

# Circular S/IF/14/15

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## GCE Journalism in the Media and Communications Industry Unit A2 1: Cross-Platform Journalism and Digital Interactivity Summer 2015 examination

Centres should note that changes have been made to the requirement for the external examination for **Unit A2 1: Cross-Platform Journalism and Digital Interactivity**, which will take effect for the Summer series 2015, the first sitting of this A2 paper.

The examination will differ *slightly* from the published *Specimen Assessment Materials (SAMs)*. The changes are intended to add clarity to the A2 Unit 1 requirements and do not change the demand of the unit.

### Summary of Changes (to the originally published Specimen Assessment Materials - SAMs)

SAMs Page Number	Section	Question	Change
25	A	1(b)	<b>Word Count:</b> changed from 225 – 275 to <b>240 words</b>
27	A	2	There are now <b>8 stories</b> listed. Candidates are required to prioritise the stories and select the <b>top three</b> .
29	B	3, 4 or 5	Candidates will be advised to spend <b>30 minutes</b> writing a response, rather than 25 minutes as specified in the original published SAMs.
68	A	1(b)	<b>Word Count:</b> changed from 225 – 275 to <b>240 words</b>
69-70	A	1b	<b>Word count:</b> There is a <i>change</i> to the word counts within the marking bands to reflect the word count change within the question. The word count ranges within the marking bands are now: Mark Band 4: 235-245 words, Mark Band 3; 230-250 words, Mark Band 2: 225-255 words, Mark Band 1: Less than 225 words and more than 255 words.

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The revised version of the SAMs is available now for download from the Journalism microsite:

[www.ccea.org.uk/journalism](http://www.ccea.org.uk/journalism)

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