876		Down 404	1	
			Red grouse	890	962		Up 72		

Up 22

Up 59

Up 3

Down 10

231

82

26

35

209

23

23

45

Wheatear

Meadow pipit

Ring ouzel

Dotterel*

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C	uesti	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
3	(a)	(ii) 1	climate change / global warming;		1 IGNORE greenhouse effect 1 DO NOT CREDIT 'it is too warm' or 'it is not cold enough' without reference since 1970
		2	(environmental) change too rapid for adaptation;		enough without reference since 1970
		3	change in, flora / plants / food supply / insects / prey / predators / human activity;		3 ACCEPT camouflage no longer appropriate / reduction in size of habitats
		4	disease (that affects sub-arctic species more than others);		
		5	sub-arctic species, less well-adapted than / have been outcompeted by, non sub-arctic species / AW;		5 ACCEPT ora
				2 max	
3	(b)	(i)	the <u>number</u> of <u>species</u> present (in a habitat);	1	DO NOT CREDIT range / amount

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3	(b)	(ii) 1	idea of: unbiased method to selecting sampling area;		Mark the first three suggestions 1 ACCEPT e.g. random selection of, areas / coordinates OR use of transect 1 IGNORE 'random sampling' unqualified
		2	sample many times / AW, and calculate mean / average;		
		3	standardised sweeping procedure;		3 e.g. same type of movement / same length of time same number of sweeps 3 ACCEPT sample at same time of day 3 IGNORE same collector 3 IGNORE refs to using alternative collecting techniques in order to collect more insect species
		4	ensure insects do not escape (before being identified);		4 ACCEPT use of pooter
		5	method to prevent recounting;		5 if ref to mark-release-recapture, IGNORE 'release and recapture' and look for idea for preventing recounting
		6	sample at different times of, day / month / year / weather conditions;	3 max	

	Questi	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
3	(b)	(iii) 1	(measures), abundance / numbers, of individuals in each species;		
		2	species evenness is more quantitative than species richness ; ora		
		3	high(er) species evenness indicates high(er) biodiversity; ora		
		4	low species evenness indicates, dominance by / high abundance of, one / few, species; ora		
		5	used to calculate (Simpson's) Index of Diversity;		
		6	example used to illustrate explanation of mp 3 or 4;		6 e.g. "Two areas have the same number of species. One with 90% of 1 species has less biodiversity than one where all species have an abundance of 5-20%"
				3 max	
			Total	12	

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(Questi	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
4	(a)	1	free from, disease / illness ;		1 ALLOW infection CREDIT 'not just the absence of disease'
		2	physical and mental and social wellbeing / AW;		2 DO NOT CREDIT 'state' / 'condition'
		3	good nutrition;		3 ACCEPT balanced diet
		4	suitably housed;	2 max	4 ACCEPT ref to economic wellbeing

C	uesti	on	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
4	(b)				Mark first F mark on line and assume explanation relates to that ACCEPT named example(s) of pathogen or parasite CREDIT E marks if a reasonable, but non- creditworthy, attempt at an F mark has been made, e.g. 'lining of nasal passages' for F2
		F1 E1	skin; idea of: physical barrier to prevent entry of microorganisms;		E1 ACCEPT 'pathogens cannot pass through cells' E1 ACCEPT antibacterial effects of sebum or sweat E1 DO NOT CREDIT physical barrier unqualified
		F2 E2	mucous membrane(s) / goblet cells; (produce) mucus to trap, pathogens / parasite; OR		
		F2 E2	mucus; traps pathogens;		
		F3 E3	cilia / ciliated epithelium; remove, pathogen / parasite, laden / AW, mucus;		
		F4 E4	blood clotting; prevents, pathogens / parasite, entering bloodstream;		
		F5 E5	ear wax / nasal hairs ; traps, pathogens / parasite ;		
		F6 E6	lysozyme / tears / nasal secretions / saliva; kills bacteria / contains antibacterial agent;		F6 IGNORE lysosome(s) E6 ACCEPT contains antibodies
		F7 E7	gastric juice / stomach acid ; kills, pathogens / parasite ;	4 max	F7 ACCEPT 'enzymes in the stomach' or 'acid in vagina'

