



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2022

Journalism in the Media and Communications Industry (JMC)

Controlled Assessment Task

Unit 2: Radio and Review Portfolio

Task 2: Film Review

[GJN21]

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

The overall purpose of this task is to write a film review.

You must produce:

- **1 × 300 word film review;**
- **an evaluation (maximum 400 words)** of the process and outcome.

Format

The publishing format you will be working in for this task will be:

The youth section of a UK national online newspaper.

Instructions continue on pages 2–4.

Candidates' work to be submitted **May 2022**

Controlled Assessment Tasks must comply with the Regulations as detailed in the Subject Specification.

NB: Some Controlled Assessment Tasks instructions may constitute more than 1 page.

Please check you have all the information you need to complete the task if printing from a computer.

Task 2: Film Review

Your film review can be for a film of your choice chosen from one of two set genres.

The set genres this year are:

- the comedy; and
- the horror.

The target audience this year is: 13 to 16-year-olds.

The film you select must meet the following criteria.

1. It must be an appropriate certificate for your target audience.
2. It must have had a theatrical release in the UK within the last five years. (Films released directly to video or streaming services are not permitted).

You will be expected to write the review as though the film is going to be released to the public for the first time the day after the review is published online.

Timescale

You must produce a review within **five weeks** of receiving this booklet.

You will be expected to:

- select **one** film to review from the genre of your choice;
- conduct background research on the film and compile a 4 page press pack for you to use when writing your final review, including a page of possible images to choose from to accompany the review;
- watch the film, making notes to add to your press pack;
- write your **300 word film review** using information you have gathered in your press pack;
- format the web page where the review is due to be published and place the review and one image you have chosen to go along with it on the page; and
- write an **evaluation (maximum 400 words)** of process and outcome.

Presentation

You will be expected to demonstrate knowledge of the presentational aspects of a web page when formatting your page, but it does not have to be a functioning web page.

The web page, featuring the review, must be submitted for assessment as a PDF file.

Your press pack, which should not exceed four pages, must also be submitted for assessment as a PDF. It must contain:

- no more than a half-page of key facts and background information about the film, including quotations, if relevant;
- no more than a half-page synopsis of the film;
- no more than two pages of key review points and judgements, which could consider:
 - genre or type of film and its intended audience;
 - cast and/or crew (for example if famous or notable) and other related films, if relevant;
 - content and/or story (for example characters, notable plot points);
 - style/technique (for example music or effects);
 - appropriateness and appeal of film in relation to the reviewer's readership;
 - key strengths of the film (if any);
 - key weaknesses of the film (if any);
 - summative review conclusions; and
- one page with up to four images to select from.

Supervision

Stage 1: Research and Planning

You will be expected to do initial planning work during normal class time and your teacher may also set you additional task-related homework at this stage. For example, you may do the viewing of your selected film at home.

You must use this planning time to compile a press pack of information and images that you can choose from when writing your final review.

You will also need to gather any additional text or visuals to use when formatting your final web page.

Stage 2: Compiling and formatting the finished review and web page under controlled assessment conditions and writing an evaluation of the process and outcome.

You will be expected to complete the writing of your review and evaluation and the formatting of your web page under controlled assessment conditions which will take place in class under the teacher's formal supervision.

You will be allowed to bring your press pack, and any additional web page text or visuals you wish to use, into the controlled assessment session/s scheduled by your teacher.

The press pack must be submitted for assessment with your final review.

Task 2 Checklist

Your final review must show an understanding of:

- the review's target readership;
- the film genre and your chosen film's target audience;
- review writing skills;
- review formats and presentational features;
- web page conventions; and
- legal and ethical constraints.