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ENGLISH (Specification 1900)

Unit 1 Non-Fiction, Media and Information (Higher Tier)

TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2010: Morning

DURATION: 1 hour 45 minutes

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

8 page Answer Booklet

Resource Booklet (2431/02/RBI – inserted)

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer ALL the questions.
- Find the READING BOOKLET INSERT FOR SECTION A.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- SECTION A is worth 60 marks. You are advised to spend NO MORE THAN 1 HOUR 10 MINUTES on it.
- SECTION B is worth 30 marks. You are advised to spend NO MORE THAN 35 MINUTES on it.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 90.

SECTION A

You are advised to spend NO MORE THAN 1 HOUR 10 MINUTES on Section A.

READING: NON-FICTION AND MEDIA

These answers will be marked for reading. Plan your answers and write them carefully.

Read the article *What is a soap opera?* by Daniel Chandler.

- 1 Outline CONCISELY what the article tells you about the key features of soap operas and the ways in which they differ from other kinds of broadcast drama.

USE YOUR OWN WORDS as far as possible. [30]

Now read the article *Have TV soaps lost the plot?* by Ben Goldacre.

- 2 Explore some of the ways in which Ben Goldacre sets out to persuade his readers that TV soaps have 'lost the plot'.

You should consider:

- how he presents his ideas
- his language and his tone of voice. [30]

SECTION B

You are advised to spend **NO MORE THAN 35 MINUTES** on Section B.

WRITING TO INFORM, EXPLAIN, DESCRIBE

This answer will be marked for writing. Plan your answer and write it carefully. Leave enough time to check through what you have written.

- 3 Write the words of a talk to your age group introducing your favourite television or radio programme, or your favourite film, or your favourite music.**

DESCRIBE details of your choice and EXPLAIN what you like about it. [30]



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