Mock Exam Feedback

Paper 1

- Use of the theoretical framework?
- Use of subject specific terminology throughout?

Question 2

- Knowledge and understanding of the influences of the economic and political contexts?
- Use of subject specific terminology?

Question 3

Engages with the feminist theory of male gaze and how they relate to the CSP?

Question 4

• knowledge and understanding produces a response to genre theory?

1. A, C, E

2. Lasswell, Laszerfeld, Haidht, etc eg

Question 6

 knowledge and understanding of the influences of social and cultural contexts on media products

Question 7

 knowledge and understanding of the theoretical framework that is demonstrated by appropriate evaluation of the extent to which the film industry demonstrates diversity in production and distribution

Points to develop

 Question 2 – music, culture politics needs some theoretical perspective. I would recommend the theory of 'hegemonic struggle' by Antonio Gramsci.

 Question 4 – what does 'genre as a cultural category' actually mean?

Paper 2

Please note

 Question 2, 3 & 4 – to achieve the highest marks, a response must construct and develop a sustained line of reasoning which is coherent, relevant, substantiated and logically structured.

- Answers in the higher bands are likely to deal critically (ie theoretically) with the ideas in the question
- whereas answers in the lower bands are likely to offer only examples from the Question 2
- the significance of patterns of ownership and control, including conglomerate ownership, vertical integration and diversification
- the significance of economic factors, including commercial and not-for-profit public funding, to media industries and their products
- how media organisations maintain, including through marketing, varieties of audiences nationally and globally
- the regulatory framework of contemporary media in the UK the impact of 'new' digital technologies on media regulation, including the role of individual producers
- how processes of production, distribution and circulation shape media products.

- the effect of social and cultural context on representations
- how and why stereotypes can be used positively and negatively
- how and why particular social groups may be underrepresented or misrepresented
- how media representations convey values, attitudes and beliefs about the world
- how audiences respond to and interpret media representations.

Question 4

- how media organisations maintain varieties of audiences nationally and globally
- the role and significance of specialised audiences, including niche and fan, to the media.
- the relationship of recent technological change and media production, distribution and circulation.
- how audiences respond to and interpret aspects of media language