

## UNIVERSITI TUN HUSSEIN ONN MALAYSIA

# FINAL EXAMINATION (TAKE HOME) SEMESTER I SESSION 2020/2021

COURSE NAME : TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGY

COURSE CODE : BWJ 20503

PROGRAMME CODE : BWW

EXAMINATION DATE : JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2021

DURATION : 3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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Q1 (a) State FOUR (4) branches in ecological study.

(4 marks)

(b) Explain your understanding based on Figure Q1(b).

(10 marks)

- (c) Plot A has a total area of 150 m<sup>2</sup>. A total of 6 species can be found in Plot A. Species 1 have 28 individuals, Species 2 have 30 individuals, Species 3 have 37 individuals, Species 4 have 12 individuals, Species 5 have 5 individuals, and Species 6 have 40 individuals.
  - (i) Calculate the total 'Species Density' in Plot A.

(4 marks)

(ii) Calculate the Shannon-Weiner Diversity Index (H') in Plot A.

(7 marks)

Q2 (a) Deforestation can occur through two methods known as clear felling and selective logging. By using suitable examples, illustrate and explain how these methods are different from each other.

(12 marks)

- (b) Identify plant species that can be found at an elevation of 1100 1600 m asl. (1 mark)
- (c) Limestone karst occurs as a result of the dissolution of carbonate rocks by natural water. Name FOUR (4) types of karst landscape and compare ONE (1) characteristic of each chosen karst landscape.

(12 marks)

- Q3 (a) Determine TWO (2) environmental conditions of the peat swamp ecosystem. (2 marks)
  - (b) Explain in detail about Figure Q3(b).

(15 marks)

(c) Analyze how bare soils occurred in the desert ecosystem.

(8 marks)

Q4 (a) Distinguish tropical deciduous forest from the temperate deciduous forest by giving out THREE (3) comparisons.

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(b) Animals live in the north pole of the earth have adapted to a very cold environment. Explain FOUR (4) strategies adopted by the animals to overcome the temperature extremes in this area.

(8 marks)

(c) Identify what kind of ecosystem is 'A' in Figure Q4(c)

(2 marks)

- (d) Explain how the destruction of the ecosystem 'A' threatened the mangrove ecosystem. (6 marks)
- (e) Given that you are the president of the community service club in your university. You are planning to involve in a tree-planting project along the mangrove area of Tanjung Piai. What kind of mangrove plant will you choose for this tree planting project? Why? (3 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS** 



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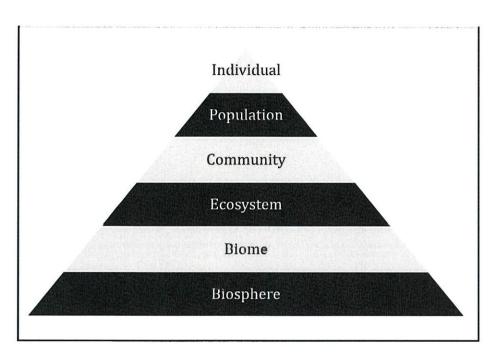


Figure Q1(b)

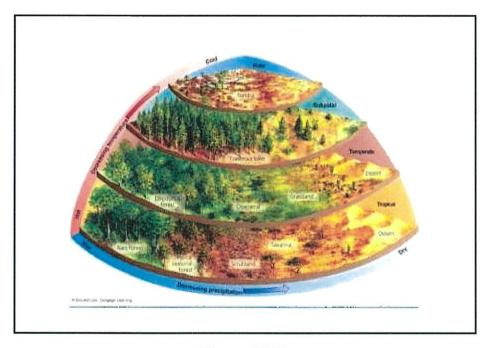


Figure Q3(b)



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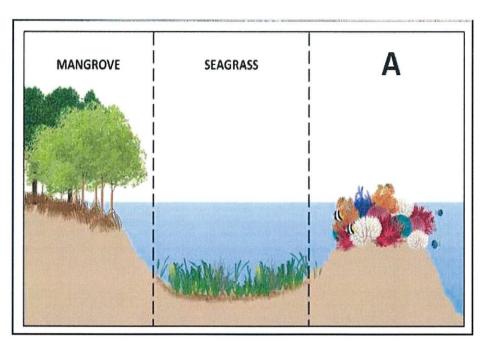


Figure Q4(c)

