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Component 1 Understanding Music

Mark scheme

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Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, i.e. if the response is predominantly level 3 with a small amount of level 4 material it would be placed in level 3 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 4 content.

Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the Indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Section A: Listening

60 minutes

68 marks

Question 1 Area of study 1: Western classical tradition 1650-1910

Total for this question: [9 marks]

Excerpt A

Fauré: Requiem

Libera Me

BBC MM77

Track 7

1'54" - 2'44" incl. fade

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
01.1	Name the family of instruments heard at the beginning of this excerpt.	1
	brass	
01.2	Give a suitable dynamic marking for the beginning of this excerpt.	1
	loud / very loud / f / ff	
01.3	Which type of choir is singing in this excerpt?	1
	mixed voice choir	
01.4	Describe the texture of the vocal parts in this excerpt.	1
	homophonic / harmonic / chordal	

Excerpt B

Chopin: Prelude Op. 28 No. 15, Raindrop

Chopin: Piano Classics

CC C 003

Track 6

0'00" - 0'54" incl. fade

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
01.5	Name the harmonic device heard in this excerpt.	1

	(dominant / bass / inner) pedal (no other qualification of pedal acceptable) (not "drone")	
01.6	What is the tonality at the beginning of this excerpt?	1
	Major (no qualification except D flat)	
01.7	Identify three features of melody , rhythm and / or use of the instrument used in this excerpt typical of the piano music of Chopin and Schumann.	
	Any three of	3
	Melody	
	ornamentation / decoration use of chromaticism balanced / periodic / 2 bar phrasing conjunct triadic/ arpeggiated	
	Rhythm	
	dotted rhythms ostinato rhythm rubato	
	Instrumentation	
	use of sustaining / expression pedal exploiting / using piano's ability to bring out a melodic line exploiting / using piano's ability to shade dynamics subtly	
	Any other valid point under any of these headings Ensure there is no repetition of points across different elements Ensure that responses refer only to the 3 given elements Give credit for accurate notation where relevant	

Question 2: Area of study 2 Popular music

Total for this question: [9 marks]

Excerpt A

Coldplay: A Rush of Blood to the Head

Clocks

7243 5 40504 2 8

Track 5

0'00" - 0'54" incl. fade

Question	Marking guidance	Total
		marks

02.1	Which one of the following patterns best matches the opening bar of this excerpt?	1
02.2	Name the instrument playing the pattern in 02.1 .	1
	Allow piano/ electric piano	
02.3	Different chords are played in bars 1, 2 and 4. The first chord is major. Describe the chords played in bars 2 and 4 as 'major', 'minor' or 'dominant seventh'.	2
	(i) minor (ii) minor	
02.4	What happens to the dynamics when the drums enter?	1
	((they) get)) louder / crescendo / cresc. / (very) loud / f/ ff	
02.5	The bass guitar enters at the same time as the drums. Describe the rhythm the bass guitar plays.	1
	one of	
	repeated / continuous / constant / regular quavers ostinato repeat of / return to / same as opening (piano) rhythm	
02.6	Identify three features of metre , melody and / or texture used in this excerpt typical of Pop music from the 1990s to the present.	3
	Any three of	
	Metre	
	2/4 or 4/4 or 2/2 or C or C (allow Common Time or Split Common Time)	
	Melody	
	conjunct repetitive melodic ideas relatively narrow melodic range (mostly) syllabic setting / melody balanced / periodic / 2 bar phrasing allow use of broken chords/ disjunct	
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Texture

single instrument to start texture increased with addition of drums / bass / guitar melody and accompaniment (when voice enters)

Any other valid point under any of these headings Ensure there is no repetition of points across different elements Ensure that responses refer only to the 3 given elements Give credit for accurate notation where relevant

Question 3 Area of study 3: Traditional music

Total for this question: [8 marks]

Excerpt A

Paul Simon: Graceland

Graceland

Sony Music 88691984122

Track 2

approx. 0'35" - 1'09" incl. fade in and fade out

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
03.1	Name the chord accompanying line 3 as 'major', 'minor' or 'dominant seventh'.	1
	minor	
03.2	Name the interval sung to the two syllables of "Graceland".	1
	(major) 3rd / third - no other qualification of third acceptable	
03.3	After line 7, the guitars play a short phrase.	1
	Which of the following melodic devices is used in the phrase?	
	sequence	
03.4	Describe the texture of this excerpt after the voice has entered.	1
	melody and accompaniment	