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4	(c)	(i) 1	lives, on / in / in contact with, and harms <u>host</u> ; takes nutrition from / feeds on (host);		1 living on / in must be stated, cannot be implied from feeding 1 IGNORE 'live off'
		3 4	warmth; protection / safe place / AW;		3 ACCEPT 'incubate'
		5	allows transmission / spread, to a new host / AW;	4 max	5 ACCEPT 'distributed' / 'passed on' as implies new host
4	(c)	(ii) 1	wash / clean / disinfect / sterilize, hands;		
		2	not, scratching / touching, of anus;		2 ACCEPT method to prevent scratching e.g. cutting nails 2 IGNORE 'wash anus'
		3	drugs to, kill / remove, parasite / eggs;	2 max	3 DO NOT CREDIT 'antibiotics' 3 IGNORE 'anti-bacterial'
			Total	12	

C	Question	Expecte	d Answer		Mark	Additional Guidance
5	(a)	statement	DNA only (D) or RNA only (R) or both DNA and RNA (B)			Award 1 mark for each correct row DO NOT CREDIT if more than one letter in a box
		contains thymine	D			
		contains ribose	R	;		
		consists of 2 chains connected to each other with hydrogen bonds	D	;		
		has a sugar-phosphate backbone	В	;		
		has 4 different nitrogenous bases	В	;		
		contains a pentose sugar	В	;		
		is found in the nucleus and cytoplasm	R	;		
			1	<u> </u>	6	

C	uesti	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
5	(b)	(i)	·		
		1	(information used to) decide which, group / taxon, organism / species / named example, fits in;		1 answers must refer to the information provided by the study of DNA, rather than simply the job of taxonomists, e.g. ACCEPT 'it can be used to put organisms into groups' 1 IGNORE 'for classification' unqualified – look for idea of: groups 1 CREDIT ref to belonging to same taxonomic group, e.g. 'to see if it belongs in the genus <i>Homo</i> '
		2	compare the proportion of (different) bases;		2 IGNORE 'examine proportion of bases' 2 CREDIT idea for looking at similarities / differences
		3	compare the DNA / genes / sequence of bases;		3 IGNORE 'examine sequence of bases' 3 CREDIT idea for looking at similarities / differences
		4	idea of: the more similar the, DNA / genes, the closer the relationship / AW;	2 max	4 Must contain reference to similarity of DNA
5	(b)	(ii)		ZIIIdX	Mark the first two suggestions
-	(6)	(")			IGNORE ref to genetics as DNA is 'biochemical'
		1	fossil record;		government g
		2	anatomy / physiology / behaviour ;		2 ACCEPT AW for anatomy, e.g. observable / physical features / cell structure 2 ACCEPT AW for physiology, e.g. method of reproduction
		3	embryology / AW ;		
			, ,	2 max	
5	(c)		J;		DO NOT CREDIT names
			Т;	2	

C	Questi	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
5	(d)	(i) 1	no DNA from living specimens in Wales analysed; population (may have) evolved / mutations have occurred /		2 ACCEPT description of evolved
			genetic variation, (since 1948);	1 max	2 DO NOT CREDIT 'evolution' unqualified by context of pine marten population
5	(d)	(ii) 1	(introduced) pine martens might not be adapted to local conditions / AW;		ACCEPT animals as AW for pine martens throughout answer 1 ACCEPT not adapted to the habitat 1 DO NOT CREDIT 'used to'
		2	(local) <u>habitat</u> , might have changed / is no longer suitable (for any pine martens) / AW;		
		3	introduced, pine martens, might outcompete native, population / pine martens;		3 ACCEPT introduced pine martens might kill native /Welsh pine martens3 IGNORE 'compete' unqualified
		4	introduced pine martens might bring disease;		o rorrorra osmporo amquamnou
		5	Welsh pine marten would lose its, distinctiveness / identity, because of interbreeding;	1 max	
			Total	14	

C	uesti	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
6	(a)	(i)	genes / genetic / mutation ;		Mark the first answer on each line IGNORE inherited / DNA
			environment(al);	2	
6	(a)	(ii) 1	no defined categories ;		
		2	range of values / intermediate values;		2 ACCEPT ref to bell-shaped curve / binomial distribution
		3	influenced by, environment / many genes / genes and environment;		3 ACCEPT any ref to 3 or more genes
		4	quantitative / has to be measured / cannot be counted;		4 ACCEPT metric
	, ,	/!!!		3 max	
6	(a)	(iii)	B;	1	DO NOT CREDIT if more than one letter is given
6	(a)	(iv)			
		` 1	growth too rapid;		
		2	increased susceptibility to, disease / named abnormality;		2 e.g. bone / skeletal abnormalities or low immunity
		3	inbreeding;		3 DO NOT CREDIT if implies inbreeding causes mutations
		4	reduces gene pool / genetic variation / genetic diversity;	2 max	4 IGNORE refs to biodiversity

