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Marking Key

Marking keys are an explicit statement about what the examining panel expect of candidates when they respond to particular examination items. They help ensure a consistent interpretation of the criteria that guide the awarding of marks.

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36% (57 Marks)

Section One: Aural and analysis

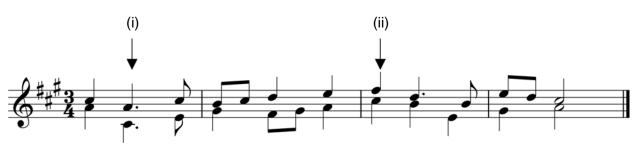
Question 1: Interval recognition

(a) Identify the melodic intervals played by the solo brass instrument indicated by (i) and (ii) in the excerpt below. The rhythm is given. (2 marks)



Description	Marks
(i) octave or perfect octave	1
(ii) minor 7 th	1
Total	2

(b) Identify the interval between the two notes indicated by (i) and (ii) in the excerpt below.
 Place a tick (✓) next to the correct response in each table that follows. The rhythm is given.
 (2 marks)



Descript	ion	Marks
(i) minor 6 th		1
(ii) Perfect 4 th		1
	Total	2

(4 marks)

(12 marks)

Question 2: Rhythmic dictation

Listen to Track 2a **or** Track 2b and then complete the following **eight** bar dictation by providing bar lines and rhythm to the given pitches.



Description	Marks
Rhythm	
35 notes and 2 rests correct (37 values in all or 38 values if the alternative answer is provided)	8
35–36 values correct or 36–37	7
32–34 values correct or 33–35	6
29–31 values correct or 30–32	5
25–28 values correct or 26–29	4
20–24 values correct or 21–25	3
11–19 values correct or 12–20	2
5–10 values correct or 6–11	1
Sub-total	8
Bar lines	
all bar lines correct, including final/double bar line	2
1–2 incorrect bar lines	1
Sub-total	2
Rhythmic grouping	
all rhythmic grouping correct	2
1–2 errors in rhythmic grouping	1
Sub-total	2
Overall total	12

(8 marks)

Question 3: Discrepancies

There are **four** pitch and **two** rhythm errors in the following excerpt. Rhythmic errors can occur across beats. Circle the errors and rewrite them correctly on the stave provided. The first note is correct.

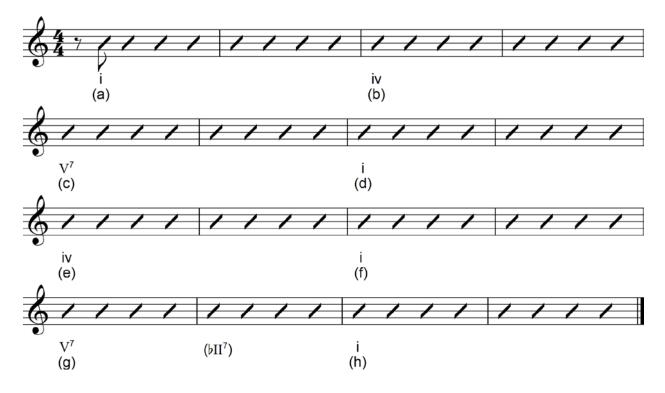


Description		Marks
1 mark for each correct discrepancy (4 pitch, 2 rhythmic groups)		1–6
	Sub-total	6
all circling of errors correct		2
2–3 correctly circled errors		1
	Sub-total	2
	Overall total	8

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Question 4: Harmonic/chord progressions

Identify the **eight** chords indicated by (a) to (h) in the excerpt below, using Roman numerals **or** chord names in A minor.



	Description	Marks
(a)	i / Am / Ami	1
(b)	iv / Dm / Dmi	1
(C)	V ⁷ / E ⁷	1
(d)	i / Am / Ami	1
(e)	iv / Dm / Dmi	1
(f)	i or ib / Am or Am/c	1
(g)	V ⁷ / E ⁷	1
(h)	i / Am / Ami	1
	Total	8

(8 marks)

(16 marks)

Question 5: Melodic dictation

Listen to Track 5a **or** Track 5b and then complete the following **eight** bar melodic dictation by providing the pitch and rhythm.



