MEDIA
Written examination

Monday 21 November 2011
Reading time: 11.45 am to 12.00 noon (15 minutes)
Writing time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

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- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied
- Question and answer book of 16 pages.
- Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra paper to complete an answer.

Instructions
- Write your student number in the space provided above on this page.
- Answer all questions in the spaces provided.
- All written responses must be in English.

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SECTION A – Narrative

Name the texts you studied for narrative this year.

Question 1
Define one story element used in a text you have studied this year.

Question 2
Explain how another story element works together with the production element, sound, to convey meaning to the audience in one of the narratives you have studied this year.
Question 3
Using the other narrative text you studied this year, discuss how two of the following production elements combine to establish the point of view from which the narrative is presented.

- camera/film/video techniques and qualities including shot selection, movement and focus
- lighting
- acting
- visual composition and mise en scène
- sound, including dialogue, music and sound effects
- editing/vision and sound design and mixing

6 marks
Question 4
Many narratives are carefully crafted and structured works of art that affect audiences’ thoughts and emotions from the opening sequence to the closure of the narrative.
With reference to both texts you have studied this year, analyse the relationship between the opening and closing sequences. In your answer you must address the following points.
• The connection between the narrative possibilities, issues and/or ideas established in the opening sequence(s), narrative progression, developments and closure of the narrative.
• How production and story elements have been employed in both sequences to engage the audience.
SECTION B – Social values

Name the text you have studied for social values this year.

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Production period ____________________________

Place of production ____________________________

Question 1
Define the term ‘dominant social value’ and provide an example from the production period you have studied this year.

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Question 2
a. Identify two social values evident in the text you have studied this year.

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b. **Explain** how each of these social values is reflected in representations from the text you have studied this year.


4 marks
Question 3
Describe how two social values within the text you have studied this year have been affected by the production context.
You must consider at least one of the following in your answer.
• year and country of production
• production source(s)
• distribution and/or exhibition process(es)
• production personnel

6 marks
Question 4
The values of a society are in a state of constant evolution, and tension always exists between the dominant set of values and different or emerging social values.
To what extent does the main text you have studied for social values this year support and/or challenge the social values of its production period? You may refer to dominant, emerging, alternative or oppositional values and their representations in the text.

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SECTION C – Media influence

Question 1
Describe two communication theories and/or models.

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Question 2
a. Identify one example where the media is said to have a positive effect on an individual(s), audience(s) and/or society.

b. Explain an example of evidence that has been used to justify the above positive effect.
Question 3

a. Describe an example where the media is said to have a negative effect on an individual(s), audience(s) and/or society.

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b. Present an analysis of the arguments and evaluate the evidence that explains the nature and extent of this negative effect.

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Question 4

a. A range of measures has been designed to regulate media content.  
   **Provide one** example of the regulation of media content.

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   2 marks

b. **Discuss** the arguments and evidence used to explain the effectiveness of this regulation in the interests of protecting audiences.

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

   

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