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Unit F215: Control, Genomes and Environment

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Annotation	Meaning of annotation
BP	Blank Page – this annotation must be used on all blank pages within an answer booklet (structured or unstructured) and on each page of an additional object where there is no candidate response.
	Tick
×	Cross
?	Unclear
BOD	Benefit of doubt
EE	Effective evaluation
LI	Level 1
L2	Level 2
L3	Level 3
L4	Level 4
NAQ	Not answered question
OFR	Own figure rule
SEEN	Noted but no credit given
TV	Too vague
^	Omission

(Quest	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
1	(a)	(i)			Mark the first answer on each prompt line. If an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer, then = 0 marks
					Note: Suggestions must relate to visible characteristics of the frogs,
			discontinuous		
			gender / male and female / eye colour ;		ACCEPT sex
			continuous		IGNORE skin colour (as stated in Q)
			size / length / mass ;		CREDIT example of a <i>measurable</i> characteristic
				2	(e.g. leg length, surface area, height, weight)
1	(a)	(ii)	idea of		IGNORE examples of environmental factors
			1 no / little, environmental effect for,		ACCEPT discontinuous variation is <i>only</i> ,
			(named example of) discontinuous variation / example given for discontinuous variation in (i) as ecf;		genetic / due to alleles present
			2 some / large , environmental effect for ,		
			(named example of) continuous variation /		Note:
			example given for continuous variation in (i) as ecf;		A comparative statement (e.g. 'environment has a greater effect on continuous variation') = 2 marks (mps 1 & 2)
					e.g ' no environment effect for discontinuous variation but it does affect continuous variation' = 2 marks
			3 gender may be affected by ,		(mps1 &2)
			temperature / atrazine exposure ;		(mps 1 &2)
			·	2	

(Quest	ion		Expected Ans	wer		Mark	Additional Guidance
1	(a)	(iii)	1	idea that offspring visibly differen	nt from , A / egg do	nor;		ACCEPT brown frog for A
			2	to show that the offspring produc	ced were clones;			2 'to show that cloning is successful' is not enough
			3	to show / identify , (genetic) pare	ents (of clone) / B and C ;		2 max	Note: 'To show that the offspring were clones as they are not the same as A.' = 2 marks (mps 1 & 2)
1	(b)	(i)					Zillux	Mark the first answer in each box. If an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer, then = 0 marks If no letters in the table at all, look at the diagram
				Genetic fingerprint number	Letter of frog			and award marks if the profiles are identified correctly.
				1	D	;		
				2	A	;		
				3	В	;	•	
1	(b)	(ii)					3	If frog not identified correctly = 0 marks
			cyt	toplasm / mitochondria , came fron	n A			Must refer specifically to frog A
			or					
			mit	tochondria / (mitochondrial) DNA ,	in cytoplasm of A ;		1	Must refer specifically to frog A

C	Quest	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
1	(c)	(i)			Note that the question refers to the use of cloned or uncloned mice in testing – and NOT to humans.
					ACCEPT ora throughout
					IGNORE large numbers of clones produced IGNORE ref to animal welfare / religious objections IGNORE ref to validity
			advantage (genetically identical so) all react the same		, and the second
			or genetic variable controlled;		ACCEPT 'no genetic diversity to affect results'
			disadvantage expensive (to produce)		
			or		
			don't see varied response to drug like in real populations (of mice)		ACCEPT 'rare allergies / adverse reactions, won't be seen'
			or		
			idea that clones (of mice) may have unknown health issue (which would affect responses);		
			(willon would alloot responses);	2	

C	Quest	ion	Expected	d Answer	N	Mark	Additional Guidance
1	(c)	(ii)					IGNORE ref research into disease (as given in Q) IGNORE ref to cost
			1 idea to produce, elite / be				ACCEPT example / desirable characteristics
			2 idea to save / preserve, e	ndangered animals ;			ACCEPT recreating extinct animals
			3 grow / produce (spare) , st	tem cells / tissues / organs	s;		3 ACCEPT ref to named example of , tissue / organ
			4 AVP;				e.g. pet cloning / cloning GM animals / animals for xenotransplantation
						2	
1	(d)				-		Mark the first answer in each box. If an additional
			Individuals	% of alleles shared			answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer, then = 0 marks
			David and John	100	;		
			Anne and Lisa	50	;		
			Sarah and Lisa	50];		
						3	
					Total	17	