Excerpt B

The Great Women Blues Singers - The Gold Collection

Pearl Dickson: Little Rock Blues

Retro R2CD 40-75

CD1 Track 6

0'00" - 0'53" incl. fade

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
03.5	Name the instruments playing the accompaniment.	1
	guitar (not lead / electric / bass) allow acoustic / steel-strung allow banjo (not ukulele)	
03.6	Identify three features of melody , harmony and / or texture used in this excerpt typical of Blues music from 1920 – 1950.	3
	Any three of:	
	Melody	
	short phrases in guitar vocal melody has A A B structure (vocal melody) uses portamento melody includes 'blue' notes / notes from the blues scale four-bar phrases overall repeated motif/ use of ostinato walking bass	
	Harmony	
	uses three chords / I IV V(7) I I I I / IV IV I I / V7 IV I V7	
	Texture	
	(mostly) melody and accompaniment some sense of two-part	
	Any other valid point under any of these headings Ensure there is no repetition of points across different elements Ensure that responses refer only to the 3 given elements Give credit for accurate notation where relevant	

Question 4: Area of study 4: Western classical tradition since 1910

Total for this question: [9 marks]

Excerpt A

Copland: Fanfare for the Common Man, Appalachian Spring, etc.

Appalachian Spring

Double Decca 448 261-2 CD1

Track 8

2'12.5" - 2'40" incl. fade

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
04.1	Which one of the following is a feature of the melody?	1
	anacrusis	
04.2	On which note of the scale does the melody begin?	1
	5 th / fifth / dominant/ G	
04.3	Which type of instrumental group is playing in this excerpt?	1
	orchestra	
04.4	Describe the texture of this excerpt.	1
	homophonic / harmonic / chordal	
04.5	What is the tonality at the end of this excerpt?	1
	major	
04.6	Which one of the following best matches the form of this excerpt?	1
	A ¹ BA ² C	

Excerpt B

Copland: Fanfare for the Common Man, Appalachian Spring, etc.

Music for Movies: New England Countryside

Double Decca 448 261-2 CD1

Track 12

approx. 0'17" - 0'54" incl. fade

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
04.7	Identify three features of harmony , tonality and / or use of instrumentation used in this excerpt typical of the music of Copland. Any three of	3
	Harmony	
	(some) use of consonant harmony (some) use of dissonant harmony Parallel triads/ thirds	
	Tonality	
	clear sense of tonality at beginning of excerpt becomes less clear as excerpt progresses / other notes added	
	Use of instrumentation	
	use of individual instrumental sounds / starts with horns other brass instruments added / trumpets added strings added to provide extra colour / depth / lower pitches arco strings bass drum (adds depth)	
	Any other valid point under any of these headings Ensure there is no repetition of points across different elements Ensure that responses refer only to the 3 given elements Give credit for accurate notation where relevant	

Question 5: Area of study 1: Western classical tradition 1650–1910

Total for this question: [8 marks]

Excerpt A

Mozart: Flute and Harp Concerto in C, K229

Sony 88687691002

Track 2

0'00" - c.0'32"

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
05.1	Name the family of instruments heard at the beginning of this excerpt.	1
	strings	

05.2	On the score, fill in the missing notes in bars 6 – 7 using the given rhythm. 1 mark for each correct pitch 1 mark for correct shape regardless of starting note	5
05.3	Identify two features of harmony and / or tonality used in this excerpt typical of music of the Classical period. Any two of Harmony mostly primary chords clear cadences (mostly) perfect cadences (some use of) sequential harmony consonant/ diatonic Tonality (major) key immediately established passing modulation to B flat / subdominant / closely related key immediate return to tonic / home key / F major major key / tonality Any other valid point under either of these headings Ensure there is no repetition of points across different elements Ensure that responses refer only to the 2 given elements Give credit for accurate notation where relevant	2

Question 6 Area of study 2: Popular music

Excerpt A

The Kinks: The Singles Collection

Days

SMRCD024

Track 21

0'00" - 0'25" incl. fade

11

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
06.1	The opening lyrics are "Thank you for the days".	2
	Describe two features of the melodic movement of the music sung to these lyrics.	
	stepwise / scalic / conjunct ascending	
06.2	Identify two features of rhythm and / or texture used in this excerpt typical of Rock music of the 1960s and 1970s.	2
	Any two of	
	Rhythm	
	regular rhythm use of syncopation snare drum / accent of the off-beat(s) / 2nd beat / 2nd and 4th beats / back beats	
	Texture	
	melody and accompaniment	
	Any other valid point under either of these headings Ensure there is no repetition of points across different elements Ensure that responses refer only to the 2 given elements Give credit for accurate notation where relevant	

