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MEDIA STUDIES **9607/23**

Paper 2 Media Texts and Contexts **May/June 2021**

2 hours

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer Question 1.
  - Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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The first 30 minutes will be spent watching and making notes on the moving image extract. You should use 45 minutes to answer Section A before moving on to spend 45 minutes on Section B.

Section A: Media texts

You will be shown an extract from a TV drama a total of four times.

During the first screening, you should **not** make notes.
During the second, third and fourth screenings you may make notes in the answer booklet.
There will be gaps between each screening for further note-making.

Your notes should be crossed out after you have finished writing your answer.

1 Analyse how the extract from *Stranger Things* constructs meaning, including the specific representations of individuals/groups/events/places, through the following technical elements:
- camera shots, angles, movement and composition
- sound
- mise-en-scène
- editing.

Extract: *Stranger Things* (season 1, episode 1, '*The Vanishing of Will Byers*', 2016 dir. The Duffer Brothers) [25]

Section B: Media contexts

Answer **one** question from Section B.

You should make references to at least one case study in your answer.

EITHER

2 To what extent are your own media consumption practices typical of wider trends? [25]

OR

3 Analyse the importance of particular production technologies in the media area you have studied. [25]

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