Description	Marks
Pitch	
47 correct notes	12
43–46 correct pitches	11
39–42 correct pitches	10
35–38 correct pitches	9
32–34 correct pitches	8
29–31 correct pitches	7
24–28 correct pitches	6
19–23 correct pitches	5
15–18 correct pitches	4
12–14 correct pitches	3
9–11 correct pitches	2
4–8 correct pitches	1
Sub-total	12
Rhythm	
all rhythms and rests correct	3
1–2 errors	2
3–6 errors	1
Sub-total	3
Rhythmic grouping	
all rhythmic grouping correct	1
Sub-total	1
Overall total	16

Question 6: Aural analysis

(a) Name the **four** instruments featured in this excerpt.

Description	Marks
piano	1
vibraphone	1
double bass	1
drum kit	1
Total	4

(b)

(i)

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(ii) Circle the modulation that occurs at bar 4.

Give the overall tonality of the excerpt.

Description	Marks
subdominant	1
Total	1

(c) Identify the texture of the excerpt.

Description	Marks
polyphonic or multi-voice	1
Total	1

(d) Identify **two** compositional devices present in the excerpt. (2 marks)

Description

Marks

Any two of :	
• sequence	
imitation or call and response	1–2
• pedal	
(also accept ostinato)	
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(9 marks)

(4 marks)

(1 mark)

(1 mark)

(1 mark)

Section Two: Cultural and historical analysis

Part A: Analysis

Question 7

(2 marks) (a) (i) Name the instruments on the top three staves of each system.

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Description	Marks
oboe 1 and oboe 2 or two oboes	1
horn	1
Total	2

Explain how the soloist would interpret the terms Tutti and Solo in the fourth (ii) stave from bars 4-10. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
indication that the soloist plays with <i>Tutti</i> from bar 4 and resumes solo role in bar 10	1
Total	1

Which era of music is represented in the excerpt? (b) (i)

(1 mark)

(2 marks)

Description	Marks
Classical era	1
Total	1

(ii) Give two reasons to support your answer.

Description Marks Any two of: standard instrumentation (predominant strings, small wind/brass section) balanced melodic phrases 1–2 predominance of melody over accompaniment mainly homophonic texture. Total 2

Accept other relevant answers.

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(i) This excerpt is from the first movement of a concerto. The development section (C) commences at bar 10. Identify two musical features in the excerpt that are characteristic of a development section. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
Any two of:	
modulation	
key changes	1–2
sequential passages	1-2
pedal notes.	
Total	2
Accept other relevant answers.	

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11% (20 Marks)

(20 marks)

(ii) Describe **three** ways in which the structure of concerto first movements evolved during the Romantic period. (3 marks)

Description		Marks
Any three of:		
 changed to single exposition 		
 soloist often featured at the start of the movement 		
additional thematic material		
• composers wrote out cadenzas rather than leaving the soloist to		1–3
improvise		
 the location of the cadenza changed 		
 sometimes more than one cadenza. 		
	Total	3
Accept other relevant answers.		

(d) (i) Name the musical ornament which first appears in bar 4 of the excerpt. (1 mark)

Description		Marks
appoggiatura		1
	Total	1

(ii) Describe how this ornament is played usually.

(1 mark)

Description	Marks
takes half the value of the main note	1
Total	1

(iii) In what way is the playing of this ornament different in bars 20 and 23? (1 mark)

Description	Marks
the grace note is shorter or played before the beat rather than on the beat	1
Total	1

(e) Identify a sequence in the excerpt and provide bar numbers.

(1 mark)

Description	Marks
bars 19–24 or 34–35	1
Total	1

(f) Explain how the second violin part would be performed in bar 38. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
plays the written notes as repeated semiquavers (accept measured tremolo)	1
plays both notes at the same time/double stopping	1
Total	2

Question 7 (continued)

(g) Explain how the excerpt differs from the first movement of *Brandenburg Concerto No.5 in D major* by J. S. Bach for each of the following headings. (3 marks)

Description	Marks
Texture: the excerpt is completely homophonic, there is no polyphony or counterpoint in the excerpt	1
Dynamics: Bach does not use <i>crescendo</i> or <i>fp</i> markings, Bach uses terraced dynamics, much more frequent changing between <i>forte</i> and <i>piano</i> in the excerpt	1
Melody: Bach – melodic line is more motivic and imitative, Mozart – lyrical melodic line	1
Total	3