Excerpt B

Little Shop of Horrors: Alan Menken & Howard Ashman

Suddenly Seymour

GFLD 19289

Track 9

approx. 0'37.5" - 1'20" incl. fade

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
06.3	Which one of the following patterns best matches its shape?	1
	D	
06.4	Which two of the following can be heard in this excerpt? modulation pedal	2
06.5	Name one rhythmic feature heard in this excerpt. one of triplets syncopation cross rhythms 3 / three against 2 / two dotted scotch snap	1

Question 7 Area of study 3: Traditional music

Excerpt A

Lady Maisery: Cycle

A Father's Lullaby

RBRCD33

Track 6

Fade in from 3'20" - fade out from 4'15"

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
07.1	Name the instrument playing the melody in the introduction to this	1

	1	
	excerpt.	
	accordion (allow bandoneon)	
07.2	Which one of the following best fits the group of singers heard in this excerpt?	1
	SSA	
07.3	What is the time signature of this excerpt?	1
	3/4 (allow 3/8 / 6/8 / 12/8)	
07.4	What is the tonality of this excerpt?	1
	modal	
07.5	Identify two features of melody and / or harmony used in this excerpt typical of contemporary folk music of the British Isles.	2
	Melody	
	memorable melody lot of stepwise movement follows the natural inflexion of the words (at times) relatively narrow range	
	Harmony	
	chord sequence moves by step (for the most part) / uses adjacent chords (close) vocal harmonies some use of dissonance	
	Any other valid point under either of these headings Ensure there is no repetition of points across different elements Ensure that responses refer only to the 2 given elements Give credit for accurate notation where relevant	

Excerpt B Greatest Ever Reggae

Ethiopians: Train to Skaville

CD3

Track 3

0'00" - 0'39" incl. fade

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
07.6	How many different chords are used in this excerpt?	1
	2 / two	
07.7	On which beat or beats of the bar are the chords played during this excerpt?	1
	off-beat(s) / 2nd beat / 2nd and 4th beats / back beats	
07.8	Which of the following is heard in the bass?	1
	riff	

Question 8: Area of study 4: The Western classical tradition since 1910

Total for this question: [8 marks]

Excerpt A

Sir Malcolm Arnold: Dances

Four Scottish Dances, Op. 59: III Allegretto

Naxos 8.553526

Track 11

0'00" - 0'30" incl. fade

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
08.1	Name the instrument playing the broken chords during the introduction to this excerpt.	1
	harp	
08.2	The melody of this excerpt is given below.	3
	The first phrase has been marked.	
	Add in three more phrase marks.	
	One mark for each correct phrase mark.	
08.3	Which one of the following best matches the tempo of this excerpt? allegretto	1
08.4	What happens to the dynamics in bar 9?	1
	(they get) louder / crescendo / cresc. / change from p to f (or similar)	
08.5	Identify two features of harmony and / or use of instrumentation used in this excerpt typical of British music since 1910. Any two of:	2

Harmony

(largely) consonant harmony use of simple triads unexpected shift of harmony sudden change from minor to major chord

Instrumentation

use of small orchestra highlighting individual instrumental timbres (prominent) use of harp timpani drum roll flute solo

Any other valid point under either of these headings
Ensure there is no repetition of points across different elements
Ensure that responses refer only to the 2 given elements
Give credit for accurate notation where relevant

Section B: Contextual understanding

30 minutes

28 marks

Answer Question 9

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
09.1	Identify two ways in which the woodwind instruments are used in the section up to the first change of key.	
	Any two of	2
	bassoons play staccato bassoons play in parallel thirds oboe plays (upper) pedal / sustained note oboe plays (upper) dominant pedal / sustained note oboe (subsequently) doubles melody line Any other valid point	
09.2	About two-thirds of the way through this movement, there is a one-bar silence. Identify two reasons why the use of the key of E flat major after this empty bar can be regarded as unexpected. Any two of	2
	the music has just cadenced firmly into G major / the tonic in the Classical Period, modulations were usually to the dominant,	

	subdominant or relative minor E flat is not a closely related key E flat is the flat submediant (not often / regularly used in the Classical Period) Any other valid point	
09.3	Identify two different ways in which the 'ticking' motif (rising and falling thirds) is orchestrated. Any two of staccato bassoons in parallel thirds pizzicato strings in parallel thirds staccato flute and bassoon in parallel motion / movement (in (parallel) thirds / compound thirds / 17ths / two octaves and a third) Any other valid point	2