C	Quest	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
2	(a)		(belong to the) same genus;	1	
2	(b)	(i)	1 not much / little / some , competition / niche overlap ;		This mark is for a stand alone statement DO NOT CREDIT no competition IGNORE competition unqualified / inter / intra
			reasons for little competition use / feed on , different sized flowers / different depth of flowers ;		CREDIT correct comparative description or use of data e.g. B. pratorum feed on , bigger / longer / deeper , flowers or B. pratorum 7.4(mm) and B. terrestris 6.3(mm)
			3 vary in proportions of pollen <u>and</u> nectar they collect;		3 CREDIT correct description e.g. B. pratorum mostly pollen and nectar and B. terrestris mostly nectar only or comparison of 2 species using table data IGNORE 'different amounts' of pollen and nectar
			4 fly / live / active / feed / visit flowers, at different times;		4 CREDIT correct description of difference e.g. B. pratorum peak in June and B. terrestris in July or B. pratorum appear in earlier in the year or comparison of 2 species using graph data
			reason for competition 5 idea that fly / live / active / feed / visit flowers , overlaps there must be competition ;		5 CREDIT correct description from data e.g. both compete for food between May and September / both collect pollen only from same % flowers
			6 AVP;	4 max	6 e.g. use / feed on , different species of flowers

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2	(b)	(ii)	1	idea of isolation / isolating mechanism / barrier;			
			2	seasonal (difference) / temporal (difference) / males and queens (in different populations) produced in different months / breeding (in different populations) in different months;		2	CREDIT example of seasonal / temporal (e.g. <i>B. pratorum</i> has its peak number of workers in June and <i>B. terrestris</i> in July)
			3	behavioural (difference) / visit different (types of) flowers / feed at different times / feed on different food types ;		3	CREDIT 'different mating rituals'
			4	different flower locations / different (micro)habitats;			
			5	idea that gene flow restricted / no gene flow (between populations);		5	must refer to gene /allele
			6	different adaptations / specialisation / niche partitioning;		6	IGNORE speciation (as implied in Q) - can be mistaken for specialisation
					3 max		

C	uest	ion	Expected A	Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
2	(c)	(i)	Observation	Type of behaviour		Mark the first answer in each box. If an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the
			The time taken for a worker bee to collect food from a flower decreases with practice.	learned (behaviour) / learning / operant conditioning / trial and error;		correct answer, then = 0 marks
			All bumble bees start at the bottom of a vertical spike of flowers and work upwards.	innate / instinctive ;		ACCEPT taxis / example of taxis eg chemotaxis IGNORE inherited / genetically determined DO NOT CREDIT kinesis
2	(c)	(ii)	Idea that better / more efficient, a	at , finding / getting , food ;	2	ACCEPT more food can be collected
			AVP;		1 max	less , time / energy , spent looking for food easier to find food e.g. ref to reduces competition from other colonies
2	(d)	(i)				Mark the first answer. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			reverse transcriptase ;		1	DO NOT CREDIT DNA (reverse) transcriptase

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2	(d)	(ii)	1	mRNA binds to , (gene) probes / cDNA / ssDNA , by complementary base pairing ;		DO NOT CREDIT in the context of the gene probe binding to DNA
			2	idea that the more active the gene the more mRNA produced ;		
			3	during transcription;		3 IGNORE translation
			4	more fluorescence indicates more mRNA (bound);	3 max	α
2	(d)	(iii)	1	dopamine linked to , ADHD / addiction / risk-taking / adventurous behaviour / hyperactivity / erratic behaviour (in humans);		1 IGNORE ref to schizophrenia / Parkinson's This mark is for the effect of the chemical dopamine, not the dopamine receptors alone.
			2	idea of common mechanism in bees and humans (for adventurous behaviour);		2 e.g. <i>both</i> have , DRD4 / dopamine receptors e.g. dopamine has the same effect in <i>both</i>
			3	idea that as they are different organisms the mechanisms may not be comparable (even though apparently similar);		
			4	AVP;		4 e.g. other genes also involved in , bee / human , behaviour
					3 max	Note: 'both have dopamine receptors which are linked to adventurous behaviour' = 1 mark (mp 2 only) 'both have dopamine receptors and dopamine is linked to adventurous behaviour' = 2 marks (mps 2 & 1)
				Total	18	