Part B: Short response

Part B(i): Compulsory area of study

Question 8

(a) Complete the table below by naming the theme at the beginning of each excerpt and the instrument that plays it. (4 marks)

Description		Marks	
Musical feature	Excerpt 1	Excerpt 2	
Theme	1 st subject/theme A/theme 1	2 nd subject/theme B/theme 2	1–2
Instrument playing theme	piccolo	(solo) piano	1–2
		Total	4

(b) In Excerpt 2, the first theme played differs from its initial appearance in the work. State **two** specific differences. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
Any two of:	
• in A major/minor in the excerpt; initial appearance in F# major/minor	
 quintuplet in excerpt; initially appears as a triplet 	1–2
no orchestral accompaniment in the initial appearance.	
Total	2

(c) The questions below refer to the harp part.

(i) Explain the boxed instructions in Excerpt 1, bar 1. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
informs harpist how to pitch/tune each string/how to set the pedals	1
Total	1

(ii) Identify the theme indicated by the box in Excerpt 2, bars 13–20. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
theme D/theme 4	1
Total	1

(iii) With reference to the performance instructions in bar 13, explain how the harpist would play this theme. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
Any two of:	
plays harmonics	
 plays the melody clearly (well-marked) 	1–2
 plays in the style of a cadenza. 	
Total	2

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23% (42 Marks)

11% (26 marks)

(26 marks)

Question 8 (continued)

(d) Identify another thematic reference in Excerpt 2, providing bar numbers. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
Theme C/Theme 3	1
8–9 or any combination of bars between 8–12	1
Total	2

(e) Explain the relationship between the piano solo and the orchestral parts in each excerpt. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
Excerpt 1: opening theme is in woodwind (piccolo/flute); solo piano has an accompanying role	1
Excerpt 2: piano initially is the primary feature with light string accompaniment, until the harp takes over the solo role	1
Total	2

(f) Describe the tonality and timbre of the piano part in Excerpt 1, bars 1–12. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
tonality: bitonal – right hand is playing in G major, left hand in F# major	1
timbre: providing a bell-like colour/shimmering effect	1
Total	2
Accept other relevant answers.	

(g) The composer of this work is considered to be one of the great orchestrators of his time. Give **two** examples from the work to support this statement. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
Any two of:	
First movement	
 1st subject – use of piccolo, flute, trumpet; divisi strings and solo piano 	
accompanying	
solo harp	
 horn melody with scalic piccolo, flute and pedal strings and any a strings play melodic metorial doubled by 	
 cadenza to end – strings play melodic material doubled by piccolo/flute. 	
piccolo/nate.	
Second movement	1–2
• sharing and overlapping of melodic interest in flute, oboe, clarinet in A	
and horn (later bassoon), interwoven with piano.	
Third movement	
bassoon solo in the 3rd movement accompanied by harp and pizz	
lower strings	
 use of clarinet in E flat and/or trombone glissandos 	
use of harp solo 1st movement.	
Total	2
Accept other relevant answers.	

Identify two features in the work that reflect Impressionist musical style. (2 marks) (h) (i)

Description	Marks
Any two of:	
 instrumentation (lighter timbres) – harp, piccolo, cor anglais instruments played at unusual tessituras e.g. bassoon playing at the top of its range use of pentatonic, modal, blues chords used for their 'colouristic' effects – parallel chords or added notes use of Spanish-influenced rhythms 'hazy' textures – trills and abundant notes in accompanying melodies particularly the cadenza instrumental effects – glissandi in harp/trombone/clarinet in E/ solo piano, harmonics in strings and harp, pizzicato, divisi strings in high registers use of pedal notes under changing harmonies e.g. 2nd movement. 	1–2
Total	2
Accept other relevant answers.	Ľ

(ii) Identify two Neoclassical features in the work.

(2 marks)

Description	Marks
Any two of:	
three-movement format	
 use of Sonata form, although extended with several themes 	1–2
smaller orchestra.	
Total	2
Accept other relevant answers.	

(iii) Identify two Jazz characteristics in the work.

(2 marks)

Description	Marks
Any two of:	
 use of blues scale/notes from scale 	
 ambiguity of major/minor third 	
added harmony notes	1–2
 syncopation/cross rhythms 	
 use of glissando and mutes. 	
Total	2
Accept other relevant answers.	