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
09.4	Explain how Haydn has used timbre , dynamics , rhythm and / or form in this second movement.	
	Level 4 : A comprehensive response which is consistently coherent and logically structured	7-8
	Level 3: A wide-ranging response which is mostly coherent and well structured	5-6
	Level 2: A relevant response despite some inaccuracy/omission and weaknesses in terms of coherency and structure	3-4
	Level 1: A limited response with some significant inaccuracy/omission and a lack of clarity	1-2
	No work submitted or worth of credit	0

Indicative Content

Extended responses could include the following:

Timbre

strings are the dominant family violin mostly plays the melody woodwind instruments used to add individual colour / timbre woodwind used to add to the texture / harmony brass used to add to the texture / harmony use of timpani in louder sections

Dynamics

only two dynamics used contrasts **p** and **f** allow **ff/sfz**

Rhythm

(extensive) use of dotted rhythms use of a range of rhythmic values / crotchets, quavers, semiquavers and demisemiquavers use of sextuplet quavers use of tied notes to bind harmonies / sustain chords

Form

There are several interpretations of this movement's form and it is for the individual student to put forward the case of their own approach:

Ternary Form

In this perception of its form, the G minor section is the contrasting middle section, preceded by the A section and followed by the varied A section.

Rondo Form

Main theme is the opening one, returning after various episodes (will need elaboration)

Variations Form

Main theme, as heard at the beginning, is in two sections, each being subject to variation as the movement progresses (will need elaboration)

Any other valid point

Answer Question 10

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
10.1	Identify two rhythmic features of the instrumental section in <i>Within You, Without You</i> . Any two of	2
	tala-like (part of the) music written in 5/4 use of one-bar ostinato pattern (in tabla) use of one-bar ostinato pattern (in strings) use of longer / more than one-bar repetitive rhythmic patterns in violin / sitar syncopation rhythmically irregular Any other valid point	
10.2	Identify two recording techniques used in Within You, Without You.	2

	Any two of layering close-micing SI / signal processing over-dubbing reduction mixing drop-ins panning / stereo separation ADT Any other valid point	
10.3	In With a Little Help from my Friends, identify two features of the bridge section, beginning Do you need anybody?, which contrast with the musical ideas of the verse and chorus. Any two of 2 new chords C#m(1) F#(1) major to minor key change / change of tonality / move to C# minor higher pitch for these words (compared with verse and chorus) (marked) contrast of pitch (between question and answer) use of three chords descending by step / use of F# E D longer note values Any other valid point	2

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
10.4	Explain how The Beatles used rhythm , metre , melody and / or timbre in <i>Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds</i> .	
	Level 4: A comprehensive response which is consistently coherent and logically structured	7–8
	Level 3: A wide-ranging response which is mostly coherent and well structured	5–6
	Level 2: A relevant response despite some inaccuracy/omission and weaknesses in terms of coherency and structure	3–4
	Level 1: A limited response with some significant inaccuracy/omission and a lack of clarity	1–2
	No work submitted or worthy of credit.	0

Indicative Content

Extended responses could include the following:

Rhythm

verse tempo is *Moderato / Allegretto /* Quite fast Introduction played in straight crotchets (with occasional quavers) verse melody mainly in crotchets (in first section) chorus seems to be at a faster tempo chorus (crotchet) pulse is slower than in intro syncopation (in chorus)

Metre

song (mostly) in 3/4 chorus in 4/4

Melody

verse melody largely repeats three-note pattern: C# B A chorus melody descends through minor seventh / G to A chorus based on two-bar phrases first chorus phrase sung three times use of repeated notes (Ds in melody) (when key changes to B flat major)

Timbre

double-tracked vocal
harmony vocal
lead guitar
acoustic guitar
bass guitar
piano
Lowrey organ (Celesta-type sound)
maracas
tambura / tamboura
drum kit

