



GCE AS/A level

1291/01

MEDIA STUDIES

MS1

Media Representations and Responses

P.M. TUESDAY, 15 May 2012

2½ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need:

- a 12 page answer book;
- to view an audio-visual extract.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **all three** questions.

Read the questions so that you are familiar with their requirements. You will be given **three minutes** for this at the beginning of the examination. This reading time is part of the 2½ hours you will have available for the examination.

Audio-visual extract

The audio-visual extract will be played **three** times.

For the **first** viewing just watch and listen.

During the **second** viewing you may make notes.

You will then be allowed **ten** minutes to make further notes and to think about your answers to the questions.

During the **third** and final viewing you may make additional notes.

You should spend approximately 50 minutes completing your answer to Question 1.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part question.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

*Answer all **three** questions.*

Study the extract from the BBC *Horizon* documentary, *Is Alcohol Worse than Ecstasy?* (first broadcast, BBC2, February 2008). This issue-based documentary investigates the dangers of alcohol and drug use.

1. Analyse the extract commenting on:

- visual codes
- technical and audio codes
- genre.

[40]

2. (a) Identify **two** different audiences for this BBC programme. Briefly explain your choices. [6]

(b) Choose **one** of these audiences. Explore how the programme appeals to them. [9]

(c) With reference to **your own detailed examples**, explore the ways in which media texts are constructed to target audiences. [15]

3. Using **your own detailed examples**, explore the representation of **two** issues in the media today. [30]

Acknowledgement: BBC Worldwide for use of Horizon documentary extract.



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An examinations officer and/or a technical support assistant, **under conditions of strict confidentiality, must** check the DVD before Tuesday 8 May 2012 at the latest to ensure that there are no faults. If replacement copies are needed, please email the **Despatch unit of WJEC** (despatchqueries@wjec.co.uk). Replacement copies will be sent immediately.

Please send back any faulty DVD(s), with a confirmation of the centre number and a brief description of the fault, to **Rhodri Jones, WJEC, 245 Western Avenue, CARDIFF CF5 2YX**.

Please note that **DVDs** may be **retained** by centres to enable candidates to see the standards required for this unit and to practise examination techniques.

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