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MARK SCHEME

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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
Section A			
Question 1 Discuss the ways in which the extract from *The Handmaid's Tale* constructs meaning through the following: • camera shots, angles, movement and composition • sound • mise-en-scène • editing. (50) Candidates will be assessed on their ability to understand how meaning is constructed in a media text through the analysis of different technical areas. Marks are awarded for three different criteria: Explanation / argument / analysis (max. 20) Use of examples (max. 20) Terminology (max. 10)			Candidates' work should be judged on each of these criteria, and marks awarded according to the level attained. It should be noted that it is possible for a candidate to achieve a different level for each assessment criterion. A positive approach to marking is encouraged. Reward alternative valid responses. Clip details: *The Handmaid's Tale* (series 1 episode 1, *Offred*, 2017, dir. Morano) Clip duration: 4:26 Start point: 05:19 End Point: 09:46
Specific notes on the sequence – likely areas of coverage			
Camera: • framing low-angle shot • backlighting – creates mystery / in darkness • slow zoom into close up on Offred: her discomfort and conflict between formality and friendliness **Sound:** • voiceover • soundtrack in a minor key – unsettling and conservative • ominous foley of rain and thunder **Editing:** • secretive world through obstructive framing • sound bridge – being talked at • shot / reverse shot • slow pace building menacing atmosphere • eyeline-match • lingering shots and reaction shots **Mise-en-scene:** • costume – stylised so no eye contact can be made – repressive – uniform – like nuns (also suggested through diegetic tolling of bells) • muted repressed colours – and contrast with Mrs Waterford colours and costume • dystopian future- armed guard. Use of wartime rationing **Meaning:** Retro-future mise-en-scene – conservative values; defined antiquarian gender roles – 'return to traditional values'; culture of fear; religious overtones through dialogue and mise-en-scene; passive role of women – contrasting to the power of Commander Waterford.			

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	**Level 5**	**17–20**	• Shows excellent understanding of the task.
	Explanation / argument / analysis		• Knowledge and understanding of the way that technical aspects are used to construct the extract's meaning is excellent. • Clearly relevant to set question. • Offers frequent textual analysis from the extract – award marks to reflect the range and appropriateness of examples.
	Use of examples	**17–20**	• Offers a full range of examples from each technical area. • Offers examples which are clearly relevant to the set question.
	Terminology	**9–10**	• Use of terminology is excellent.
	Level 4	**13–16**	• Shows competent understanding of the task.
	Explanation / argument / analysis		• Knowledge and understanding of the way that technical aspects are used to construct the extract's meaning is competent. • Relevant to set question. • Supports points with a range of textual analysis from the extract.
	Use of examples	**13–16**	• Offers a range of examples from each technical area. • Offers examples which are relevant to the set question.
	Terminology	**7–8**	• Use of terminology is competent.
	Level 3	**9–12**	• Shows satisfactory understanding of the task.
	Explanation / argument / analysis		• Knowledge and understanding of the way that technical aspects are used to construct the extract's meaning is satisfactory. • Some relevance to set question. • Some textual analysis from the extract.
	Use of examples	**9–12**	• Offers some examples, but probably not from all four technical areas. • Offers examples which are of some relevance to the set question.
	Terminology	**5–6**	• Use of terminology is satisfactory.

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	**Level 2** Explanation / argument / analysis	**5–8**	• Shows limited understanding of the task. • Knowledge and understanding of the way that technical aspects are used to construct the extract's meaning is limited. • Limited relevance to set question. • Limited textual analysis from the extract.
	Use of examples	**5–8**	• Offers limited examples, but probably not from all four technical areas. • Offers examples which are of limited relevance to the set question.
	Terminology	**3–4**	• Use of terminology is limited.
	Level 1 Explanation / argument / analysis	**1–4**	• Shows minimal understanding of the task. • Knowledge and understanding of the way that technical aspects are used to construct the extract's meaning is minimal. • Minimal relevance to set question. • Minimal textual analysis from the extract.
	Use of examples	**1–4**	• Offers minimal examples, but probably not from all four technical areas. • Offers examples which are of minimal relevance to the set question.
	Terminology	**1–2**	• Use of terminology is minimal.
	Level 0 Explanation / argument / analysis Use of examples	**0**	• No response or response does not answer the question at all.
	Terminology		• No response or response without any relevant terminology.

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
	Section B		
2 3	Refer to specific examples from **one** media area chosen from: • film • music • print • radio • video games How significant has the spread of technology in recent years been for audiences? Refer to the media area you have studied. **OR** 'The production of all media texts is driven by profit.' To what extent do you agree with this?		Candidates should be given credit for their knowledge and understanding, illustrated through case study material, relevant to the question. Assessment will take place across three criteria: • explanation / argument / analysis (20 marks) • use of supporting examples (20 marks) • use of terminology (10 marks) Candidates' work should be judged on each of these criteria individually and marks awarded according to the level attained. It should be noted that it is possible for a candidate to achieve a different level for each assessment criterion.

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2 and 3	**Level 5**	**17–20**	• Shows excellent understanding of the task
	Explanation / argument / analysis		• Knowledge and understanding of institutional / audience practices is excellent – factual knowledge is relevant and accurate • A clear and developed argument, substantiated by detailed reference to case study material • Clearly relevant to set question
	Use of examples	**17–20**	• Offers frequent evidence from case study material – award marks to reflect the range and appropriateness of examples from case study and / or own experience • Offers examples which are clearly relevant to the set question
	Terminology	**9–10**	• Use of terminology is excellent

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2 and 3	**Level 4**	**13–16**	• Shows competence in understanding of the task
	Explanation / argument / analysis		• Knowledge and understanding of institutional / audience practices is competent – factual knowledge is relevant • A clear argument, substantiated by reference to case study material • Relevant to set question
	Use of examples	**13–16**	• Offers a range of evidence from case study material • Offers examples which are relevant to the set question
	Terminology	**7–8**	• Use of terminology is competent
2 and 3	**Level 3**	**9–12**	• Shows satisfactory understanding of the task
	Explanation / argument / analysis		• Knowledge and understanding of institutional / audience practices is satisfactory – some relevant factual knowledge • Argument substantiated by some reference to case study material • Some relevance to set question
	Use of examples	**9–12**	• Offers some evidence from case study material • Offers examples which are of some relevance to the set question
	Terminology	**5–6**	• Use of terminology is satisfactory

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2 and 3	**Level 2**	**5–8**	• Shows limited understanding of the task.
	Explanation / argument / analysis		• Knowledge and understanding of institutional / audience practices is limited – limited relevant factual knowledge • limited argument, limited reference to case study material • limited relevance to set question
	Use of examples	**5–8**	• Offers limited evidence from case study material • Offers examples which are of limited relevance to the set question
	Terminology	**3–4**	• Use of terminology is limited
2 and 3	**Level 1**	**1–4**	• Shows minimal understanding of the task.
	Explanation / argument / analysis		• Knowledge and understanding of institutional / audience practices is minimal – factual knowledge is minimal • minimal argument, minimal reference to case study material • minimal relevance to set question
	Use of examples	**1–4**	• Offers minimal evidence from case study material • Offers examples which are of minimal relevance to the set question
	Terminology	**1–2**	• Use of terminology is minimal
2 and 3	**Level 0**	**0**	No response or response does not answer the question at all
	Explanation / argument / analysis		
	Use of examples	**0**	No response or response does not answer the question
	Terminology	**0**	No response or response with no relevant terminology

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