Any other valid point

Answer Question 11

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
11.1	Identify two melodic features of <i>Love of My Life</i> .	2
	Any two of	
	anacrusis glissando	

	guitar improvisation wide contrast of pitch (in guitar solo section) pitch bends(in guitar solo section) rapid repetition of notes (in guitar solo section) Any other valid point	
11.2	Identify two features of Latin-American music used in <i>Migra</i> . Any two of	2
	syncopation / off-beat Bo Diddley beat / clave rhythm / son clave rhythm (use of) horn section (use of) glissando (use of) accordion trumpets play the melody trumpets play in parallel thirds Any other valid point	
11.3	Identify two guitar effects used by Santana in <i>Migra</i> . Any two of cry baby / wah wah pitch bend glissando vibrato distortion	2
	Any other valid point	

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
11.4	Explain how Santana used rhythm , melody , timbre and / or structure in <i>Smooth</i> .	
	Level 4: A comprehensive response which is consistently coherent and logically structured	7–8
	Level 3: A wide-ranging response which is mostly coherent and well structured	5–6
	Level 2: A relevant response despite some inaccuracy/omission and weaknesses in terms of coherency and structure	3–4
	Level 1: A limited response with some significant inaccuracy/omission and a lack of clarity	1–2
	No work submitted or worthy of credit.	0
Indicative Extended	Content responses could include the following:	

Rhythm

Bossa nova rhythm elements of Cha Cha rhythm use of syncopation use of short 'stab' chords drum kit / percussion fills

Melody

syncopated riffs
verse melody covers quite a restricted range (mostly A up to E)
use of improvised responses to vocal melody
addition of countermelodies

Timbre

(male) vocals guitar percussion: congas / guiro / timbales / cowbell trumpets / trombones / horn section trumpet players use 'lip trill' use of guitar 'vibrato' rapid guitar tremolo Hammond organ

Structure

Intro - Verse 1 - Bridge - Chorus (followed by intro riff) - Verse 2 - Bridge - Chorus (with additional bar) - Guitar solo (based on intro riff) - Chorus - Long outro based on intro riff – fade to end / Intro Verse (2) Chorus (3) Bridge (2) Guitar solo Outro

Any other valid point

Answer Question 12

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
12.1	Identify the two different key signatures used by the strings in Saturday Night Waltz. (i) E flat major (ii) E major	2
12.2	The second main melody in <i>Hoedown</i> is played first by the trumpets. Identify two ways in which it is accompanied. Any two of	2

	use of <i>pizzicato</i> in strings side drum plays rim shot side drum plays on second quaver / off-beat bassoons, trombones and tuba add to accompaniment (additional marks for precise detail) detached rhythms in accompaniment Any other valid point	
12.3	Part way through <i>Hoedown</i> , there is a short silence for the whole orchestra. Identify two ways in which the music which follows this gives the effect of the dancers tiring and coming to rest. Any two of use of <i>rubato</i> gradual semiquaver descent slowing down / rit. molto reduction in dynamics smaller group of instruments used pause on final note Any other valid point	2

Question	Marking guidance	Total marks
12.4	Explain how Copland used articulation , rhythm , metre and / or timbre in <i>Saturday Night Waltz</i> .	
	Level 4: A comprehensive response which is consistently coherent and logically structured	7–8
	Level 3: A wide-ranging response which is mostly coherent and well structured	5–6
	Level 2: A relevant response despite some inaccuracy/omission and weaknesses in terms of coherency and structure	3–4
	Level 1: A limited response with some significant inaccuracy/omission and a lack of clarity	1–2
	No work submitted or worthy of credit.	0

Indicative Content

Extended responses could include the following:

Articulation

accented intro (generally) *legato* (use of) *staccato* within (main) melody

Rhythm

feel of 2 beats in a bar (in the opening eight bars) initially fast but some slower tempo soon / after just 8 bars (use of) long note values (in melody / in accompaniment) (use of) gentle syncopation (in accompaniment) (use of) acciaccaturas changes of tempo

Metre

feel of duple time / 2/4 (at first / in the intro / first eight bars) triple time / 3/4 / waltz time

Sonority (Timbre)

use of 'open fifth' sound in strings (in the opening eight bars) plaintive tone of the oboe (gentle / silvery) tone of the flute warm tone of the clarinet warm / binding tone of the horns use of *arco* strings for accompaniment use of (*arco*) strings for the melody sustained string sounds in accompaniment use of smaller instrumental groups

Any other valid point