C	Question		Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
6	(a)	(v) 1	maintain biodiversity;		
		2	aesthetic (reasons) / tourism;		
		3	ethical (reasons);		3 ACCEPT religious
		4	part of a food chain / web;		4 ACCEPT food source for local population
		5	maintain / increase gene pool;		
		6	genetic resource / availability to breed with domestic chickens;	2 max	6 CREDIT description, e.g. 'source of desirable genes' or 'source of genetic variation' 6 ACCEPT specific example of genetic resource e.g. disease resistance / strong bones / longevity / heat tolerance / idea of domesticating wild population

Que	estion)	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
6	(b)	(i) 1	reduces / prevents (infectious) disease;		Mark the first two answers only 1 IGNORE illness
		2	prevent, problems / named problem, with gut;		2 e.g. diarrhoea
		3	digest food more, efficiently / easily / quickly;		
		4	greater proportion of, food / energy, can contribute to growth;		4 ACCEPT faster growth as AW for contribute to growth 4 IGNORE larger chickens
		5	reduce risk of transmitting, pathogens / named pathogen, to humans;	2 max	5 ACCEPT 'meat less likely to be infected with bacteria'
6	(b)	(ii) 1	(antibiotic) resistant, pathogens / bacteria;		1 ACCEPT microorganisms / microbes 1 IGNORE germs 1 DO NOT CREDIT immune
		2	antibiotics kill useful, <u>bacteria</u> ;		2 DO NOT CREDIT if any ref to viruses
		3	idea of: antibiotic passing into human food;	1 max	
			Total	13	

C	uesti	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
7	(a)	1 2	sequence / chain, of amino acids; (amino acids) joined by peptide bonds;		CREDIT marking points from a clearly labelled diagram 1 IGNORE polypeptide
		S1 S2 S3	secondary alpha / α, helix; small regions of, beta / β, pleated sheet / fold; hydrogen / H, bonds;		S3 Must be in context of secondary structure
		T1	tertiary secondary structure / helix / polypeptide chain, undergoes further, coiling / folding;		T1 ACCEPT polypeptide chain folds further
		T2	3 bonds / interactions from: disulfide / ionic / hydrogen / hydrophobic or hydrophilic;		T2 IGNORE if clearly in context of secondary or quaternary structures T2 H bond must be in context of tertiary structure
		Т3	hydrophilic R groups on outside (of molecule) / hydrophobic R groups on inside (of molecule);		12 11 bond must be in context of tentary structure
		Q1	quaternary 4, polypeptides / subunits;		
		Q2	2, alpha / α , chains and 2, beta / β , chains ;		'contains 2 α and 2 β polypeptides' = 2 marks (Q1 and Q2)
		Q3	1 haem (group) per polypeptide / 4 haems (per molecule);		Q3 IGNORE protein in ref to 1 haem (group) per polypeptide
		3	prosthetic group (is) haem, (which) contains Fe ²⁺ ;	6 max	3 ACCEPT iron ion / Fe ⁺ / Fe ³⁺ 3 DO NOT CREDIT iron / Fe unqualified
			QWC - correct refs to secondary, tertiary and quaternary structure;	1	1 S mark and 1 T mark and 1 Q mark

C	uest	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
7	(b)				Assume answer refers to collagen unless stated If the answer mentions only collagen, assume that the candidate thinks any features mentioned also apply to haemoglobin.
			(collagen has)		
		1	amino acid, chain / sequence;		1 IGNORE polypeptide
					1 IGNORE repeating units
		2	peptide bonds;		
		3	helical / helix ;		3 DO NOT CREDIT if candidate refers to collagen having an α helix
		4	3 bonds / interactions from: disulfide / ionic / hydrogen / hydrophobic or hydrophilic;		
		5	quaternary structure;		5 IGNORE primary /secondary / tertiary
		6	more than one polypeptide / subunit;		6 ACCEPT polypeptides but DO NOT CREDIT 3
				4 max	polypeptides if number in haemoglobin not specified
			Total	11	

Question			Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
8		1	antibodies;		ACCEPT minor mis-spellings so long as word can not be confused with another word in the list
		2	natural;		
		3	artificial;		
		4	natural;		
		5	antigen;		
		6	vaccination;	6	
			Total	6	

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