

GCE Nutrition and Food Science

A2 2 Research Project - Subject Guidance for Summer 2021-22

Exemplar Task Commentary for 2021/22 only

COMMENTARY FOR EXEMPLAR SCRIPT

Title: Antioxidant Supplements: Friend or Foe!

Title was acceptable and allowed for a focused study to be undertaken.

Introduction (12 marks available)

A sound introduction including a very well-argued rationale for the chosen research area. Statistical evidence and current trends relating to food supplements placed the study in context. Student thinking and discussion of the research problem was evident and provided direction for the research which focused on micro-nutrient supplements. Referencing was accurate throughout. Highly competent engagement and relevant questions posed. The aim was focused and clearly stated at the end of the section.

Band 4 (12 marks)

Literature Review (24 marks available)

A sound, well researched, critical literary review with a consistent focus on the research aim. An extensive range of appropriate secondary resources were used and accurately referenced. Sources were critically examined for possible bias or slant. Student engagement was evident and literature reviewed clearly compared and contrasted both sides of the argument, as seen on page 2. There was evidence of sound interpretation and understanding of the link to their study. Student's own thinking, application of knowledge and opinions were applied as evident in page two and three. The student remained fully focused on the research aim throughout.

Band 4 (24 marks)

Conclusions and recommendations (8 marks available)

Detailed conclusions based on a review of the original aim considering benefits and concerns have been clearly stated. These were succinct and clearly expressed.

Sound recommendations for future research and development of the topic have been expressed and were realistic.

Band 4 (8 marks)

Presentation of the research project

Total Word count 1701 (within acceptable word count: (1650 + / - 10%)	1 mark
Highly competent referencing	1 mark
Bibliography	1 mark
Quality of written communication	1 mark

Total Marks Awarded 48/48

