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MEDIA STUDIES**9607/42**

Paper 4 Critical Perspectives

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:
Section A: answer **two** questions.
Section B: answer Question 4.
- 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A: Media debates

Answer **two** questions from Section A.

You should refer to one or more media forms in each answer.

Media regulation

- 1 Explain whose interests are served by media regulation. [15]

Postmodern media

- 2 'Postmodernism is the new normal – all contemporary media texts are postmodern to different degrees.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? [15]

Power and the media

- 3 Explain why some media representations are accepted as real. [15]

Section B: Media ecology

- 4 'Contemporary life is dominated by our relationship with the media.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? [30]

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