EDUQAS MEDIA STUDIES
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EXAM REQUIREMENTS
EDUQAS GCSE MEDIA STUDIES (9-1) – C680UQS

COMPONENT 1 EXAMINATION: MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2019 – SET PRODUCTS AND RESOURCE MATERIAL

In Circular no. 82, Exams Officers have been reminded that candidates are required to take an unannotated copy of the set products for Section A into the examination. Centres must ensure that on entering the exam room, all candidate copies are checked to confirm that they are clean (with no annotation). WJEC must be notified of any infringements.

The Eduqas GCSE Media Studies Set Products booklet can be downloaded from the Eduqas GCSE Media Studies webpage under 'All Course Materials'. This booklet includes all set products for Component 1, Section A, as well as transcripts for The Guardian and The Sun front covers and the Quality Street advert.

Section A will also include unseen print-based resource material, which will be provided by WJEC Eduqas with the examination paper.

COMPONENT 2 EXAMINATION: MONDAY, 10 JUNE 2019 - RESOURCE MATERIAL

Exams Officers have been reminded that Section A will include audio-visual resource material, provided by WJEC Eduqas. Centres need to provide viewing facilities for candidates and ensure that conditions in the examination room are adequate.

The disc for Section A will contain two extracts: one from Luther (crime drama) and one from The IT Crowd (sitcom). Candidates will view only one of these extracts, depending on which they have studied. Teachers will therefore need to notify the Examinations Officer in advance of the set product studied, so that they can inform the invigilator at the start of the exam of the extract to be screened.
Centres will be provided with discs containing the audio-visual resource according to the following formula: **one per twenty candidates plus one per additional twenty candidates.**

Exams Officers will be notified separately that they or a technician (but **not** a teacher) should check the audio-visual resource discs for any faults **five working days before the examination.** If there is a fault, or the centre requires extra discs, Exams Officers should contact **despatchqueries@wjec.co.uk** with the centre number and number of discs required as soon as possible.

**EDUQAS AS AND A LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES – B680UQS and A680UQS**

**COMPONENT 1 EXAMINATION: TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2019 (AS) and WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2019 (A LEVEL) – RESOURCE MATERIAL**

In response to feedback from teachers and Exams Officers, a minor amendment to the assessment of Component 1, Section A was made in August 2018. In the Component 1 exam, across Section A as a whole, there will **always be one unseen audio-visual resource and one unseen print-based resource;** Question 1 will relate to the audio-visual resource and Question 2 will relate to the print-based resource.

A revised version of the specifications, Version 2 August 2018, can be found on the Eduqas AS/A Level website. The changes are detailed on page 22 of the A level specification and page 20 of the AS level specification.

In Circular no. 007, Exams Officers were reminded of this change.

As with GCSE, centres will be provided with discs containing the audio-visual resource material according to the following formula: **one per twenty candidates plus one per additional twenty candidates.**

**Please note that candidates are NOT permitted to take a copy of the set products for Section A into the exam for A level** (see page 22 of the specification).

Exams Officers will be notified separately that they or a technician (but **not** a teacher) should check the audio-visual resource discs for any faults **five working days before the examination.** If there is a fault, or the centre requires extra discs, Examinations Officers should contact **despatchqueries@wjec.co.uk** with the centre number and number of discs required as soon as possible.

**NON-EXAM ASSESSMENT BRIEFS**

**EDUQAS GCSE MEDIA STUDIES (9-1) – C680UQS and A LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES – A680UQS**

The NEA briefs for GCSE and A Level (for assessment in 2020) were released on 1 March 2019 on the **secure website** under ‘resources’ and ‘NEA tasks’. Teachers will need a **username and password provided by their Exams Officer, and permissions for all areas of the site to access the briefs.**

The AS Level (B680UQS) briefs were released on 1 September 2018 and are available on the secure website.

