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**A Level Film Studies**

**H410/01 Film History**

**Time allowed: 2 hours**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **five** questions in total:  
Section A: Answer Question 1 **and** Question 2.  
Section A: Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.  
Section B: Answer Question 5.  
Section B: Answer **either** Question 6 **or** Question 7.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **105**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document has **4** pages.

**ADVICE**

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

**SECTION A – Film Form in US Cinema from the Silent Era to 1990**Answer Questions 1 and 2, and **either** Question 3 or Question 4.

You should have studied **one** US film from each of the lists below. Questions 1–4 require you to write about the US films you have studied.

Silent Era	1930–1960	1961–1990
<i>Birth of a Nation</i> (1915). Directed by D.W. Griffith. USA	<i>Citizen Kane</i> (1941). Directed by Orson Welles. USA	<i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i> (1968). Directed by Stanley Kubrick. USA
<i>The Gold Rush</i> (1925). Directed by Charles Chaplin. USA	<i>Singin' in the Rain</i> (1952). Directed by Gene Kelly / Stanley Donen. USA	<i>Raging Bull</i> (1980). Directed by Martin Scorsese. USA
<i>The Mark of Zorro</i> (1920). Directed by Fred Niblo / Theodore Reed. USA	<i>Stagecoach</i> (1939). Directed by John Ford. USA	<i>E.T.</i> (1982). Directed by Steven Spielberg. USA
<i>The General</i> (1926). Directed by Clyde Bruckman / Buster Keaton. USA	<i>Vertigo</i> (1958). Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. USA	<i>Do the Right Thing</i> (1989). Directed by Spike Lee. USA
<i>Sunrise</i> (1927). Directed by F.W. Murnau. USA	<i>Double Indemnity</i> (1944). Directed by Billy Wilder. USA	<i>The Conversation</i> (1974). Directed by Francis Ford Coppola. USA
<i>The Wind</i> (1928). Directed by Victor Sjöström. USA	<i>All that Heaven Allows</i> (1955). Directed by Douglas Sirk. USA	<i>West Side Story</i> (1961). Directed by Jerome Robbins / Robert Wise. USA

Answer Questions 1 and 2.

- 1 Explain how different spectators may interpret the same use of sound differently. Give **two** examples from **one** film from **1961–1990** that you have studied. [10]
- 2 Analyse how editing is used to create meaning in at least **two** examples from **one** film from **1930–1960** that you have studied. [10]

Answer **either** Question 3 or Question 4.**EITHER**

- 3\* Compare how mise-en-scène is used to convey messages and values in **one** film from **the silent era** and **one** film from **1961–1990** that you have studied. Give detailed examples from both films. [35]

**OR**

- 4\* Compare how performance and cinematography are used to convey messages and values in **one** film from **the silent era** and **one** film from **1930–1960** that you have studied. Give detailed examples from both films. [35]

**SECTION B – European Cinema History**

Answer Question 5 **and either** Question 6 **or** Question 7.

You should have studied **both** of the **experimental surrealist films** below:

*Un Chien Andalou* (1929). Directed by Luis Buñuel. France.

*L'Age d'Or* (1930). Directed by Luis Buñuel. France.

You should also have studied **one** film from the table below:

<b>German expressionist</b>	<b>French new wave</b>
<i>The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari</i> (1920). Directed by Robert Wiene. Germany	<i>The 400 Blows</i> (1959). Directed by François Truffaut. France
<i>Nosferatu</i> (1922). Directed by F.W. Murnau. Germany	<i>À Bout de Souffle</i> (1960). Directed by Jean-Luc Godard. France
<i>Metropolis</i> (1927). Directed by Fritz Lang. Germany	<i>Cleo from 5 to 7</i> (1962). Directed by Agnes Varda. France

Answer Question 5.

- 5 Analyse how **one or both** experimental surrealist films you have studied use mise-en-scène to create a surrealist aesthetic. **[15]**

Answer **either** Question 6 **or** Question 7.

**EITHER**

- 6\* Analyse how the German expressionist **or** the French new wave film you have studied developed a distinctive style that has contributed to film aesthetics. **[35]**

**OR**

- 7\* Analyse how the German expressionist **or** the French new wave film you have studied reflects an emphasis on naturalism or the expressive that is characteristic of their film movement. **[35]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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