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3	(a)	(i)			Mark the first answer on each prompt line. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
			seedlings / coleoptiles have same S1 age; S2 height / length; S3 mass; S4 genotype / genome; S5 species;		S2 IGNORE size / surface area / width S3 IGNORE size / weight S4 ACCEPT same genetic makeup IGNORE same genes
			<pre>procedure has same P1 same volume of solution applied;</pre>		For all P points IGNORE light direction (as this is an independent variable) P1 IGNORE ref to concentration of solution ACCEPT idea of consistency in application of J and K
			P2 (named) feature of growth medium;		P2 e.g. type / pH / fertiliser (applied) / minerals / ions IGNORE nutrients
			P3 watering regime;		P3 e.g. volume of water / time of watering
			P4 light, intensity / wavelength / duration;		P4 e.g. distance from light source
			P5 temperature;	3 max	

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3	(a)	(ii)	idea that shows the response without treatment or		IGNORE improves validity / fair test (as an explanation is required) 'to show the effects of J and K' is not enough
			idea that allows the , effect of the treatment / results / groups , to be , compared ;	1	CREDIT 'observations' for treatments
3	(a)	(iii)	 ONLY CREDIT mark points in context of results, and not in context of general roles of auxin and giberellin J is auxin because A1 inhibition of development of (lateral) buds (in group 2); A2 growth of, coleoptiles / group 5, towards light; K is gibberellin because G1 greater increase in, height / stem length (in group 3); G2 causes growth of (lateral) buds (in group 3); 	3 max	J must be identified correctly for A marks to be awarded K must be identified correctly for G marks to be awarded A1 CREDIT (group2) results show apical dominance A2 CREDIT (group 5) results show positive phototropism IGNORE plant (as all are plants) G1 CREDIT greater elongation G2 CREDIT (group 3) results do not show apical dominance
3	(b)	(i)	protein;	1	ACCEPT glycoprotein IGNORE polypeptide / channel / carrier / transport
3	(b)	(ii)	(synaptic) <u>cleft</u> ;	1	IGNORE gap IGNORE neuromuscular
3	(b)	(iii)	acetylcholine esterase / ACh esterase ;	1	ACCEPT phonetic spelling and ignore upper/lower case IGNORE AChE

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3	(c)			Mark the first answer on each prompt line. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks
		mitochondria ;		ACCEPT mitochondrion DO NOT CREDIT mitochondrial matrix
		oxidative phosphorylation;		IGNORE electron transport chain (as not a stage)
		lactate;		ACCEPT lactic acid
		creatine phosphate / phosphocreatine ;		DO NOT CREDIT creatinine
		(cross-)bridge / (cross-)link; myosin (head);	6	DO NOT CREDIT bond ACCEPT phonetic spelling
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C	Quest	ion	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
4	(a)	(i)	3;	1	IGNORE triplet
4	(a)	(ii)	4 ³ or 4 x 4 x 4 or 4 x 4 ² ;	1	
4	(a)	(III)	Several, triplet(s) / codon(s) ,		Must be clear that base combination is
4	(a)	(iv)	adenine / A and cytosine / C and guanine / G;	2 max	Mark the first <u>3</u> answers. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0 marks DO NOT CREDIT adenosine DO NOT CREDIT cysteine DO NOT CREDIT glycine

Question	Expected Answer		Additional Guidance	
4 (b)	transcription 1 DNA / gene, copied / transcribed, into mRNA; 2 free / activated,	6 max	Marks may be awarded from an annotated diagram 1 IGNORE 'used to make' 2 DO NOT CREDIT DNA nucleotides 3 CREDIT 'A-T, C-G and A - U' 4 ACCEPT 'non-coding' for 'template' 5 DO NOT CREDIT in context of breaking H bonds 6 CREDIT translation occurs at ribosomes Note: tRNA anticodons bind to mRNA codons = 2 marks (mps 7 & 8) 10 DO NOT CREDIT dipeptide / polypeptide , bond Award QWC if two mps from 1 - 5 have been awarded before two mps from 6 - 10 Place a tick or a cross alongside the pencil icon to indicate whether or not the QWC mark has been	
	Total	12	awarded.	

