

## Trinity International Foundation Programme

### **EAP Biology Assignment 1 (Individual essay) 2020/21**

Essay title:

*Compare and contrast the viral strategies of two viruses that play a role in human disease.*

**The assignment is worth 10% of the overall grade for the module.**

Your essay must include the following:

1. Description of the viruses being discussed and the diseases they cause.
2. Comparison of structural differences (e.g. DNA versus RNA; enveloped versus non-enveloped viruses).
3. How the different structures contribute to the viral strategies at play in the respective disease.
4. Brief overview of the human immune response in each of the diseases. Optional: overview of treatments (drugs/vaccines) used to tackle these diseases.

#### **SOURCES:**

Your essay must use a minimum of 8 sources.

**WORD COUNT:** 1,200 words (excluding references list but including citations)

#### **DRAFT Due Date:**

- Your EAP lecturer will review your draft for EAP: **04.01.2021**
- Your draft will be reviewed for content relevant to Biology: **18.01.2021**

#### **FINAL Due date: 08.02.2021**

1. Please include a title page and Plagiarism Declaration form which you can find under the Writing Guidelines section of my EAP Moodle page.
2. Submit your assignment to Moodle by 09:00 on 08.02.2021. I do not require a paper copy
3. You can submit several drafts to check for plagiarism up until the due date.

## GRADING

<b>Task achievement and analysis</b> [10 marks] Weighting [30%]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Originality of thought and insight demonstrated</li><li>• Thoughtful integration of various perspectives relevant to the discussion</li><li>• Sophisticated comparative analysis pinpointing the principle similarities and differences</li><li>• Use of specific and highly relevant illustrative examples</li></ul>
<b>Coherence, cohesion &amp; structure</b> [10 marks] Weighting [30%]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Topic and thesis statement are very clearly highlighted in the introduction and a confident purpose and plan are outlined</li><li>• A thoughtful selection of a suitable compare and contrast structure to the sections has been effectively adopted</li><li>• Excellent attention given to transitioning between sentences, paragraphs and sections</li><li>• Excellent selection and use of linking devices and referring words</li></ul>
<b>Use of source material, referencing &amp; formatting</b> [10 marks] Weighting [30%]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supporting material is relevant, appropriate and carefully integrated, with effective evaluation</li><li>• Formatting of the report has a professional appearance.</li><li>• Demonstrates a mastery of attention to detail</li><li>• Fully accurate APA citations and reference list are provided with no errors</li></ul>
<b>Grammar use &amp; control</b> [10 marks] Weighting [5%]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilises a sophisticated range of grammatical structures appropriate to the task</li><li>• Fully communicates intended meaning. Argument is clearly and fluently conveyed</li><li>• Essay is error-free or demonstrates only very minor slips</li><li>• Excellent use of accurate punctuation</li></ul>
<b>Vocabulary use &amp; control</b> [10 marks] Weighting [5% ]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilises highly appropriate formal language throughout</li><li>• An excellent range of relevant vocabulary is demonstrated</li><li>• Excellent word choice and word class use</li><li>• No inaccuracies or almost no inaccuracies in spelling</li></ul>