Teachers are reminded that the briefs change every year, and of the importance of completing the correct brief for the year of assessment.
NON-EXAM ASSESSMENT SUBMISSION

EDUQAS GCSE MEDIA STUDIES (9-1) – C680UQS, EDUQAS AS AND A LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES – B680UQS and A680UQS

Please be aware that there is an e-submission system for the submission of NEA for the new specifications. Exams Officers have been sent Circular 74 which details the e-submission process and includes subject specific guidance and information.

Please be aware that teachers will need a key code for each learner whose work is to be uploaded as part of the sample. After submitting the candidate marks to IAMIS (through the secure website), the sample will be generated automatically. The key codes will be available after two working days, at which time centres will be able to upload candidates’ work.

The deadline for e-submission of candidates’ work for GCSE is 5 May, and for AS and A Level is 15 May.

Please read the subject specific e-submission guidance for further information.

NON-EXAM ASSESSMENT COVERSHEETS

Coversheets for Component 3, including the templates for the Statement of Aims, are available to download from the either the Eduqas GCSE Media Studies webpage or the AS/A Level Media Studies webpage under ‘All Course Materials’.

Please be aware that there is a new version of the coversheet, which has been updated so that it is in line with GDPR requirements. It is this version, which includes sections D and E, that should be submitted by candidates.

Sections D and E are necessary to comply with GDPR regulations which demand that, in order to process the work, we must have permission from all people whose data is included. Under GDPR regulations, ‘data’ includes image and voice; this means that any unassessed participants’ consent must be obtained in order for WJEC Eduqas to process the work. ‘Process’ refers to the use of the work for use at moderator conferences and CPD. Consent is not needed to assess the work. If a learner does not wish for their work to be used in this way or if it is not possible to obtain the permission of an unassessed participant, the learner can opt out by ticking the appropriate box on section D and E of the coversheet.

RESOURCES

We have recently published Useful Resources Guides for Eduqas GCSE and AS/A Level Media Studies. These guides outline all our available resources, guidance and information and where they can be found:

Eduqas GCSE Useful Resources Guide
Eduqas AS/A Level Useful Resources Guide

Resources to support the delivery of all components can be accessed under ‘Digital Resources’ on each webpage or on the Eduqas Resources Website. We have published several new resources to support teachers in their delivery of the specification including ‘Theories and Theorists’, which includes interviews with theorists such as David Hesmondhalgh; a resource to support the teaching of Media Contexts; and more.
A new textbook to support the teaching of A Level (year 2) published by Illuminate Publishing is now available. Further details can be found on the Illuminate Publishing website.

We have an Online Exam Review for AS available, which looks at responses to selected questions from the 2018 exam and provides examiner commentary. Online Exam Review will be provided for GCSE and A level 2019 exams in the autumn term.

The secure website includes a range of materials to support teaching, including materials from previous CPD events, past exam papers and mark schemes and non-exam assessment briefs. This includes materials from the most recent CPD event ‘Approaches to Teaching’ which focus on assessment for learning, approaches to research in preparation for NEA, and which contains examples of work for all components.

You will need a user name and password from your Exams Officer to access the secure website.

CENTRE MAP
Sign up to our Centre Map to network and share good practice with other centres taking Eduqas Media Studies in your area.

Once you have added your details to the centre map, you will be given the link to view the map. Please save this link so you can access the map in future. If you do lose the link or would like to amend any of your details, please contact media@eduqas.co.uk.

Add your details to the centre map.

TWITTER
You can now keep up to date with the latest news and information from Eduqas Media Studies by following our WJEC/Eduqas Media Studies Twitter feed: @eduqas_media.

EXAMINER/MODERATOR VACANCIES
Are you interested in enhancing your subject knowledge, getting extensive training on assessment and networking with experienced teachers and professionals, all at the same time as earning money? If so, you might be interested in becoming a GCSE, AS or A Level examiner or moderator. Complete an online application today or contact media@eduqas.co.uk with any questions.