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Section A

Question 1

Discuss the ways in which the extract from Boardwalk Empire constructs meaning through the following:

- camera shots, angles, movement and composition
- editina
- sound
- mise-en-scène. [50]

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to understand how meaning is constructed in a media text through the analysis of different technical areas.

Marks are awarded for three different criteria:

Explanation/argument/analysis (max 20) Use of examples (max 20) Terminology (max 10) Candidates' work should be judged on each of these criteria, and an overall mark out of fifty awarded. It should be noted that it is possible for a candidate to achieve a different level for each assessment criterion, so a best-fit approach should be used.

A positive approach to marking is encouraged. Reward alternative valid responses.

Clip details:

Boardwalk Empire Series 1, Episode 1

Clip duration: 4.23

Start point: 21.13

End Point: 25.36

Specific notes on the sequence - likely areas of coverage

Camera:

- Range of high and low-angle shots
- Tracking shot of Enoch's Walk
- · Track in to baby in nurse's arms
- Sweeping crane movement of camera
- Various close-ups of Enoch

Sound:

- Contemporary songs
- Pacing of music and the way it is cut
- Lyrics
- Use of dialogue
- Noises of lift, car horn, caller over fish catch

Editing:

- Shot reverse shot in first scene and incubator sequence
- 180 degree rule
- · Abrupt cut to car dropping her off

Mise-en-scene:

- Enoch's panelled suite
- The boardwalk adverts, etc.
- Rolls Royce and the houses
- Costumes Enoch's brash suite, tie, overcoat and hat; Female character's cardigan and hat; other male characters'
- The fish
- Night scene and whisky

Meaning:

Enoch and babies – what we read from his reactions to her (pregnant), to incubator shop and babies; prohibition and gangster themes, woman and her husband tension; driver's look at husband.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	Level 5 Explanation / argument / analysis Use of examples	40–50	 Shows excellent understanding of the task. Knowledge and understanding of the way that technical aspects are used to construct the extract's meaning is excellent. Clearly relevant to set question. Offers frequent textual analysis from the extract – award marks to reflect the range and appropriateness of examples. Offers a full range of examples from each technical area. Offers examples which are clearly relevant to the set question.
	Terminology		Use of terminology is excellent.
	Level 4 Explanation / argument / analysis Use of examples	30–39	 Shows competent understanding of the task. Knowledge and understanding of the way that technical aspects are used to construct the extract's meaning is competent. Relevant to set question. Supports points with a range of textual analysis from the extract. Offers a range of examples from each technical area. Offers examples which are relevant to the set question.
	Terminology		Use of terminology is competent.
	Level 3 Explanation / argument / analysis Use of examples	20–29	 Shows satisfactory understanding of the task. Knowledge and understanding of the way that technical aspects are used to construct the extract's meaning is satisfactory. Some relevance to set question. Some textual analysis from the extract. Offers some examples, but probably not from all four technical areas. Offers examples which are of some relevance to the set question.
	Terminology		Use of terminology is satisfactory.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	Level 2 Explanation / argument / analysis Use of examples	10–19	 Shows limited understanding of the task. Knowledge and understanding of the way that technical aspects are used to construct the extract's meaning is limited. Limited relevance to set question. Limited textual analysis from the extract. Offers limited examples, but probably not from all four technical areas. Offers examples which are of limited
	Terminology		relevance to the set question. • Use of terminology is limited.
	Level 1 Explanation / argument / analysis Use of examples	1–9	 Shows minimal understanding of the task. Knowledge and understanding of the way that technical aspects are used to construct the extract's meaning is minimal. Minimal relevance to set question. Minimal textual analysis from the extract. Offers minimal examples, but probably not from all four technical areas. Offers examples which are of minimal relevance to the set question.
	Terminology		Use of terminology is minimal.
	Level 0 Explanation / argument / analysis Use of examples	0	Use of terminology is minimal.
	Terminology		No response or response without any relevant terminology.

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
	Section B		
2 and 3	Refer to specific examples from one media area chosen from:		Candidates should be given credit for their knowledge and understanding, illustrated through case study material, relevant to the question. Candidates' work should be judged on each of these criteria individually and marks awarded according to the level attained. It should be noted that it is possible for a candidate to achieve a different level for each assessment criterion.
	Level 5 Explanation / argument / analysis Use of examples	40–50	 Shows excellent understanding of the task Knowledge and understanding of institutional / audience practices is excellent – factual knowledge is relevant and accurate A clear and developed argument, substantiated by detailed reference to case study material Clearly relevant to set question Offers frequent evidence from case study material – award marks to reflect the range and appropriateness of examples from case study and / or own experience Offers examples which are clearly relevant to the set question
	Terminology		Use of terminology is excellent

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2 and 3	Level 4 Explanation / argument / analysis		 Shows competence in understanding of the task Knowledge and understanding of institutional / audience practices is competent – factual knowledge is relevant A clear argument, substantiated by reference to case study material Relevant to set question
	Use of examples		 Offers a range of evidence from case study material Offers examples which are relevant to the set question
	Terminology		Use of terminology is competent
	Level 3		Shows satisfactory understanding of the task
	Explanation / argument / analysis		 Knowledge and understanding of institutional / audience practices is satisfactory – some relevant factual knowledge Argument substantiated by some reference to case study material Some relevance to set question
	Use of examples		 Offers some evidence from case study material Offers examples which are of some relevance to the set question
	Terminology		Use of terminology is satisfactory
	Level 2 Explanation / argument / analysis Use of examples		 Shows limited understanding of the task. Knowledge and understanding of institutional / audience practices is limited – limited relevant factual knowledge limited argument, limited reference to case study material limited relevance to set question Offers limited evidence from case study material Offers examples which are of limited relevance to the set question
	Terminology		Use of terminology is limited

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Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2 and 3	Level 1 Explanation / argument / analysis Use of examples		 Shows minimal understanding of the task. Knowledge and understanding of institutional / audience practices is minimal – factual knowledge is minimal minimal argument, minimal reference to case study material minimal relevance to set question Offers minimal evidence from case study material Offers examples which are of minimal relevance to the set question
	Terminology		Use of terminology is minimal
	Level 0 Explanation / argument / analysis		No response or response does not answer the question at all
	Use of examples		No response or response does not answer the question
	Terminology		No response or response with no relevant terminology

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