

Unit 1 MEST1 Investigating Media: Externally Examined 50% AS / 25% A Level

Section A Four compulsory short answer questions based on one unseen piece of stimulus material (from **moving image, digital/web-based (e-media) or print**) (1 hour including 15 minutes reading/viewing time) 60%

Section B One essay question from a choice of two (based on a cross-media case study) 30 minutes 40%

Unit 3 MEST3 Media: Critical Perspectives Externally Examined 50% A2 / 25% A Level (1 hour 30 minutes)

Externally set topic(s) (issues and debates)

Section A Three compulsory questions on one unseen stimulus piece (45 minutes including 15 minutes reading/viewing time) 40%

Section B One essay from a choice of two pre-set topics (45 minutes) 60%

Unit 2 MEST2 Creating Media: Externally Set Production Briefs (Internally Examined and Externally Moderated) 50% AS / 25% A Level

Externally set brief: Two linked production pieces 60% (Taken from two of the three media platforms studied in Unit 1) 20%

Evaluation (written) on both production pieces (1500 words) 20%

Unit 4 MEST4 Media: Research and Production Internally Examined and Externally Moderated

50% A2 / 25% A Level

Critical Investigation (range of media forms) 40% 20% **Linked production piece** (realised media artefact) 40% (approval required from AQA)