



**ADVANCED GCE**  
**MEDIA STUDIES**  
 Critical Research Study

**2734/IT**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS**

**To be opened on receipt**

**Wednesday 21 January 2009**  
**Afternoon**

**Duration: 2 hours**



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- Candidates are able to take four sides of A4 research notes into the examination to help them to answer the questions.
- Notes must be submitted on A4 paper which may be lined or unlined.
- The notes must be hand-written by the candidate him/herself. Notes should not be typewritten, word processed, printed or photocopied.
- The notes may be written using any colour of ink/pencil which the candidate chooses.
- Notes may be written in shorthand, text message formats and may include abbreviations. However, notes should not be directly translated from a shorthand format to a long hand format and used in full in the examination response.
- Notes should comprise "statistics, brief quotations, diagrams, note form summaries, lists, bullet points and short phrases" (page 49 of specification). Any diagrams used must be drawn by the candidate him/herself. They should not be cut and pasted from other sources.
- Notes must not contain essay plans or continuous prose. Paragraphs of full and grammatically correct sentences constitute continuous prose. However, *individual* grammatically correct sentences may not constitute continuous prose if they form part of a brief quotation or brief summary. Notes should not contain large passages of text (i.e. several complete sentences) which are then used by the candidate in his/her examination response.
- Candidates are advised to compile their notes for use in the examination carefully, using the notes which they make whilst carrying out the research.
- Candidates should not copy out large passages of text from their notes as responses to the examination questions.
- The notes do not carry any marks. Thus, candidates who choose not to use notes will not lose marks, but nevertheless, may be penalising themselves by not taking advantage of the opportunity to use material to help them to answer the examination questions.
- A Critical Research Study Cover Sheet (2734/CV) must be completed and signed by each candidate and countersigned by the supervising teacher before the examination. There is an expectation that the supervising teacher who signs the Cover Sheet signs to confirm not only that the candidate's research has been undertaken on an independent and individual basis as required, but also that the notes do not breach the rules about the format and content.
- The Cover Sheet must be attached to each candidate's four sides of research notes.
- The four sides of research notes and the Cover Sheet must be attached to the front of the candidate's examination answer booklet and sent to the examiner.
- This document consists of 2 pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



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