

# Circular S/IF/38/20

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To: The Head of Department - Journalism

For circulation to: All teachers of Journalism and The Examinations Officer(s)

## GCSE Journalism in the Media and Communications Industry Mock Examination Registration 2021

CCEA will be running the GCSE Journalism **mock online examination** in early February 2021.

CCEA requires that all centres who are entering candidates into the GCSE Journalism online examination in Summer 2021 take part in the mock to give practice to candidates using the online examination system and also to enable technicians to practice the setting up and running of the exam. The mock exam will be a **requirement** before your centre undertakes the live examination in the Summer, to ensure that all systems will run smoothly on the day.

**It is compulsory that your centre receive this opportunity for a practice technical run through prior to the Summer sitting.**

**Please note:** CCEA may use some of the completed mock examination scripts internally for trial marking purposes. However, this will be for examiner marking training only and these marks will not be issued to centres. Candidate scripts will be returned to the teacher a few days after the examination along with the mark scheme and any associated stimulus.

The mock examination will take place as follows:

Wednesday 3 February 2021

10.00am - 11.30am (Session 1 - Section A, B & C)

11.45am - 12.15pm (Session 2 - Section D)

**Please note:** The GCSE Journalism mock will **NOT** be based on the Specimen Assessment Paper.

### Section A Recall Areas

In order to help teachers to prepare candidates for the recall questions in Section A of the forthcoming mock examination, please find a list below of the areas of content which will feature:

- Understanding of the purpose of the Freedom of Information Act
  - Ofcom Broadcasting code (Sections 3 & 6)
  - Using the legal defence of accord and satisfaction
  - Duties of a daily newspaper editor
- [PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF]**
- Types of target audience (by demographic scope - i.e. regional/national/local)
  - Radio Technical Features/Terminology (term for background noise)
  - TV News Features (studio presenter / clock / graphic - ticker tape accepted)

**Please note:** This information does not relate in any way to the live summer examination. Teachers must ensure that all specification content areas are covered in preparation for the live summer assessment.

## Section D Pre-Release

The Section D pre-release material, which candidates can view in advance of the mock examination, will be issued at time of registration.

## Mock Examinations Registration Process

### Registration Deadline:

The closing date for registration is **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

**\*\* ALL registrations for ALL LEVELS must be complete by this date, due to the transfer of files to C2k Schools. The files will be automatically rolled out based on the Mock registration list provided to C2k by CCEA. Failure to register by this date may mean that your centre cannot participate in the mock examinations and potentially the Summer Examination Series. \*\***

### Registration Link:

To enter for the mock examinations **teachers must register** their candidates online via the website: <http://www.ccea.org.uk/journalismregister>. Before registering please have the **teacher and technician's name, email address and your centre number** to hand.

Registration opens for teachers on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020** when the above link will be activated.

### Candidate Logins:

Once registered, a page will display the **candidates' logins** which teachers should make a note of. These numbers are generated exclusively for use in the mock exam. They are **NOT** the pupils' usual candidate numbers. These will be displayed on the web page after registration and will also be emailed to the teacher.

**Teacher Instructions and Step by Step Guide:** The teacher must download the *Teacher Instructions* and *Step by Step Guide* booklets using the link provided. These documents provide instructions on how to run the mock examination. The teacher must then give the *Step by Step Guide* booklet to the school technician as it relates to the technical set up and running of the mock examination.

### Mock Exam Hard Copy Hand-outs:

#### Part 1 Questions 10 & 12 Stimulus Insert and Part 2 Question 13 Pre-Release Material

Please note that the insert for use in Questions 10 and 12 (Part 1) and the pre-release material for use in Question 13 (Part 2) will be emailed to teachers once they have registered. Teachers should ensure that:

- the Question 13 pre-release material is issued to students in advance of the exam; and
- the insert for Questions 10 and 12 must only be issued to students at the start of the exam sitting.

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A clean copy of the Question 13 pre-release material and the Questions 10 and 12 insert must be made available to all candidates during the mock exam sitting.

### On the Day Password:

The password for use on the day will be sent by email on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021** to the teacher.

**Examinations Windows OS only compatibility:** Please note that the Journalism examinations will **NOT** be available on Mac computers that do not have Windows OS.



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