Ques	Question		Expected Answer		Additional Guidance
5 (a)	(i)				IGNORE explanations ACCEPT 'the population grows' or 'it grows' (rather than increase) DO NOT CREDIT 'yeast grow(s)'
		1	lag phase / slow increase (in , population / number / percentage) , at start / initially / day 0 - 1 / during day 1;		1 ACCEPT days 0 - 0.9 ACCEPT lasts 1 day
		2	log phase / exponential increase / rapid increase , day 1 - 3;		2 ACCEPT days 0.9 - 3.5
		3	rate of increase, slows / less steep, days 3 - 4 / during day 3;		3 ACCEPT days 3.3 - 3.6
		4	stationary phase / population levels off / population stays at 100% , at end / finally / remaining days / days 4 - 6;		4 ACCEPT after day 3.5 - 4
		5	comparative figures quoted with 2 x-y readings;		5 Each unit must be quoted at least once
				4 max	Time (days) (% final population) 0 24 1 32 3 90 3.5 - 6 100 Take care to distinguish between an increase in percentage (by either quoting the figures for the days or by calculating the difference) and a percentage increase.

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5	(a)	(ii)			CREDIT glucose / maltose / maltotriose for 'sugar'
			 sugar converted to ethanol; in anaerobic respiration; sugar, undergoes glycolysis / converted to pyruvate; pyruvate, loses carbon dioxide / decarboxylated / forms ethanal; reduced NAD giving hydrogen to ethanal; idea of NAD being, regenerated / recycled, (so) glycolysis continues; 		 2 IGNORE fermentation 5 CREDIT NADH₂ / NADH (+H⁺) / red NAD
			7 correct ref to , pyruvate decarboxylase / ethanol dehydrogenase ;	3 max	
5	(a)	(iii)	ethanol is produced in , all yeast growth phases / all of the time or production of ethanol increases as yeast population increases or idea that ethanol is a normal (metabolic waste) product (of yeast);	1	IGNORE ref to ethanol not being a secondary product CREDIT 'produced during normal growth' CREDIT follows growth curve for yeast IGNORE waste unqualified

	Quest	ion		Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
5	(a)	(iv)	1	sugar <u>conc</u> entration falls too low ;		ACCEPT very low sugar concentration / sugar concentration decreases as used up
			2	pH falls too low / conditions become too acidic / decrease in pH causes enzymes to denature ;		ACCEPT very low pH / very acidic DO NOT CREDIT 'falls and rises'
			3	high ethanol <u>conc</u> entration , damages / poisons / inhibits , yeast ;	0	3 ACCEPT high ethanol concentration kills yeast
5	(b)				2 max	ACCEPT 'monosaccharide' for glucose and 'disaccharide' for maltose and 'trisaccharide' for maltotriose throughout
			1	glucose can , be used / enters glycolysis , directly / without being broken down (first) ;		IGNORE ref to glucose being used first / at start / immediately (as stated in Q)
			2	maltose, must , be <u>hydrolys</u> ed / have <u>glycosidic</u> bonds broken :		
			3	enzyme / maltase , only made when , needed / maltose present / glucose running out ;		
			4	enzyme induced / gene(s) switched on;		
			5	transcription <u>and</u> translation / protein synthesis , takes time ;		
			6	maltotriose requires, more (2) <u>hydrolysis</u> (reactions) / breaking of more (2) <u>glycosidic</u> bonds or enzyme to break down maltotriose made last;		
				,	3 max	

Question	Expected Answer		Additional Guidance
5 (c)	advantages of using yeast A1 less energy required; A2 does not need,		CREDIT statements relating to yeast method only IGNORE statements relating to chemical method IGNORE ref to cost A2 ACCEPT works well at low,
	high temperature / 300°C / high pressure; A3 can use waste material (as a substrate); A4 substrate is, sustainable / grown each year; A5 process does not use up, oil reserves / fossil fuels;		temperatures / pressures A3 CREDIT example e.g. sugar cane waste
	A6 product is carbon neutral / no carbon footprint; A7 AVP;		A6 IGNORE ref to global warming / greenhouse gases A7 e.g. yeast is readily available / easily accessible / yeast is in plentiful supply / yeast has simple growth requirements / process is less hazardous
	disadvantages of using yeast D1 time consuming / takes several days; D2 needs, downstream processing / purification of product; D3 is killed by product; D4 can (only) use batch method; D5 aseptic / sterile, conditions required; D6 AVP;	5 max	D1 ACCEPT slower rate of reaction D2 ACCEPT need to separate ethanol from yeast D3 ACCEPT is inhibited by product D5 ACCEPT more likely to become contaminated D6 e.g. concentration of ethanol produced is limited
	QWC;	1	Award if 2 A marks and 2 D marks have been awarded Place a tick or a cross alongside the pencil icon to indicate whether or not the QWC mark has been awarded.
	Total	19	