Give two ways in which the solo keyboard part of this work differs from the solo (i) keyboard part in the other designated work. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
<i>Brandenburg Concerto No.5</i> has extremely virtuosic solo part with rapid broken chords and scalic passages with quick note values	1
Any one of:	
 Ravel requires different virtuosic skills: leaps, chords and pitches that span the entire range of the keyboard sensitive pedalling technique ability to project melody against trills and arpeggios in the same hand wide range of dynamics. 	1
Total	2
Accept other relevant answers.	

Part B(ii): Non-compulsory area of study

Question 9

(a) Describe in detail the contribution of **one** composer to the development of a genre. Support your response with reference to **one** designated work. (8 marks)

Description	Marks
Contribution of one composer to the development of a genre.	
Describes in detail the contribution of a composer to the development of a genre.	5
Describes in some detail the contribution of a composer to the development of a genre.	4
Provides some relevant points about the contribution of a composer to the development of a genre.	3
Makes general comments about a composer in relation to the development of genre.	2
Makes superficial comments about a composer in relation to the development of genre.	1
Sub-total	5
Reference to one designated work.	
Makes specific, supporting reference to a designated work.	3
Makes some relevant reference to a designated work.	2
Makes superficial statements about a designated work.	1
Sub-total	3
Overall total	8

(b) Discuss how changes made to instruments and performance techniques have influenced the development of a particular genre. Support your response with reference to **one** designated work. (8 marks)

Description	Marks
How changes made to instruments and performance techniques have influenced the development of a particular genre.	
Discusses how changes in instruments and performance techniques have influenced the development of a particular genre.	5
Describes in some detail how changes in instruments and performance techniques have influenced the development of a particular genre.	4
Provides some relevant points about how changes in instruments and performance techniques have influenced the development of a particular genre.	3
Makes general comments about changes in instruments and/or performance techniques in relation to a particular genre.	2
Makes superficial comments about changes in instruments and/or performance techniques in relation to a particular genre.	1
Sub-total	5
Reference to one designated work.	
Makes specific, supporting reference to a designated work.	3
Makes some relevant reference to a designated work.	2
Makes superficial statements about a designated work.	1
Sub-total	3
Overall total	8
Penalty statement: If a candidate's response to either part (a) or part (b) o part (a) and part (b) is based on the compulsory area of study, a 25% penabe applied to the candidate's overall total for this question.	

12% (16 marks)

(16 marks)

Section Three: Theory and composition

Question 10: Visual score analysis

(a) Give the meaning of the following terms.

Description	Marks
Andante – at a walking pace	1
dolce – sweetly	1
Total	2

(b)

(i)

To which key does the music modulate briefly in bars 7–8?	(1 mark)
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Description	Marks
B major	1
Tota	al 1

(ii) State the relationship of this key to the opening key. (1 mark)

Description		Marks
Dominant		1
	Total	1

(iii) To which key does the music modulate at bar 11?

(1 mark)

Description	Marks
E minor	1
Total	1

(c) The melody in bar 8 contains an ornament. Write the melody as it would be performed on the stave below. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
	1
Tota	1
Note: If the candidate notates the ornament only, mark it correct.	

(d) Name the compositional devices that appear in the following bars. (2 marks)

DescriptionMarksBars 1–3: pedal/tonic pedal1Bars 15–17 (left-hand part): sequence1Total2

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30% (51 Marks)

(15 marks) (2 marks)

Question 10 (continued)

(e) Name the scale type that the melody of each of the following bars are based on.

(2 marks)

Description	Marks
Bar 12: harmonic minor	1
Bars 15–17: chromatic	1
Total	2

(f) Identify the boxed chords in the following bars using letter names, indicating inversions where required. (3 marks)

Description	Marks
Bar 5: G# major	1
Bar 8: B major 2nd inversion	1
Bar 16: A# diminished	1
Total	3

(g) Name the following cadences.

(2 marks)

Description	Marks
Bars 13–14: imperfect	1
Bars 18–19: perfect	1
Total	2

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(13 marks)

Question 11: Theory

(a) Using Roman numerals, identify the boxed chords in the music excerpt below. Write your answers on the lines below the excerpt. (4 marks)

Description		Marks
IV		1
ï		1
I ^b or I ⁶ ₃		1
ii ^b or ii ⁶ 3		1
	Total	4

(b) (i) Identify the **two** cadences indicated in the music excerpt. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
Cadence 1: imperfect	1
Cadence 2: perfect	1
Total	2

(ii) Provide the missing notes to complete each cadence.

