

2019 SUMMER EXAMINATION – SUMMARY REPORT

A HELPFUL GUIDE TO INFORM
YOUR TEACHING FOR

GCSE (9-1) FILM STUDIES



SUPPORTING YOUR TEACHING IN THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Utilising results from the 2019 summer assessment, our Film Team and Examiners have analysed the performance of candidates to provide a summary to aid your teaching.

This booklet provides:

- A general summary of candidates' strengths
- Identifies areas where candidates require additional support/guidance
- Suggestions of areas to consider in the new academic year

In addition to this booklet, we recommend that centres review the performance of their centre, by utilising our free Online Exam Review tool. This online portal brings together several elements including general data, exam questions, mark schemes and examiner comments to lead you through examination performance.

Access this via oer.eduqas.co.uk

Centres are also encouraged to review their item level data (provided on our Secure Website www.wjecservices.co.uk) and the Principal Examiner's report which is available on your subject page of our website www.eduqas.co.uk/qualification.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

In addition to this booklet, we continue to provide a comprehensive package of support to aid you in the delivery of GCSE Film Studies which includes:

- Expert advice and guidance from our subject specialists to support your teaching
- Free teaching and learning resources to be used in the classroom
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AREAS OF STRENGTHS OF THE 2019 SUMMER ASSESSMENT

Following a review of the summer assessment, our Film Team and Examiners have identified that candidates generally performed well in the following areas:

- Candidates displayed very good knowledge on Context, particularly on Component 1
- Candidates engaged well with issues of representation
- Film form is clearly being well taught – just needs a clearer application /sequence focus
- The Specialist Writing (Component 1) showed good levels of engagement from candidates

AREAS FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Our Film team and Examiners felt that, following the performance in the recent assessment, candidates found the following areas particularly challenging:

- Exam technique: be specific, not generalised in low tariff questions (i.e. a key costume would be 'James Dean's leather jacket' rather than 'Pair of trousers')
- Sequence analysis – this needs to be more detailed. Be wary of telling the story of the film at the expense of sequence analysis
- Use examples of film form using appropriate terminology within sequence analysis
- Planning and timing are essential – there is a lot to do in 1hr 30 mins
- Be focused and concise on low tariff questions – this will allow candidates enough time on higher tariff questions



ENHANCING THE DELIVERY OF GCSE FILM STUDIES FOR 2019/20

Based on the performance of candidates in the 2019 summer assessment, the following areas have been identified as potential areas for teachers to consider providing additional support to their candidates:

- Sequence Analysis
- Practising Timed Exam Questions
- Shooting Scripts, particularly shot duration
- Screenplay Layout
- Film Studies terminology and how to use this in analysis

TAILORED SUPPORTING RESOURCES

We have produced a comprehensive package of resources to support you in the delivery of GCSE Film Studies. These resources are available for free from our Digital Resources Website

www.eduqas.co.uk/Resources.

Centres may wish to pay particular attention to the following resources which have proved extremely popular:

- Specialist Writing Resource Pack
<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rlid=990>
- Screenwriting Pack
<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rlid=1036>
- Additional Sample Questions Component 1
<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rlid=1197>
- Additional Sample Questions Component 2
<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rlid=1178>
- Options Evening Flyer
<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rlid=990>