C	Questic	on	Expected Answer			Mark	Additional Guidance
6	(a)						Mark the first answer in each box. If the answer is correct and an additional answer is given that is incorrect or contradicts the correct answer then = 0
			Explanation	Letter			marks
			One gene with two alleles. The alleles show codominance.	A	;		
			One gene with two alleles, located on an autosome (gene not sex linked). One allele is dominant and the other is recessive.	E	;		
			Two genes for two different characteristics on two different chromosomes.	D	;		
			A sex linked gene with a dominant and a recessive allele.	В	;		
			Epistasis, where two genes interact to affect one phenotypic character.	С	;		
						5	

C	Questic	on	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
6	(b)	(i)			Correct answer (0.5) = 3 marks even if no working shown
			$q^2 = 15 \div 60 \text{ or } 0.25;$		No mark for incorrect q ² value but apply ecf afterwards
			$q = \sqrt{0.25}$ or 0.5;		ALLOW ecf from candidates q^2 value (likely to be 0.87 or 0.9 (if candidate's $q^2 = 0.75$))
			(p =) 0.5;		ALLOW ecf for p from candidate's calculated q value, (if q value between 0 and 1)
				3	IGNORE % values given for p (e.g. 50 % for 0.5)
6	(b)	(ii)	 in the pet shop 1 population is , small / not (sufficiently) large; 2 not all members of the population are breeding; 3 idea that mating is not random; 		IGNORE ref to (natural) selection / mutation
			 4 idea that migration / emigration / immigration , is occurring ; 5 idea that the non-brown rabbits could be colours other than white ; 	2	
			Total	10	

C	Questi	on		Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
7	(a)					Note: All mark points are comparative
			1	pioneers arrive, before climax / earlier; ora		CREDIT pioneers arrive first / climax arrive last
			2	pioneer communities subject to , <i>greater</i> / <i>more</i> , change / succession / replacement ; ora		
			3	pioneer community (usually) has , <i>less / lower</i> , biodiversity ; ora		
			4	idea that pioneer community is (often) less, stable / self-sustaining; ora		
			5	pioneer community has <i>lower</i> biomass; ora		
			6	AVP;		6 e.g. species in pioneer community better adapted to (named) abiotic factor(s) and those in climax community better adapted to (named) biotic factor(s)
					2 max	, , , , ,

	Questi	ion		Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
7	(b)		1	decomposition is break down , dead matter / waste or decomposition is conversion of organic matter to inorganic;		IGNORE putrefication CREDIT for inorganic: carbon dioxide / CO ₂ / water / H ₂ O / ammonium compounds / ammonium ions / NH ₄ ⁺ IGNORE ammonia / NH ₃
			2	denitrification is conversion of <u>nitrates</u> to nitrogen (gas);		2 CREDIT correct formulae (NO ₃ ⁻ and N ₂) DO NOT CREDIT nitrogen oxides
			3	decomposition increases , mineral / <u>nitrate</u> , supply and denitrification reduces , mineral / <u>nitrate</u> , supply ;	2 max	3 CREDIT decomposition returns , mineral / nitrate, to soil and denitrification removes mineral / nitrate,
7	(c)		1	conservation maintains , ecosystem / biodiversity / species / habitats or conservation involves , active / sustainable , management of , ecosystem / resource / habitat ;	ZIIIdX	IGNORE environment for MP1 and 2 ACCEPT named resource
			2	preservation leaves , ecosystems / habitats , undisturbed ;		ACCEPT unchanged/ not disrupted / no physical intervention
					2	IGNORE ref to preservation in any context other than that of conservation/preservation

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7	(d)		1	nitrogen fixation is the conversion of (atmospheric) nitrogen into , ammonia / ammonium compounds / ammonium ions ;		1	CREDIT N ₂ / NH ₃ / NH ₄ ⁺
			2	nitrification is the conversion of , ammonia / ammonium compounds /ammonium ions , into nitrite / nitrate ;		2	CREDIT NH ₃ / NH ₄ ⁺ CREDIT NO ₂ ⁻ / NO ₃ ⁻ DO NOT CREDIT nitrate to nitrite
			3	correct ref to microorganisms involvement in both processes;	2 max	3	e.g. nitrogen fixation involves , <i>Rhizobium Azotobacter Nostoc</i> and nitrification involves , <i>Nitrosomonas Nitrobacter</i>
				=			
				Total	8		

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