



**FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS
BERJAYA SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION & MEDIA ARTS**

FINAL EXAMINATION

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Subject Code & Name : **COM1133 MEDIA, CULTURE & SOCIETY**
Semester & Year : May – August 2017
Lecturer/Examiner : Dr. Wong Kok Keong
Duration : 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This question paper consists of 2 parts:
PART A (20 marks) : TWENTY (20) multiple-choice questions. Answer ALL questions. Each question carries ONE (1) mark. Shade your answers in the Multiple Choice Answer Sheet provided.
PART B (80 marks) : Answer only FOUR (4) of the five questions given. Each question carries TWENTY (20) marks. Answers are to be written in the Answer Booklet provided.
2. Candidates are not allowed to bring any unauthorized materials except writing equipment into the Examination Hall. Electronic dictionaries are strictly prohibited.
3. This question paper must be submitted along with all used and/or unused rough papers and/or graph paper (if any). Candidates are NOT allowed to take any examination materials out of the examination hall.
4. Only ballpoint pens are allowed to be used in answering the questions, with the exception of multiple choice questions, where 2B pencils are to be used.

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PART B : SHORT-ESSAY QUESTIONS (80 MARKS)

INSTRUCTION(S) : Answer **FOUR (4)** of the five questions given below (each question having two or three parts). Write your answer in the answer Booklet(s) provided.

1. Answer questions (a), (b) and (c) below on culture and the culture-media relationship:
 - a) Identify **THREE (3)** characteristics of culture. Then, give your own definition of culture with the help of the three characteristics (that must also be included in the definition). (10 marks)
 - b) Identify any **ONE (1)** of the six functions of culture and explain it with the help of an example (4 marks).
 - c) Explain **TWO (2)** ways to show that culture and media are closely connected. Use examples to support your points (6 marks)

2. Answer questions (a) and (b) below on news presented by the media:
 - (a) One major style of newswriting is called the “inverted pyramid” style. Explain the style. Then, use an example of an event to illustrate the 5 Ws and 1H of the story reported. (11 marks)
 - (b) Every day, countless events or issues occur that can be newsworthy and newspaper editors must decide what to cover in their newspaper. They are guided by several factors. Identify **THREE (3)** of the factors and explain all three. Use examples to help you to explain. (9 marks)

3. Answer questions (a), (b) and (c) below on media and stereotypes:
 - (a) Define “stereotype”. Then, use a specific example from gender or race to illustrate your definition. (8 marks)
 - (b) Explain **ONE (1)** reason why any kind of stereotypes is a problem for society or culture. It would help you to explain by using an example of stereotype. (4 marks)
 - (c) Discuss **TWO (2)** ways to show how media presentation of stereotypes gives them a “life” of their own by giving them more influence. (8 marks)

4. Answer questions (a) and (b) below on semiotic analysis and media as representation vs media as mirror:
 - (a) Explain what semiotic analysis is about. According to Saussure, the sign is made up of two concepts. Define the **TWO (2)** concepts and provide **ONE (1)** example to illustrate your answer. (10 marks)
 - (b) Explain media as mirror vs media as representation. Why is it more accurate to refer to media as representation than media as mirror? (10 marks)

5. Answer questions (a), (b) and (c) below on the political economy approach to media:
 - (a) What is the focus of the political economy approach to media? (4 marks)
 - (b) According to the political economy approach, corporate media (like Media Prima) tend to expand and dominate the market in three major ways. Explain **TWO (2)** of the ways, using examples to illustrate. (8 marks)
 - (c) Explain **ONE (1)** corporate media’s benefit from its domination of the media market and **ONE (1)** concern people have over such a market domination. (8 marks)