(7 marks)



Description	Marks
1 mark per correct note = 10; divide by 2, rounding up	1–5
1 mark per cadence for correct voice leading	1–2
Total	7

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This question consists of **two** parts.

(a) Compose an **eight** bar melody by continuing the opening one bar motif for a further **seven** bars. Consider the chords provided when writing your melody.

Your melody must demonstrate:

(i)	effective melodic contour and climax	(4 marks)
(ii)	a clear relationship to the given chord structure	(3 marks)
(iii)	stylistic and motivic continuity	(2 marks)
(iv)	appropriate expressive devices, including tempo, dynamics and	articulations.

Description	Marks
(i) Effective melodic contour and climax	
Composes a melody that maintains effective melodic contour throughout and contains an effective climax.	4
Composes a melody that maintains satisfactory melodic contour throughout and contains a suitable climax.	3
Composes a melody that features inconsistent melodic contour and does not contain a suitable climax.	2
Composes a melody that shows limited melodic contour and does not contain a suitable climax.	1
Sub-total	4
(ii) Relationship to chord structure	
Composes a melody that demonstrates a clear relationship to the given chord structure.	3
Composes a melody that demonstrates a relationship to the given chord structure, with occasional incorrect notes.	2
Composes a melody that demonstrates some relationship to the given chords, with several incorrect notes.	1
Sub-total	3
(iii) Stylistic and motivic continuity	
Composes a melody that maintains stylistic and motivic continuity throughout.	2
Composes a melody with inconsistent stylistic and motivic continuity.	1
Sub-total	2
(iv) Appropriate expressive devices including tempo, dynamics and articulation	ons
Applies appropriate expressive devices including tempo, dynamics and articulations.	3
Applies some appropriate expressive devices including tempo, dynamics and articulations.	2
Applies mostly inappropriate or minimal expressive devices.	1
Sub-total	3
Overall total	12

(23 marks)

(3 marks)

(b) Transpose the first **four** bars of the melody in part (a) for Clarinet in A. Write a piano accompaniment that effectively supports the melody, using vamping, Alberti bass **or** arpeggio style.

You must demonstrate:

(i)	correct transposition and key signature	(2 marks)
(ii)	range and suitability for each instrument	(3 marks)
(iii)	stylistic consistency, using vamping, Alberti bass or arpeggio style	(4 marks)
(iv)	neat and accurate score presentation.	(2 marks)

Description	Marks
(i) Transposition and key signature	
The transposition and key signature are correct for 4 bars.	2
The transposition is correct for 4 bars but the key signature is incorrect or the key	
signature is correct but 1–3 three notes are incorrect. OR Writes 1–3 bars with	1
correct transposition and key signature.	
Sub-total	2
(ii) Range and suitability for instruments	
Writes 4 bars within the range and technical capability of each instrument.	3
Writes 4 bars mostly within the range and technical capability of each instrument.	2
Writes 4 bars inconsistently within the range and technical capability of each	
instrument. OR Writes 1–3 bars within the range and technical capability of each	1
instrument.	
Sub-total	3
(iii) Stylistic consistency	
Writes a stylistically appropriate 4 bar accompaniment which is maintained	4
throughout and provides effective support for the melody in part (a).	4
Writes a mostly stylistically appropriate 4 bar accompaniment with only minor	3
inconsistencies, providing support for the melody in part (a).	3
Writes a generally stylistically appropriate 4 bar accompaniment with some	
inconsistency and errors, providing some support for the melody in part (a). OR	2
Writes a stylistically appropriate 2–3 bar accompaniment, providing support for	Z
the melody in part (a).	
Inconsistently writes a 4 bar accompaniment with several errors, providing only	
minimal support for the melody in part (a). OR Writes a 2–3 bar accompaniment	1
with some inconsistency, providing some support for the melody in part (a).	
Sub-total	4
(iv) Score presentation and accuracy	
Produces a score that is neat and accurate.	2
Produces a score that is mostly neat with some errors in notation.	1
Sub-total	2
Overall total	11

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Section One	
Question 1	Score excerpt: Bach, J. S. (1735). Mass in B minor.
Section Three	
Question 10(c)	Score excerpt: Brahms, J. (1858). Trost in Tränen.

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