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# AS MEDIA STUDIES

Written Paper

Wednesday 23 May 2018

Morning Time allowed: 2 hours and 30 minutes

## Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer all questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

#### Information

- The marks for each question are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 112.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.
- This paper is divided into three sections.

Section A: Media Language and Media Representations - 40 marks

Section B: Media Industries and Media Audiences – 32 marks

Section C: Close Study Products – 40 marks

- Questions 2 and 8 are extended response questions in which you will be rewarded for your ability to construct and develop a sustained line of reasoning which is coherent, relevant, substantiated and logically structured.
- Question 9 is a synoptic question in which you will be rewarded for your ability to draw together different areas of knowledge and understanding from across the full course of study.

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## Section A – Media Language and Media Representations

Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

**0** 1 Study **Figure 1** carefully.

Figure 1 Cover of Trillionaire magazine

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For each answer completely fill in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.				
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If you want to change your answer you must cross out your original answer as shown.				
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The following statements include four examples of terms being applied correctly to the <i>Trillionaire</i> cover in <b>Figure 1</b> .				
Which <b>four</b> of these statements are correct? Shade <b>four</b> boxes only.  [4 marks]				
A The magazine's title provides anchorage to the cover's visual elements.				
The flag displayed in the background is taken from a syntagm of possible flags.				
The magazine's masthead/logo is a symbol that requires specific cultural decoding.				
The audience is positioned to respond positively towards the cover's content.				
E The seated woman is a positive stereotype because she is smiling.				
F The constructed reality on this cover relates to wealth and prestige.				
Question 1 continues on the next page				



0 1.2	Briefly explain the term 'dominant ideology' and identify how it might apply to the magazine cover in <b>Figure 1</b> .  [4 marks]	Do not w outside t box
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0 2	Question 2 is based on both of the following:
	<ul> <li>Figure 1, the <i>Trillionaire</i> magazine cover, provided</li> <li>the advertising Close Study Product you have studied: <i>That Boss Life</i>.</li> </ul>
	Compare the specific choices that have been made in the representation of success and/or wealth in the two products.
	In your answer, you must consider:
	<ul> <li>how success and/or wealth is represented through processes of selection and combination</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>the reasons for the choices made in the representation of success and/or wealth</li> <li>the similarities and differences in the representations of success and/or wealth</li> <li>how far these representations are influenced by historical, social and political</li> </ul>
	contexts of media.  [20 marks]







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Study Figure 2 carefully.

Figure 2 Cover of Horrorville magazine 116 PAGES OF TERRIFYING NEW MOVIES, TV & BOOKS THE HOME OF MODERN HORROR The gory first word on the Saw series' blood-soaked comeback Pennywise and the Losers' Club on returning to Derry for the new IT



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DEATH NOTE -

Steve Neale argues that genre classifications work to shape the way a texts. Analyse the text in Figure 2 in the light of this argument.	['





Briefly define the term 'plot' as it is used in the study of narrative.	[2 marks]



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Section B -	Media	Industries	and	Media /	Audiences
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Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

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0 5	Briefly define public service broadcasting (PSB).	[2 marks]
0 6	Explain how media products can be said to have cultural and social signific	cance.
	Use Common's Letter to the Free to support your answer.	[15 marks]





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0 7	Explain the appeal of low to medium budget films to Hollywood conglomerates.
	Use Hidden Figures to support your answer.
	[15 marks]



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## **Section C – Close Study Products**

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0 8	Curran and Seaton present the view that a free press relies on a free market where individual newspapers can compete through their political stances and points of view.  Analyse the ways that the <i>i</i> attempts to establish a distinctive identity within this free market. To what extent has this been successful?
	[20 marks]





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0 9	To what extent is The War of the Worlds a historically significant media pr	oduct?
		[20 marks]
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